

# PREAMBLE



Despite the various local and international challenges that Lebanon is going through, the country is showing once again its capacity to fulfil its destiny of rising from the ashes. This is possible today with the unequivocal support of friends of Lebanon who believe in the unique ability of each Lebanese citizen to drive the needed change. The success of this project cannot be achieved without the consent and the enthusiasm of the concerned community.

What we have here is more than just a study, and it goes beyond the reconstruction of what was destroyed after the terrible explosion of the 4th of August 2020 in the Port of Beirut. What is in our hands today and within our reach, is the opportunity to see Beirut offering again a liveable space for each member of its society, the hope for the Lebanese and international companies to regain trust and invest in Lebanon, the prospect for the creation of thousands of jobs driving economic growth, and the new opening of the Port of Beirut to the World.

While the destruction (physical, mental, and financial) caused by the blast is most of the time irrevocable, this project was most importantly thought of with a unique aim: to be able to give back as much as possible to those who suffered the most.

This project does not only re-build the houses, schools, and infrastructure of the destroyed part of the city, it offers above all the hope in a better tomorrow to all Lebanon, and it sets high standards for professionalism and transparency, with social interest at heart. For it to become a reality, the initiation of serious reforms would be required.

Finally, I would like to thank the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), in addition to all different parties involved in this transnational project, for believing in our country and in its bright future.

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