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Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance

Lebanon Assessment for Growth and Opportunity (LAGO)



*Achieving economic growth
in the world through
increased volunteerism*



LAGO Objectives & Activities

VEGA's Lebanon Assessment for Growth and Opportunity (LAGO) is a short-term program designed to assist USAID/Lebanon in developing a new country strategic objective, Economic Equality in Utility Investment Transferred into Yields (EQUITY). The EQUITY Strategic Objective is focused on creating viable economic and social development at the municipal level via decentralization, while incorporating good governance and community participation into the strategic objective.

The project will accomplish these objectives through four primary project activities:

- Rapid Start-up
- Community Planning Assessments
- Leverage of Other Programs and Resources
- Development and Documentation of Proposed EQUITY Strategy

LAGO Use of Volunteers

VEGA will utilize the extensive technical expertise of our Volunteer Advisors, in-country staff, and Advisory Board members to explore the structural and social means by which Lebanon might achieve accelerated economic recovery, improved living standards and education, increased political stability and municipal governance capacity, improved environmental practices, and strengthened institutions.

VEGA has assembled a team of industry experts, municipal governance specialists, and local consultants who will work together to produce a comprehensive and useful strategy for USAID/Lebanon. Field-based staff in Lebanon will consist of:

- Project Lead
- USAID Strategy Expert
- Team Leader
- 4 technical specialists
- 2 local consultants

The field staff will be aided by the volunteer-based Advisory Board, comprised of senior advisors all of whom have significant experience with USAID strategic objectives and operations, strategic management and with Lebanon itself.

VEGA Overview

"VEGA is designed to greatly enhance the Agency's ability to partner with volunteer organizations that provide technical assistance in many areas of economic growth."

- Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator of USAID

VEGA is the world's largest consortium of economic growth volunteer organizations providing technical expertise in private sector development. Collectively, VEGA has more than 350 years of experience in mobilizing volunteers to support economic growth in developing, post-conflict and transition countries, and in designing and implementing successful technical assistance projects across the spectrum of economic growth activities worldwide.

VEGA is demand driven and provides comprehensive resources with a single point of contact. Program designs are consolidated, but created through a collaborative process based on our members' extensive expertise in:

- **Private Sector Development**
- **Financial Services**
- **Agribusiness Development**
- **Opportunities for Rural and Urban Poor**

In addition to VEGA Member Organizations' expertise in implementing activities, VEGA professionals are available to assist donor organizations in designing and developing economic growth assistance projects to meet a country's specific needs. Given its experience in economic growth activities, VEGA members are able to employ best practices and volunteer assistance models that have been developed and tested by its member organizations over several years, and have proven successful. VEGA creates sustainable practices and institutions for the future, while assisting government and private sector partners overseas to build economic and trade links to American businesses, trade associations and skilled entrepreneurs.

