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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PHRO PROJECT IN NAHER AL-BARED CAMP**

**AUGUST 2010 – MARCH 2011**

The cornerstone of community wellbeing is respect for individual and community rights, dialogue and a commitment to peaceful resolution of differences in the spirit of partnership. It is in this spirit that the Palestinian Human Rights Organization (PHRO) opened a human rights and dialogue centre in Nahr al-Bared Camp (NBC) in March 2010 to serve the interests of the residents of the camp and neighbouring communities.

from August 2010, with a grant from the UK Embassy, the PHRO centre will host a series of dialogue sessions. These monthly meetings will bring together Palestinian residents of the camp, local organisations and community leaders, as well as Lebanese official and non-governmental participants to discuss areas of mutual concern, from social and economic issues to questions of community welfare, safety and prosperity. These moderated discussions will aim to elucidate issues of community interest and propose practical solutions that can be implemented by Palestinians, Lebanese and international stakeholders in order to promote common wellbeing for all those living in and around the camp.

The active and constructive participation of the Palestinian community and of Lebanese individuals and institutions concerned with issues relating to the camp is strongly encouraged. Dialogue sessions will be designed to provide constructive solutions to shared issues of concern, and PHRO, will inform its NGO partners and national and international stakeholders of the dialogue results and recommendations.

Over the coming months, in addition to working on producing a documentary about Naher al-Bared Camp, PHRO will be undertaking two pieces of research within Nahr al-Bared. The first will actively engage with Palestinian residents of the camp to document their experiences of the access and security regime in the period since the destruction of the camp. This will enable all stakeholders to better understand how to balance the security concerns of the Lebanese security forces and the legitimate needs of the camp's residents in order to increase trust and actively contribute to a safe and secure environment for all residents of and visitors to the camp. The second piece of research will be a more comprehensive audit of alleged rights violations experienced by Palestinian former residents of Nahr al-Bared in the post-conflict period.

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