



# THE ROAD TO REDUCING INEQUALITY IN LEBANON

\*This infographic is based on the Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index report, produced by Oxfam and Development Finance International (DFI), which measures what governments are doing through their policy commitments to reduce inequality. The Index ranks 158 governments on their policies and commitments in three areas—labour rights and wages, public services, and taxes. For more information check out the **policy brief**.

# **CRI INDEX LEBANON**

**115**/158

Worldwide Rank

**95**/158

Labour

**105** /158

Social Spending

117/158

**Taxation** 

### Lebanon is currently facing





POLITICAL **DEADLOCK** 



**PORT EXPLOSION** 







Lira lost almost 80% of its value





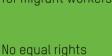
# **OBSTACLES TO EQUALITY**

### **LABOUR**



Domestic, seasonal, agricultural & other workers not included in LABOUR LAW





for **WOMEN** 



No protection from **HARASSMENT** at work



Little work opportunities for **PWDs** 



Right to organize in **UNIONS** is not guaranteed



against **CHILD LABOUR** 



**UNDERPAYMENT** for workers in the informal sector, migrant workers & refugees



**Exclusion of INFORMAL WORKERS** from health coverage, pension & end of service indemnity

### **SOCIAL SPENDING**







of the government's total budget



Most of the budget subsidizes in-patient care at **PRIVATE HOSPITALS** 



55.6%

of the population had access to HEALTH INSURANCE coverage in 2018-2019



MoPH Coverage: **NEPOTISM & UNCLEAR** 

**WORKING MODALITY** 







government's total budget

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A large share of the budget goes to **PRIVATE SCHOOLS** 



24%

of students were **NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL** in 2018-2019



Differences in **SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS** impact learning achievements for students

# SOCIAL PROTECTION

#### **GOVERNMENTAL SOCIAL** PROTECTION PLANS **MAINLY COVER:**



Employees of the public sector



Employees of private sector companies



Informal workers, migrants, elderlies, and other vulnerable groups are not covered by governmental social protection services

## TAXATION



### **NEOLIBERAL REFORM:**

Policies to attract foreign investments & fund reconstructions, support rentier economy & not production



Elimination of the progressive corporate income tax to replace it with a **FLAT-RATE** 



LITTLE TAX burden on banks & real estate, 8 heavy reliance on indirect taxes

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The following policies should be enacted by the Lebanese government to reduce inequality:



and abide by unified labour law









Establish a system of universal social protection and unlink social protection from paid employment



Adopt progressive income tax and VAT



Include tax on polluting sectors, offshore companies, banks, rent, and wealth



Reform taxation to encourage labour, production, consumption



Enhance transparency in public institutions in charge of social spending and social protection



Implement the International Labour Convention 87 on Freedom of Association and allow all workers to freely organize