

## ACRONYMS

<b>ACAL</b>	Association of Private Insurance
<b>AF</b>	Armed Forces
<b>AFP</b>	Acute Flaccid Paralysis
<b>AMF</b>	Association of Mutual Funds
<b>AUB</b>	American University of Beirut
<b>BP</b>	Brevet Pratique
<b>BS</b>	Bachelor of Science
<b>BT</b>	Baccalaureate Technique
<b>CHF</b>	Swiss Francs
<b>CEOs</b>	Chief Executive Officers
<b>CIF</b>	Cost Insurance and Freight
<b>COE</b>	Centers of Excellence
<b>COPD</b>	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
<b>CPI</b>	Consumption Price Index
<b>CSC</b>	Civil Servants Cooperative
<b>CT</b>	Computerized Tomography
<b>DDC</b>	Drugs Dispensing Center
<b>DEA</b>	Diplôme d'Etude Approfondie
<b>DESS</b>	Diplôme d'Etude Supérieure Spécialisé
<b>DOTS</b>	Directly Observed Treatment Strategy
<b>DR</b>	Dependency Ratio
<b>DTP</b>	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis
<b>EFTA</b>	European Free Trade Association
<b>EKG</b>	Electro Cardio Gram
<b>EMA</b>	European Medicines Agency
<b>EPI</b>	Expanded Program for Immunization
<b>EMRO</b>	Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>ESU/P</b>	Epidemiological Surveillance Unit/ Program
<b>FCTC</b>	Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
<b>FDA</b>	Food and Drug Administration
<b>FFC</b>	Fairness of Financial Contribution
<b>FOB</b>	Free On Board
<b>FPH</b>	Faculty of Public Health
<b>GAFTA</b>	Greater Arab Free Trade Area
<b>GATS</b>	General Agreement on Trade in Services
<b>GATT</b>	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
<b>GC</b>	Gini Coefficient
<b>GCC</b>	Gulf Cooperation Countries

<b>GMP</b>	Good Manufacturing Practice
<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Product
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Information System
<b>GOL</b>	Government of Lebanon
<b>GSF</b>	General Security Forces
<b>HAS</b>	Haute Autorité de Santé
<b>HFC</b>	Health Financing Contribution
<b>HHOOP</b>	Households Health Out-of-Pocket
<b>HHUES</b>	Household Health Utilization and Expenditure Survey
<b>Hib</b>	Hemophylus influenza b
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immune Deficiency Virus
<b>HSRP</b>	Health Sector Rehabilitation Project
<b>IBRD</b>	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank)
<b>ICD10</b>	International Classification Disease, tenth version
<b>ID</b>	Identification Data
<b>IHR</b>	International Health Regulations
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund
<b>IMS</b>	International Medical Statistics
<b>INSEE</b>	Institut National des Statistiques et des Etudes Economiques
<b>IP</b>	Intellectual Property
<b>IRB</b>	Interface and Resource Bodies
<b>ISF</b>	Internal Security Forces
<b>ISO</b>	International Organization for Standardization
<b>IT</b>	Information Technology
<b>KSA</b>	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
<b>LDCs</b>	Least Developed Countries
<b>LOP</b>	Lebanese Order of Physicians
<b>LBP</b>	Lebanese Pounds
<b>LRC</b>	Lebanese Red Cross
<b>LU</b>	Lebanese University
<b>MCOs</b>	Managed Care Organizations
<b>MCV</b>	Measles Containing Vaccine
<b>MENA</b>	Middle East and North Africa
<b>ML</b>	Mount Lebanon
<b>MOD</b>	Ministry of Defense
<b>MOE</b>	Ministry of Education
<b>MOET</b>	Ministry of Economy and Trade
<b>MOPH</b>	Ministry of Public Health
<b>MOSA</b>	Ministry of Social Affairs

<b>MMR</b>	Measles Mumps Rubella
<b>MRI</b>	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
<b>MS</b>	Military Schemes
<b>NAP</b>	National Aids Control Program
<b>NCD</b>	Non Communicable Disease
<b>NCPNN</b>	National Collaborative Perinatal Neonatal Network
<b>NGOs</b>	Non Governmental Organizations
<b>NHA</b>	National Health Accounts
<b>NHHEUS</b>	National Households Health Expenditure and Utilization Survey
<b>NICU</b>	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
<b>NID</b>	National Immunization Days
<b>NL</b>	North Lebanon
<b>NSSF</b>	National Social Security Fund
<b>OECD</b>	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
<b>OOP</b>	Out-Of-Pocket
<b>OP</b>	Orders of Physicians
<b>OPV</b>	Oral Polio Vaccine
<b>PAPCHILD</b>	Pan Arab Project for Child Health
<b>PAPFAM</b>	Pan Arab Project for Family Health
<b>PHC</b>	Primary Health Care
<b>PP</b>	Prepayment
<b>PPP</b>	Purchasing Power Parity
<b>QRP</b>	Quality Related Payment System
<b>RED</b>	Reaching Every District
<b>RH</b>	Reproductive Health Program
<b>RHUH</b>	Rafic Hariri University Hospital
<b>SDS</b>	Standardized Discharge Summary
<b>SHIP</b>	Social Health Insurance Program
<b>SL</b>	South Lebanon
<b>SPH</b>	Syndicate of Private Hospitals
<b>SPS</b>	Sanitary and Phyto Sanitary agreement
<b>SSF</b>	State Security Forces
<b>TB</b>	Tuberculosis
<b>TBT</b>	Technical Barriers to Trade
<b>TPA</b>	Third Party Administrator
<b>TRIPS</b>	Trade-Related Aspect of Intellectual Property Rights
<b>THE</b>	Total Health Expenditures
<b>TS</b>	Technique Supérieur
<b>TOR</b>	Terms of Reference

<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Fund for Population Assistance
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children's Fund
<b>UNSCR</b>	United Nations Security Council Resolution
<b>UNRWA</b>	United Nations for Refugees Welfare Agency
<b>USA</b>	United States of America
<b>USD</b>	US Dollars
<b>USJ</b>	Université Saint Joseph
<b>WB</b>	World Bank
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>WHR2000</b>	World Health Report 2000
<b>WIPO</b>	World Intellectual Property Organization
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organization
<b>WWII</b>	World War Two
<b>YMCA</b>	Young Men Christians Association