

# LOCAL GOVERNANCE

The British Embassy in Syria is currently funding a project entitled 'Local Governance: Strengthening Capacity of People-Centred Development' in co-ordination with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) as well as the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the Ministry of Local Administration and Environment.

The project aims to promote good governance in the municipalities and local NGOs, and to raise awareness about the human rights of women. Three provinces are participating in the project: Sweida, Daraa and Qunitera. Workshops and training courses are being held to enhance the knowledge of participants (employees of the municipalities and NGOs in these three provinces) and to increase awareness of women's rights and the place of the woman in the local community.



The British Ambassador, Simon Collis opened a workshop in Daraa on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2008.



Another workshop in Daraa on 'Strategic Planning' from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008.



The first three-day workshop took place in Sweida on 'Gender & Development' in May 2008.



A workshop took place in Qunitera on 'Gender and Development' from 27 to 29 July 2008.