

## BRITISH EMBASSY – SYRIA BILATERAL CO-OPERATION



The British Embassy enjoys fruitful co-operation with the Syrian Government and civil society organisations on a wide range of projects.

One of our key projects 'ENVECON' aims to improve environmental protection and sustainable development through the introduction of economic instruments and voluntary agreements in the environmental policies of Syria. In essence the project increases awareness and provides training support for governmental (Ministry of Local Administration and Environment) and non-governmental organisations (MAWRED - Modernising & Activating Women's Role in Economic Development) in the field. It increases capacity, understanding and cooperation among public bodies involved in the implementation of the environmental agreements and economic instruments.

We also contributed to the programme of the Aga Khan Development in Salamieh District. The project aims to strengthen capacity in community-

based organisations for identifying and responding to their communities' development needs as well as promoting socio-economic development and enhancing community ties. The project's activities focus on improving conditions for economic development, especially for youth and women. Training programmes are delivered to members of the village development committees on key issues such as: organisational development and capacity building; management and administration skills; financial management; advocacy skills, participatory decision-making; programme planning and monitoring and evaluation. In addition, the project provides sustained support, in the form of mapping, competence building, collaboration skills and networking to indigenous community based organisations.

Through our projects we aim to build and develop strong and long-term relations with our Syrian partners.