

Press Release

Central Administration of Statistics and UNICEF Launch the 2023 Lebanon Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS6) Sub- National Results

Beirut, 27 November 2025 – The Central Administration of Statistics (CAS), in partnership with UNICEF, launched the subnational results of the 2023 Lebanon Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS6) during an official ceremony at the Grand Serail, under the patronage of His Excellency the Prime Minister, Mr. Nawaf Salam. This launch crowns an extensive fieldwork operation conducted across five Lebanese governorates :Beirut, Mount Lebanon, North, Akkar, and Bekaa in addition to Palestinian refugee camps and Syrian displacement settlements. Data collection could not be conducted in the governorates of Nabatieh, South, and Baalbek-Hermel due to security reasons. The survey aims to provide reliable data to support evidence-based national policymaking.

In her remarks, **Ms. Maria Nalbandian**, Acting Director General of CAS, emphasized that the success of this survey would not have been possible without the support of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the cooperation of the relevant ministries, in addition to the technical and logistical partnership provided by UNICEF, and the essential role of local authorities and security forces in facilitating fieldwork. She also praised the role of the participating households and the data collection teams for their professionalism in the face of challenges, along with the commitment and hard work of CAS staff.

“This MICS has been years in the making. Since its initiation in 2019, Lebanon has endured cascading crises. Yet CAS, with UNICEF’s support, persisted. Questionnaires were redesigned, field plans adapted, enumerators trained, and families across the country opened their doors even when trust was low and daily life difficult” said Marcoluigi Cusi, UNICEF Representative in Lebanon “MICS allows Lebanon to say with confidence: Here is what we know about our children. Here is where progress is happening. And here is where urgent action is needed” he added.

Developed by UNICEF, MICS is a globally recognized household survey programme conducted in more than 120 countries since 1990, it measures the situation of children and women through more than 160 key indicators across critical sectors, including health, education, nutrition, immunization, energy, breastfeeding, child protection, water and sanitation, and social protection.

Key Findings:

- **Children and Nutrition:** Stunting reached its highest level in Syrian displacement camps (31%) and its lowest in Beirut and the North (9%).
- **Health:** Skilled health personnel attended more than 95% of births in all regions. Immunization data revealed gaps both across governorates and between governorates and UNRWA services.
- **Education:** Completion rates declined in Akkar, the North, and Bekaa. Early childhood development indicators recorded their highest levels among Lebanese children in Mount Lebanon (85%).
- **Water and Energy:** Access to improved drinking water exceeded 90% in most regions, with a decline noted in Akkar (87%). Despite limited hours of electricity supplied through the public grid, overall access to electricity surpassed 98%, prompting widespread reliance on alternative sources.
- **Child Labour:** The highest child labour was recorded among non-Lebanese children, particularly in Mount Lebanon (36%) and in Syrian displacement camps (23%).

CAS underscores that these results constitute a key tool for informing social and sectoral policies. The full set of tables will be published on its website: www.cas.gov.lb