Republic of Lebanon
Prime Ministry
&
Ministry of Social Affairs
In cooperation with the
World bank

National Poverty Targeting Program

National Phase (2011-2013)
Poverty in Lebanon

- 8 percent of Lebanese people live under the lower poverty line (less than USD 2.4 a day)
- Around 28 percent of Lebanese people live under the upper poverty line (less than USD 4 a day)

This means that around one-third of Lebanese people live under poverty line.

The Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) implements the National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP) under a social reform plan within the Social Safety Net (Paris 3) in cooperation with the World Bank.
Using PMT methodology, the NPTP aims to identify the poorest households so that the government can provide assistance and services directly to the people in need.

In absence of accurate income-related information, the NPTP depends on a number of expenditure-oriented socio-economic standards to define household poverty level without addressing household sources of income.
Guiding Principles

- **Equality:** Each poor Lebanese household has the right to receive and apply for social assistance.

- **Fairness:** Socio-economic status of each applicant is assessed and classified using an automated scoring system to define the poverty status of each household compared to other households. The system assigns a poverty score for each household, reflecting its socio-economic status.

- **Assist households most in need:** Priority is given to assist households facing vulnerable socio-economic conditions. The type and scope of assistance provided to each household is determined under the following criteria: (1) level of assistance needed, (2) available public resources, (3) number of HHs covered.

- **Transparency:** Assessment and classification of eligible households is automated. Therefore, there is no room for discretion.
Preparation Phase

- Fill in the application by the citizen (i.e. application and form)
- Provide NPTP centers with human resources- capacity building and training activities (4 social workers)
- Launch a national media campaign (TV, radio, and mobi ads)
- Provide office supplies for 98 centers
- Install 3 PCs and server at each center
- Install a network to link the 98 centers to MOSA.
Implementation Phase

- Roll out the NPTP at national level in 98 centers
- So far, 75,000 Lebanese HHs applied nationwide
- Field visits have been conducted and forms have been filled in for each household
- All applications and forms have been keyed in the central DB
- All applications have been matched with the database of concerned ministries
- Verification visits have been conducted for further transparency
- 18,800 out of 45,500 HHs have been classified in the first phase
- These HHs have started benefiting from subsidies and medical and educational services.
Registration Process

- MOSA
- Match information provided with database information
- Development Service Centers
- Reception of applications
  - Verification and keying-in of applications
- Accepted forms
- Rejected forms
  - Send info to Central DB

Household

- Accepted
- Rejected
- Receipt
- Application
HH house visit

Central Administration Unit/Prime Ministry
Calculate HH score
Classify HHs by score and submit list of eligible HHs to the Ministerial Committee for Social Affair

Completed forms
Verified forms
Re-verification

Completed forms
HH score
M&E

Development Service Centers

Household

Social worker
Score card
Completed form
Visit the HH to fill in the form

Distribution of assistance
NPTP Targeting Mechanism

Basket of benefits

- Health Coverage
- Medications for Chronic diseases
- Education subsidies (Registration fees and Books)
- Food Basket for the elderly

Score (x1000)

Number of households 1st round

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19

- 1
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 9
Poorer

Poor

Poorest
Questions?

Thank You