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**SNAPSHOT ON SDGs**  
**COUNTRY FOCUS: LEBANON**



**Country Profile**

Population: 5.9 million  
Human Development Index: 0.769 Rank: 67 (2015)  
Gross national income (GNI) per capita: 13,750  
Transparency Index: Rank 136/176

**Step 1: Localization of SDGs and planning for national development**

Lebanon does not have a national strategy for development or a national economic plan or a poverty reduction strategy. Over the past 10 years, various Ministries have suggested sectorial policies supporting certain sustainable development goals with implementation plans.

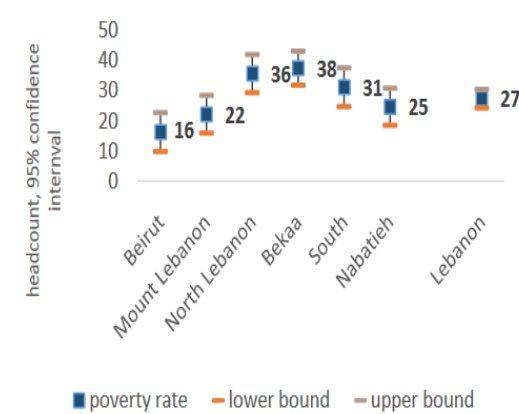
**Step 2: Inclusive process in implementation (N/A)**

There is no inclusive, transparent, participatory process set in place, civil society role is foreseen mostly in implementation but not in planning and designing policies to address structural challenges.

**Step 3: Structural challenges identified by civil society in implementation of SDGs**

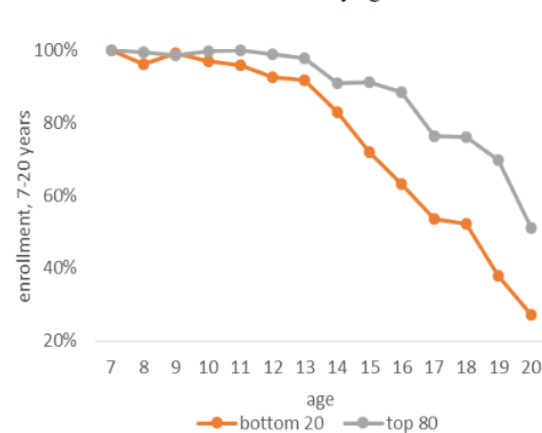
- Confessional state system weakening state institutions and governance
- Promotion of liberal, rentier-economic model, regression in productive sectors and serving as a low-added-value service based economy without generation of sufficient and decent job opportunities.
- Syrian crisis that poses a challenge to implementing the 2030 Agenda, in terms of the ability to combine humanitarian intervention with a long-term development approach.
- The lack of relevant up-to date data from the State statistical bodies

Poverty headcount rates by regions, 95% confidence intervals



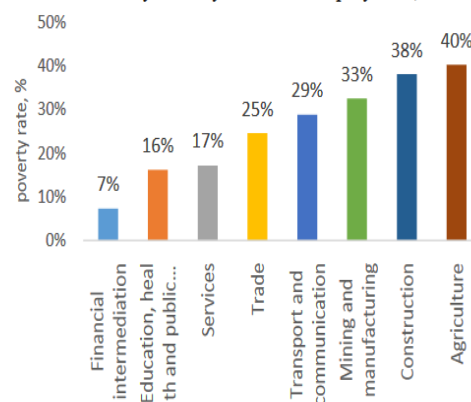
Graph 2

School enrollment in % by age and welfare



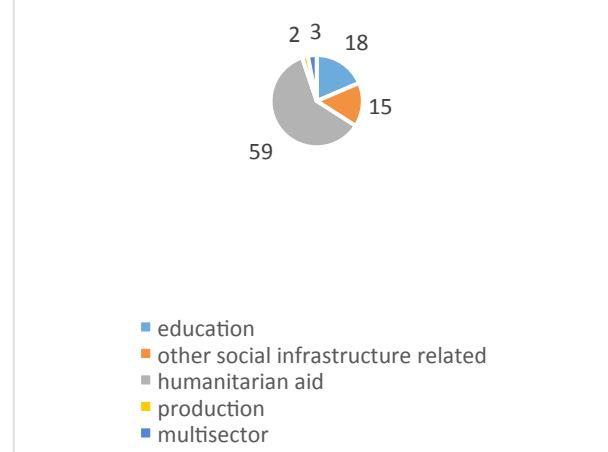
Graph 3

Poverty rates by sectors of employment, 15+

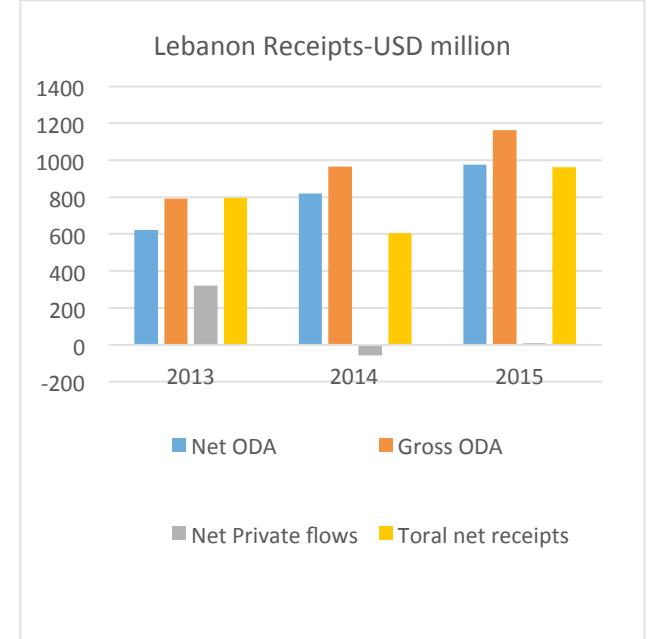


Graph 4<sup>1</sup>

2014-2015 average Bilateral ODA Sector for Lebanon



Graph 5



Graph-6<sup>2</sup>

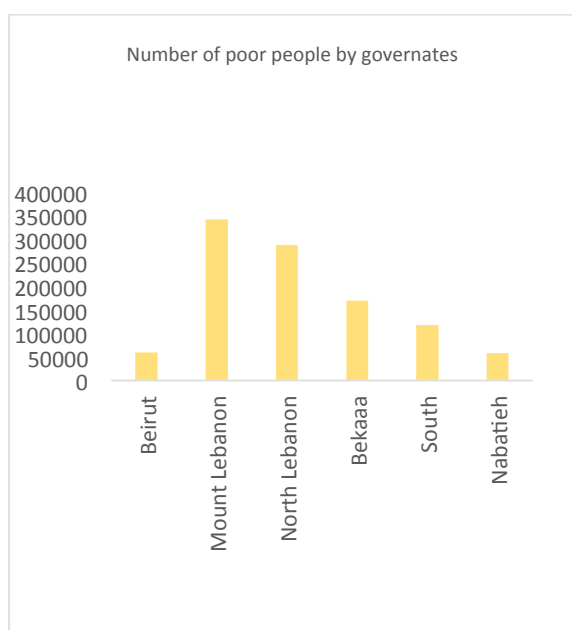
**Debt statistics 2015**

Overall international debt burden (% of GDP) -14  
Government payments on foreign debt (% of revenue) 36,4  
Government foreign debt (% of GDP) 49  
Private foreign debt (% of GDP) No data  
IMF and World Bank debt cancellation (\$ billions)-0

Source:  
<http://jubileedebt.org.uk/countries/lebanon>

**Selected policy recommendations by Civil Society**

1. Revisit social and economic policies to ensure their alignment with a rights-based development approach and shift to enhancing productive economy, inclusive growth that generates jobs
2. Establish an independent inclusive national multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral mechanism to ensure policy coherence, coordination and monitoring
3. Adopt the administrative and developmental decentralization plan and empower the elected local authorities
4. Prioritize the principles of transparency, accountability and inclusiveness during the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.



Graph 1

<sup>1</sup> Graph 1-4 retrieved from [http://www.cas.gov.lb/images/Excel/Poverty/Snapshots of %20of %20Poverty %20and %20Labor %20Market %20in %20Lebanon.pdf](http://www.cas.gov.lb/images/Excel/Poverty/Snapshots%20of%20Poverty%20and%20Labor%20Market%20in%20Lebanon.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Graph 5-6 Source: [https://public.tableau.com/views/OECDACAidatagancebyrecipient\\_new/Recipients?:embed=y&:display\\_count=yes&:showTabs=y&:toolbar=no?&:showVizHome=no](https://public.tableau.com/views/OECDACAidatagancebyrecipient_new/Recipients?:embed=y&:display_count=yes&:showTabs=y&:toolbar=no?&:showVizHome=no)



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