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AUB to organize neighborhood meetings to examine effect of poverty and deprivation on well-being of community

Beirut, Lebanon- 10/01/2011 - The Center for Research on Population Health at the Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB is organizing three public sessions to present the preliminary results of the Afia Ras Beirut field survey or the Ras Beirut Well-Being Survey which was funded by the AUB Neighborhood Initiative to examine the relationship between poverty and deprivation, and well-being, in a socially and economically diverse neighborhood of Beirut.

These sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the locations and dates, as follows:

Event # 1:

11 October 2011

In the yard of **Strand Building**

Event # 2:

12 October 2011

In the yard of **Hamra Square** (near starbucks)

Event # 3:

13 October 2011

In the yard of **Hamra Center** (facing café Younes)

The researchers will be present to answer questions.

The Neighborhood Initiative was established in 2007 to mobilize AUB resources, especially its intellectual resources, for the public good, starting in Ras Beirut. The Initiative supports research and outreach activities on subjects of mutual concern with neighbors, including increasing density and congestion, lack of greenery, broken and obstructed sidewalks, and lack of public space.

Ras Beirut is famous for its social, religious and political heterogeneity, and for its culturally open and tolerant atmosphere. Since the end of the Civil War in 1990, the neighborhood has witnessed growing gentrification and newly created pockets of poverty. Little is known about the effect of widening income inequality on the well-being of neighborhood residents.

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