Lebanon Pulse Survey (Beginning of the year Questionnaire)

Section 0: Eligibility

Are you currently residing in Lebanon? (Individuals that do not qualify as residents include visitors, individuals on mission or short business, individuals in the country for treatment, and other similar cases)

☐ Yes
☐ No

Are you 21 years of age or older?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If the response to both questions is yes, proceed with the survey. Otherwise, the person is not eligible to participate.

Section 1: Demographics and Socio-economic Profile

1. **Age:** What is your age?

2. **Gender:** What is your gender?

☐ Male
☐ Female

3. **Marital Status:** What is your marital status?

☐ Single (never married)
☐ Married or Engaged
☐ Divorced
☐ Widowed
☐ Prefer not to say

4. **Household Size:** How many people are in your household, including yourself? (Number of household members)

5. Nationality: What is your nationality? (Select all that apply)

☐ Lebanese
☐ Palestinian
☐ Syrian
☐ Other
☐ Prefer not to say

6. What is your Religion/Sect as marked on the civil registry

☐ Alawite
☐ Armenian Catholic
☐ Armenian Apostolic
☐ Assyrian
☐ Chaldean Catholic
☐ Coptic
☐ Druze
☐ Evangelical Protestant
☐ Greek Catholic (Melkite)
☐ Greek Orthodox
☐ Ismaili
☐ Jewish
☐ Maronite
☐ Roman Catholic
☐ Shia
☐ Sunni
☐ Syriac Catholic
☐ Syriac Orthodox
☐ Removed religion/sect from civil registry
☐ Other
☐ Prefer not to say

7. (If answer to 5 include Lebanese) District of Origin (Civil Registration Cada'): In which *district* is your family's civil registry (your family's area of origin)?

☐ Akkar
☐ Baalbak
☐ Hermel
☐ Beirut
☐ Rashaya
☐ Western Beqaa
☐ Zahle
☐ Jbeil
☐ Keserwan
☐ Aley
☐ Baabda

- ▢ Chouf
- ▢ Matn
- ▢ Bint Jbeil
- ▢ Hasbaya
- ▢ Marjeyoun
- ▢ Nabatieh
- ▢ Batroun
- ▢ Bsharri
- ▢ Koura
- ▢ Miniyeh-Danniyeh
- ▢ Trablos
- ▢ Zgharta
- ▢ Saida
- ▢ Jezzine
- ▢ Sour
- ▢ Prefer not to say

8. District of Residence: In which district do you reside

- ▢ Akkar
- ▢ Baalbak
- ▢ Hermel
- ▢ Beirut
- ▢ Rashaya
- ▢ Western Beqaa
- ▢ Zahle
- ▢ Jbeil
- ▢ Keserwan
- ▢ Aley
- ▢ Baabda
- ▢ Chouf
- ▢ Matn
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- ▢ Trablos
- ▢ Zgharta
- ▢ Saida
- ▢ Jezzine
- ▢ Sour

☐ Prefer not to say

9. Urban/rural residence:

☐ Major city (Beirut and suburbs, Trablos, Saida, Sour)
☐ Small city (Baalbak, Batroun, Jbeil, Jounieh, Nabatieh, Zahle)
☐ Town, Village
☐ Refugee camp or informal settlement
☐ Prefer not to say

10. Education Level: What is the highest level of education you have completed?

☐ No formal schooling
☐ Primary
☐ Secondary
☐ Vocational Training
☐ University – undergraduate degree (BA/BS or equivalent)
☐ University – graduate degree (MA/MS/PhD or equivalent)
☐ Prefer not to say

11. Employment Status: Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

☐ Employed full-time
☐ Employed part-time
☐ Self-employed (own business or freelance)
☐ Unemployed (currently not working but seeking work)
☐ Still at school and not seeking outside work
☐ Homemaker and not seeking outside work
☐ Retired
☐ Prefer not to say

12. In a typical week, how many hours do you work in all jobs combined, including self-employment? (If you are not currently working, please enter 0)

_____ hours/week

13. What is your *total monthly household income* (in USD)?

☐ 300 or less
☐ 301 – 700
☐ 701 – 1,300
☐ 1,301 – 2,500
☐ 2,501 – 5,000
☐ More than USD 5,000
☐ Prefer not to say

Section 2: Experiences and Sentiment in the Past 12 Months

14. **General Economic Situation (Last 12 Months):** In your view, how has the general economic situation in Lebanon changed over the past 12 months?

☐ Improved significantly
☐ Slightly improved
☐ Stayed about the same
☐ Deteriorated slightly
☐ Deteriorated significantly
☐ Prefer not to say

15. **Job Opportunities (Last 12 Months):** Over the past 12 months, do you think job opportunities in Lebanon have become more or less available?

☐ Many more jobs are available now
☐ Somewhat more jobs
☐ About the same as before
☐ Somewhat fewer jobs
☐ Far fewer jobs available than a year ago
☐ Prefer not to say

16. **Business and Investment Opportunities (Last 12 Months):** How have business and investment opportunities changed over the past 12 months?

☐ Improved significantly
☐ Slightly improved
☐ Stayed about the same
☐ Deteriorated slightly
☐ Deteriorated significantly
☐ Prefer not to say

17. **Cost of Living and Prices (Last 6 Months):** How have consumer prices (cost of living) changed over the past 6 months?

☐ Increased significantly
☐ Increased slightly
☐ Stayed about the same
☐ Decreased slightly
☐ Decreased significantly
☐ Prefer not to say

18. **General Safety (Last 12 Months):** Over the past 12 months, did you feel that the country is safe to live in?

☐ Very safe
☐ Somewhat safe

☐ Acceptable
☐ Somewhat not safe
☐ Extremely not safe
☐ Prefer not to say

19. Government Performance: How satisfied are you with the government's current management of the economy and social services?

☐ Very satisfied
☐ Somewhat satisfied
☐ Neutral
☐ Somewhat unsatisfied
☐ Very unsatisfied
☐ Prefer not to say

20. Household Financial Situation (Last 12 Months): Compared to 12 months ago, how has the financial situation of your household changed?

☐ Improved significantly
☐ Slightly improved
☐ Stayed about the same
☐ Deteriorated slightly
☐ Deteriorated significantly
☐ Prefer not to say

21. In the past 12 months, have you changed jobs?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not applicable
☐ Prefer not to say

22. (If answer to 21=Yes) Why did you change jobs?

☐ Found a better paying job
☐ Found a job with better working conditions
☐ I was fired from my previous job
☐ The company I used to work for went out of business
☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Prefer not to say

23. In the past year, did you postpone starting or expanding a business due to economic conditions?

☐ Yes

☐ No
☐ Not applicable
☐ Prefer not to say

24. (If answer to 23=Yes) What was the main obstacle to starting or expanding the business?

☐ Access to capital
☐ Bureaucracy and Corruption
☐ General Uncertainty in the country
☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Prefer not to say

25. Which of the following best describes your current healthcare coverage?

☐ No access to healthcare / uninsured
☐ Private insurance provided by your employer
☐ Private insurance purchased individually / privately
☐ Public / Government coverage (e.g., NSSF, COOP, Lebanese Army, Ministry of Public Health programs)
☐ Other (please specify)
☐ Prefer not to say

26. In the past year, have economic conditions affected your decisions about making any major purchases (such as house, land, furniture, household appliances, or a car)?

☐ I cancelled plans or put them on hold to make major purchases
☐ I made major purchases as planned
☐ I made major purchases that were not planned
☐ I didn't have plans to make major purchases
☐ Other (please specify)
☐ Prefer not to say

27. Do you currently have a bank account in Lebanon?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Prefer not to say

28. Which statement best describes your household's current debt situation?

☐ No debt in the past 12 months
☐ No debt, paid off completely during the last year

☐ Have debt, paying it down and it is decreasing
☐ Have debt, roughly the same
☐ Have debt, it has increased
☐ Prefer not to say

29. Savings: Which statement best describes your household's ability to save or invest in the past 12 months?

☐ Able to save or invest a substantial amount
☐ Able to save or invest a small amount
☐ Able to cover expenses but did not save or invest
☐ Had to draw on savings to cover expenses
☐ Not applicable / no income to save or spend
☐ Prefer not to say

30. Remittances Level: Have the remittances you receive changed in the past 12 months?

☐ Increased significantly
☐ Increased slightly
☐ Stayed about the same
☐ Decreased slightly
☐ Decreased significantly
☐ Not applicable / do not receive remittances
☐ Prefer not to say

31. (If 30 other than "Not applicable / do not receive remittances" or "Prefer not to say') Importance of Remittances: How critical are remittances to your household's overall standard of living?

☐ Absolutely essential – cannot maintain current standard without them
☐ Important – would need to make significant cutbacks without them
☐ Somewhat helpful – would adjust but manage
☐ Not very important – little impact on living standard
☐ Not applicable / do not receive remittances
☐ Prefer not to say

32. Marriage and Family Planning: In the past year, have economic conditions affected your decisions about major family plans such as marriage or having a child?

☐ I postponed such plans
☐ I cancelled such plans
☐ I am reconsidering these plans in the coming year
☐ My plans were not affected
☐ Not applicable

☐ Prefer not to say

33. Please indicate your ability to afford or access the following items over the next three months:

Item	Definitely able	Somewhat able	Not sure	Somewhat unable	Definitely unable
Food	___	___	___	___	___
Housing / Rent	___	___	___	___	___
Utilities (electricity, water, heating)	___	___	___	___	___
Transportation	___	___	___	___	___
Healthcare / Medical needs	___	___	___	___	___
Education / School fees (if applicable)	___	___	___	___	___
Entertainment / Leisure activities	___	___	___	___	___
Clothing / Household small items	___	___	___	___	___

34. If you receive an additional $1,000 this month, please select the top 3 spending categories you would allocate the sum to, with 1 being the highest priority and 3 being the lowest.

Item	Rank
Food	___
Housing / Rent	___
Utilities (electricity, water, heating)	___
Transportation	___
Healthcare / Medical needs	___
Education / School fees (if applicable)	___
Entertainment/Leisure activities	___
Clothing / Household small items	___
Pay off debt / Reduce debt obligations	___
Savings / Investments	___

35. If your household income fell below your usual monthly income by a noticeable amount, which items would you reduce first? Please select the 3 from the following list in order of priority, with 1 being the first item you would reduce.

Item	Rank
Food	___
Housing / Rent	___
Utilities (electricity, water, heating)	___
Transportation	___
Healthcare / Medical needs	___
Education / School fees (if applicable)	___
Entertainment/Leisure activities	___
Clothing / Household small items	___
Pay off debt / Reduce debt obligations	___
Savings / Investments	___

Section 3: Expectations and Outlook for the Next 12 Months

36. General Economic Outlook (Next 12 Months): How do you expect the overall economic situation in Lebanon – including business activity in the country – to develop over the next 12 months?

☐ Improve significantly
☐ Improve slightly
☐ Stay about the same
☐ Worsen slightly
☐ Worsen significantly
☐ Prefer not to say

37. General Employment Outlook: How do you expect the availability of employment to change in the next 12 months?

☐ Increase sharply
☐ Increase slightly
☐ Stay about the same
☐ Fall slightly
☐ Fall sharply
☐ Prefer not to say

38. General Business and Investment Outlook: How do you expect the business and investment opportunities to change in the next 12 months?

☐ Improve significantly
☐ Improve slightly
☐ Stay about the same
☐ Worsen slightly
☐ Worsen significantly
☐ Prefer not to say

39. Inflation Expectations: How do you expect consumer prices to develop in the next 6 months?

☐ Increased significantly
☐ Increased slightly
☐ Stayed about the same
☐ Decreased slightly
☐ Decreased significantly
☐ Prefer not to say

40. Looking ahead to the next 12 months, how confident are you that policymakers will make decisions that improve the country's economic and social conditions?

☐ Very confident
☐ Somewhat confident
☐ Neutral
☐ Somewhat not confident
☐ Very not confident
☐ Prefer not to say

41. Expected Household Financial Situation (Next 12 Months): Looking ahead to one year from now, how do you expect your household's financial situation to change?

☐ Improve significantly
☐ Improve slightly
☐ Stay about the same
☐ Worsen slightly
☐ Worsen significantly
☐ Prefer not to say

42. (If answer 11=Employed) In the next 12 months, do you expect a pay raise at your current job?

☐ Definitely Yes
☐ Probably Yes
☐ Unsure
☐ Probably No
☐ Definitely No
☐ Prefer not to say

43. (If answer 11=Employed) In the next 12 months, do you plan to change your job?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Maybe
☐ Prefer not to say

44. (If answer to 43=Yes) What is the reason you plan to look for a new job?

☐ Better pay and working conditions
☐ My position is unsecure with my current employer
☐ The company I currently work for is in distress and at risk of failure
☐ Want to start my own business
☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Not applicable
☐ Prefer not to say

45. (If answer 11=self-employed) What are your plans for your business in the next 12 months?

☐ I plan to expand my current business and/or invest in new business opportunities
☐ I plan to maintain my business at the current level
☐ I plan to reduce my business and investment activities
☐ I plan to completely shut down my business
☐ Not sure at the moment
☐ Prefer not to say

46. Major Purchase Plans (Next 12 Months): Do you plan to make any major purchases in the next 12 months (such as house, land, furniture, household appliances, or a car)?

☐ Yes
☐ Possible
☐ Unlikely
☐ No
☐ Prefer not to say

47. Migration Intentions: How likely is it that you will **move abroad or emigrate out of Lebanon** in the next 12 months to live or work in another country?

☐ Highly likely
☐ Possible
☐ Unlikely
☐ Highly unlikely
☐ Prefer not to say

48. What factors will most influence your decision to stay in or leave Lebanon in the coming year? (Select up to three factors):

☐ Economic prospects
☐ Security concerns
☐ Political stability
☐ Education opportunities
☐ Family ties
☐ Quality of healthcare
☐ Personal freedoms
☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Prefer not to say

49. Outlook for Quality of Life: Overall, considering everything, do you expect your **overall quality of life** 12 months from now to be

☐ Significantly better
☐ Slightly better
☐ Stay about the same
☐ Slightly worse
☐ Significantly worse
☐ Prefer not to say

Open-Ended Questions

1. **In your own words, what were the biggest challenges you faced during the past year?**
2. **What are your main hopes and expectations for the coming year?**
3. **What changes would you like to see from the government or society to improve your economic well-being?**