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<sup>1</sup> The city profile is a continually updated geographical, statistical and multisectoral description and analysis of the urban area of a city, where the boundary is defined by the continuously built-up area. Its purpose is to inform the urban crisis response, generate a national urban database, lead to a city strategy, and inform strategic project identification.

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## List of abbreviations and acronyms

AFD	French Agency for Development	IAURIF	Institut d'aménagement et d'urbanisme Île-de-France
BML	Beirut and Mount Lebanon	IASC	Inter-Agency Standing Committee
BRT	Bus Rapid Transit	ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere	ICT	Information and communications technology
CAS	Central Administration of Statistics	IDAL	Investment Development Authority in Lebanon
CCA	Common Country Analysis	ILO	International Labour Organization
CDR	Council for Development and Reconstruction	IMF	International Monetary Fund
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	IMPACT	Inter-Ministerial and Municipal Platform for Assessment, Coordination and Tracking
CERD	Center for Educational Research and Development	LBP	Lebanese pound
CHUD	Cultural Heritage and Urban Development project	LCPS	Lebanese Center for Policy Studies
CNRS	National Council for Scientific Research	LCRP	Lebanon Crisis Response Plan
CoR	European Committee of the Regions	LEAP	LEAP Ventures
CRDP	Centre de Recherche et de Développement Pédagogique (Center for Educational Research and Development)	LFPR	Labour Force Participation Rate
DAR	Dar Al-Handasah	LGBTQI	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex
DGU	Directorate General of Urbanism	MCM	Million Cubic Meter
DGUP	Directorate General of Urban Planning	MEHE	Ministry of Education and Higher Education
DRI	Democracy Reporting International	MENA	Middle East and North Africa
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction	MEVP	Middle East Venture Partners
DSWG	Data and Statistics Working Group	MoEW	Ministry of Energy and Water
DTM	Displacement Tracking Matrix	MoD	Ministry of Displaced
EGM	Expert group meeting	MoE	Ministry of Environment
ERP	Enterprise resource planning	MoIM	Ministry of Interior and Municipalities
ESCWA	[United Nations] Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	MoPH	Ministry of Public Health
ESSN	Emergency Crisis and COVID-19 Response Social Safety Net Project	MSF	Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)
EC	European Commission	MSW	Municipal solid waste
EU	European Union	NGO	Non-governmental organization
		NCD	Non-communicable disease
		NPM	National Physical Master Plan of the

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