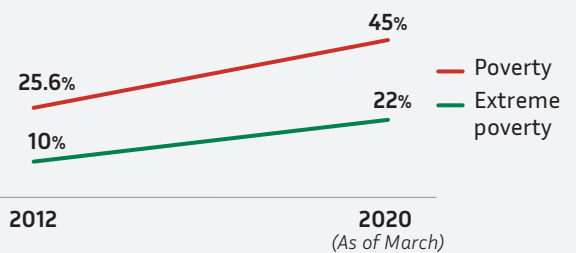


Project Summary

The ESSN is a **US\$246 million 3-year project** that will provide **cash transfers** and access to **social services** to extreme poor and vulnerable Lebanese populations affected by the economic and COVID-19 crises. The ESSN aims to arrest the increase in extreme poverty and to preserve the human capital of **13 – 18 years old children** enrolled in public schools. The ESSN also aims to build a **sustainable national social safety net (SSN) system** in Lebanon.

The ESSN will scale-up and enhance the National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP): Lebanon's main poverty-targeting social assistance program launched in 2011 with financial and technical assistance from the World Bank.

Country Relevance and Context



ESSN Project Beneficiaries & Assistance Packages

786,000 Individuals
147,000 extreme poor Lebanese households
 will receive cash assistance uploaded monthly onto a pre-paid card
 Amount can be cashed out at ATMs or food shops
 Implemented by WFP
 one year
 LBP 100,000 per household member (capped at 6 members) + LBP 200,000 per household

87,000 Students
aged between 13 and 18 years
 will receive a top-up cash transfer to cover all direct costs of schooling
 one year
 between LBP 1,235,000 and LBP 1,921,920 (depending on grade and stream of education) for the scholastic year 2021/22

ACCESS TO QUALITY SOCIAL SERVICES
 100,000 individuals from vulnerable households

CAPACITY BUILDING
 to MOSA social workers at the central level and at the local SDC levels

Expanding Existing Systems

The roll out of the ESSN project will allow to extend coverage **from 1.5% to 20%** of the Lebanese population

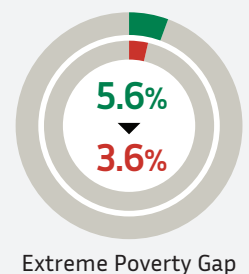
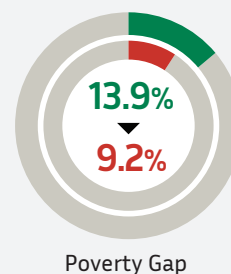
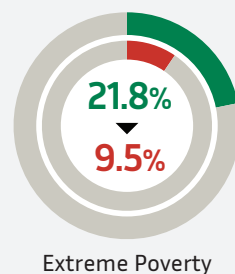
Social Safety Net Delivery System

- ESSN will help build a comprehensive Social Safety Net Delivery System that can respond to future shocks
- An integrated **National Social Registry** to allow the prompt and efficient identification of beneficiary households based on the assessment of their needs and living condition

Selection of Beneficiaries

- Proxy-Means Testing (PMT)** methodology: poverty score calculated based on wealth, assets, and demographic characteristics
- Categorical targeting** to prioritize socially vulnerable groups
- Across all Lebanese territories**

Poverty Impact / Outcomes



Legend: ■ Current ■ Target

Transparency and Anti-Corruption Measures

Communications and Outreach	Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)	Targeting and Eligibility Verification	Third Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA)	Post-Distribution Beneficiary Monitoring (PDM)	Financial Management	Engagement of Stakeholders and Consultations