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The signing of the CCS 2019-2023 reaffirms the strength of the relationship between the World Health Organization (WHO) as part of the wider United Nations system and the Government of Lebanon.

It underscores the commitment to work together toward agreed priorities for the greater impact and relevance to the people of Lebanon as envisioned with the national targets set for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The strategy further advances WHO's long history of support to, and alignment with, the national development priorities and adds a stronger emphasis on coherence and coordination from all levels of the organization with Lebanon.



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# LIST OF ACRONYMS

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<b>CAS</b>	Central Administration of Statistics
<b>CCS</b>	Country Cooperation Strategy
<b>CHE</b>	Current Health Expenditure
<b>EPI</b>	Expanded Program on Immunization
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>EWARS</b>	Early Warning and Response System
<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Product
<b>GPW</b>	General Programme of Work
<b>HCT</b>	Humanitarian Country Team
<b>IHR</b>	International Health Regulations
<b>INGO</b>	International Non-governmental organization
<b>JEE</b>	Joint External Evaluation
<b>LCRP</b>	Lebanon Crisis Response Plan
<b>MCH</b>	Mother and Child Health
<b>MDG</b>	Millennium Development Goal
<b>MoPH</b>	Ministry of Public Health
<b>MoSA</b>	Ministry of Social Affairs
<b>NCD</b>	Non-communicable diseases
<b>NGO</b>	Non-governmental organization
<b>OOP</b>	Out-of-pocket
<b>PHC</b>	Primary Health Care
<b>SDGs</b>	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>TB</b>	Tuberculosis
<b>UHC</b>	Universal Health Coverage
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNCT</b>	United Nations Country Team
<b>UNSF</b>	United Nations Strategic Framework
<b>WFP</b>	World Food Programme
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Lebanon–WHO Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) 2019–2023 signals a strong commitment from WHO and the Government of Lebanon to work together with partners to achieve the following ambitious country goals by 2023:



The **entire population** (6.09 million people) better **protected** from health emergencies



**+300,000**

of the most vulnerable people (150,000 Lebanese and 150,000 refugees) have **access** to **affordable** essential health services



Improved **health and well-being** for **2 million people** whose health is negatively impacted by social, behavioural, and environmental risk factors

This CCS is developed at a time where Lebanon's political stability is fragile, affected by political and confessional cleavages, and the protracted civil war in Syria has severely impacted by the country's stability, economy and social fabric. The presence of an estimated 1.5 million Syrian refugees/displaced and more than 0.3 million Palestinian refugees puts huge pressure on Lebanon's resources and its social and health services. Major economic drawbacks occurred simultaneously with an unprecedented and sudden increase of demand and strain on the health care system.

Despite all this, the Lebanese health system has been showing considerable resilience. The continuous focus on targeted reforms in the health sector shows that progress in achieving strategic goals has been possible against all the odds. Improvements have been in health outcomes, in health care productivity and performance, and in health sector governance.

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