

## BRIDGING HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



In 2018, Lebanon faced several challenges, including ongoing political instability and insecurity, as well as the [Bridging humanitarian support with sustainable development](#) consequences of the protracted conflict in neighbouring Syria, which has led Lebanon to host the highest number of refugees per capita in the world.

This social, economic, and political context has contributed notable pressure to an already strained healthcare system. For this reason, not only has the World Health Organization persisted in 2018 in its collaboration with and support to the Ministry of Public Health and the Government of Lebanon as a whole, but 2018 also marked a crucial moment in the history of the WHO's work in Lebanon with the signing of the Country Cooperation Strategy for 2019-2023.

The Country Cooperation Strategy 2019-2023 is a symbol of the continuous partnership between WHO and the Government of Lebanon, and of the unwavering commitment to working together towards achieving national targets for the Sustainable Development Goals.

The strategy, which has already been set in motion, is only emphasizing an already existing and historic relationship between WHO and the Government of Lebanon. Within the lens of the priority areas set by the CCS, the achievements of the year 2018 can be highlighted as the result of this dynamic and on-going partnership, and most significantly, as the first stepping stone towards achieving the goals of the Country Cooperation Strategy 2019-2023.

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