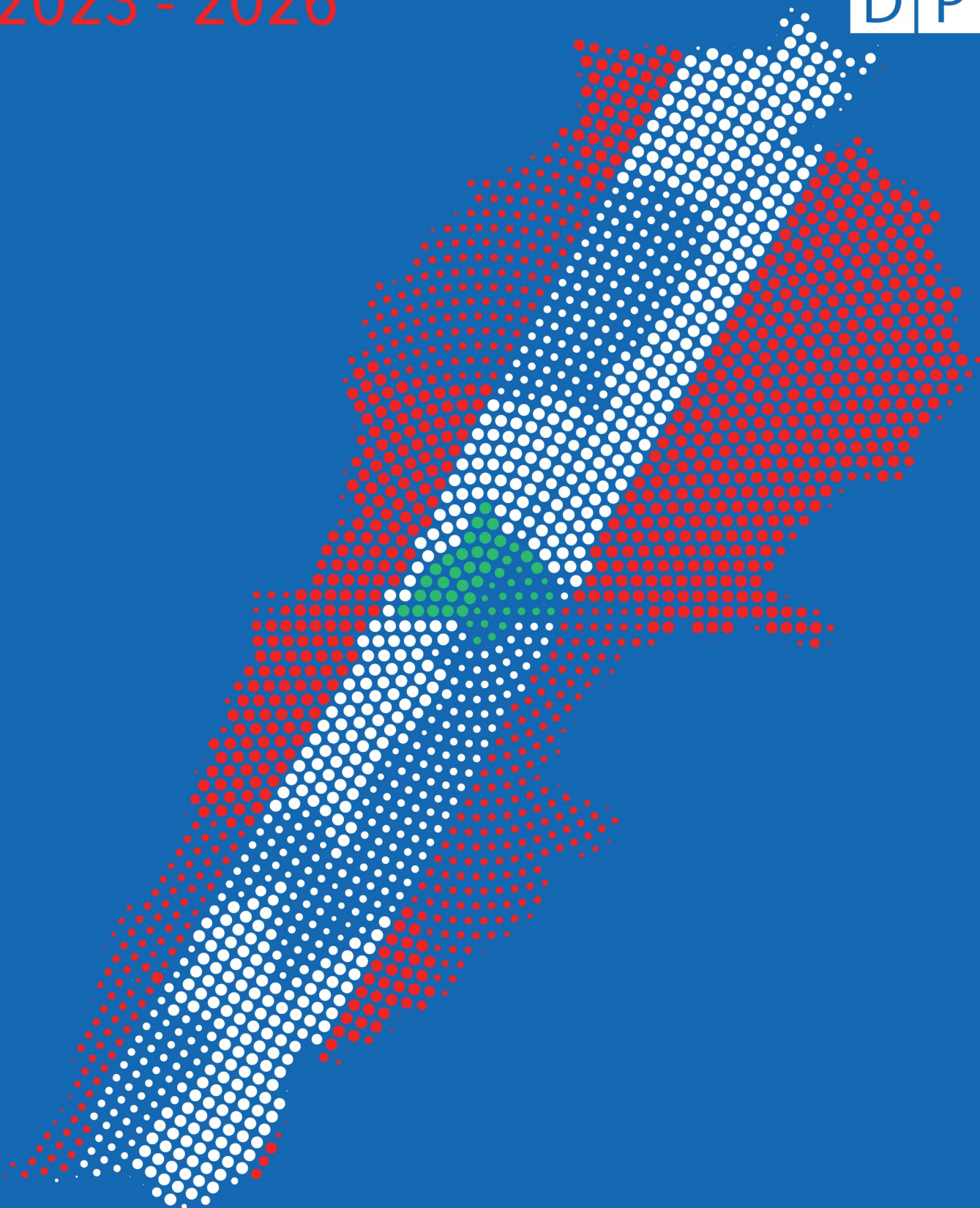


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The new Country Programme centers on rebuilding the trust between Lebanon's State and its citizens through three fundamentally linked and mutually supportive pathways:

1 ADVOCATE FOR AND SUPPORT LEBANON'S REFORM AGENDA

2 SUPPORT THE SHORT- TO MEDIUM-TERM CRISIS RESPONSE AND CRISIS PREVENTION

3 INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE AND GREEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

PRIORITY 1

ADVOCATE FOR AND SUPPORT LEBANON'S REFORM AGENDA

- Working with all partners in Lebanon to translate reform agenda into policies, strategies, and plans for green, climate-proof economic development, anti-corruption, electoral reform, digital governance, public administrative reform (PAR) and civil service reform.
- Advocate for inclusiveness, participation, economic and political empowerment of all people in Lebanon in all their diversity.
- Support the Government in ensuring that the reform agenda unleashes the private sector's potential as the driver of the country's development, in close coordination with evolving interventions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.
- Support the Ministry of Finance develop macro-fiscal modelling capacity and boost Public Financial Management capacity. The collaboration with the Ministry of Economy and Trade on developing a National Export Strategy will continue.
- Continue to support the Justice and security sector reform as a priority programme intervention.
- We will support the National Anti-Corruption Commission in implementing an integrated and targeted approach to preventing and combating corruption that aligns with the National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS)
- We will accompany the electoral cycle, i.e., preparing for upcoming municipal elections, during elections (operational support), and post-elections.
- In close collaboration with the Government of Lebanon, UNDP will advocate for and support the implementation of digital governance mechanisms.
- The ongoing work with the oversight institutions (the Central Inspection Bureau, Court of Accounts, and the Civil Service Board) will expand beyond revising and modernizing their mandates to increasing their efficiency and effectiveness.
- As part of the United Nations Country Team's Parliamentary Strategy, UNDP will support the Parliament's oversight and legislative functions.

PRIORITY 2

SUPPORT THE SHORT- TO MEDIUM-TERM CRISIS RESPONSE AND CRISIS PREVENTION

- Develop a short to medium-term strategy to stabilize and preserve core government functions.
- To ensure evidence-based subnational programming UNDP and its sister Agencies will work on a short to medium-term strategy to stabilize and protect core government functions and will provide short-term implementation support for social, economic and the rule of law service delivery.
- To ensure evidence-based subnational programming, UNDP will continue to identifying, monitoring and analyzing tensions, and providing recommendations to improve community relations.
- To Invest in Disaster Risk Management (DRM) as a good prevention framework.
- To continue supporting peacebuilding and conflict prevention as a critical area of programming,
- To increase youth employment and training in priority areas and assess market needs an employability to an increasingly vulnerable youth prone to radicalization by equip ping them youth with training skills to increase their chances of accessing jobs.

PRIORITY 3

INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE AND GREEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

- Continue, as the primary integrator in the HDP Nexus and co-lead of the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan's management, to bridge the much-needed humanitarian support with medium-term, conflict-sensitive recovery and development efforts.
- Support the Government in designing a longer-term local development programme.
- Develop the capacity building in the relevant institutions to implement interventions in the sustainable energy value chain, solid waste management, water and wastewater management and green production models.
- Support the Government of Lebanon in planning and initiating the shift towards a more just and resilient economy, less susceptible to internal and external shocks.
- Conduct with partners several sectoral and gender-sensitive assessments on sectors where Lebanon has a comparative that could potentially put Lebanon on a green recovery path.
- Mobilize the private sector's potential through a strategic engagement with Chambers of commerce and other national and local business associations.
- Support economically and socially feasible public-private sector partnerships for delivering basic services, such as solid waste, water, and energy.
- Focus on local institution's capacity development for youth and gender-sensitive development planning.
- Explore potential liaisons with FinTec accelerators to assess alternative options to access finance, a central element of the private sector development. .