



# The Netherlands and Lebanon

## Main objective of Dutch efforts in the period of 2019 - 2022\*:

In recent years, many Syrians have fled to Lebanon because of the war in their own country. This is causing problems in Lebanon, a small country, where there are not enough schools and jobs for everyone. The Netherlands therefore helps provide schooling for both refugees and host communities, which will in turn help them find work and promote social stability. Lebanon is one of the EU's neighbouring countries, so its continuing stability is in the Netherlands' interests.



### Integrated approach

Lebanon has been a good partner to the Netherlands and the EU for many years. The Netherlands has for example been supporting the UN mission in the south of Lebanon on the border with Israel to help keep the area safe.

## Main themes



### Prospects for refugees and migration cooperation

The Netherlands is investing in schools for refugees and host communities. Getting an education will help them find a job more easily later on.



## Main partners

UN organisations



### Security and the rule of law

The Netherlands and Lebanon are working together to maintain and strengthen security and stability in the country. Effective border control is an important part of this.



Local authorities and NGOs



### Private sector development

The Netherlands is helping small start-ups in Lebanon, creating more jobs and growing the economy.



Local and international business in Lebanon

## Capital and location of Dutch embassy

Beirut

## Facts & Figures



**Population:** 6,1 million <sup>(2018 est.)</sup>



### Economy

- **GNI per head of population:** \$ 8.400 <sup>(2017 est.)</sup>
- **Trade with the Netherlands:**  
Exports to the Netherlands: € 2,6 million  
Imports from the Netherlands: € 271 million <sup>(2017 est.)</sup>



**Population growth:** -3.13% <sup>(2018 est.)</sup>



### Development index

- **Inequality index (Palma ratio):** 1,2 <sup>(2010-2017)</sup>
- **Ranking in the Human Development Index:** 80 out of 189 <sup>(2017)</sup>

\*Financial information on Dutch efforts in international cooperation can be found in the HGIS-note, published annually in Dutch at [www.rijksoverheid.nl](http://www.rijksoverheid.nl)