Date: **Recruiter's name:** **Region of work:**

Good day. My name is _____. I am a recruiter affiliated with Ra'i for Research and Development, which is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit, non-governmental consultancy firm, based in Beirut. On behalf of the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Ra'i is currently conducting a study about how people in Lebanon feel about economic and political conditions.

As part of that study, Ra'i is holding 120 discussion groups of 6 people each; there are no specific answers that we are looking for. We are not working with the government, or any political parties or any company with financial interests. The researchers on the project are also not affiliated with any party or government organization.

This study aims at providing an opportunity for citizens in Lebanon to make their voices heard in public affairs, because often when people talk about the political and economic situation only the voices of authorities, elites, or the media are heard.

If you are interested in participating, I will need to ask you few questions about your background and your economic situation, and for some contact information so that we can schedule your participation in an upcoming discussion group if you are selected.

If you are selected to participate, the entire exercise will take about 2.5 hours to complete and you will be compensated for your time. We will afford the transportation from and to our offices where the meeting will be held.(Date and time will be determined later based on availability of participants).

If you have any questions about this study please feel free to contact:
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Do you have any questions?
Do you consent to be contacted for participation in a future discussion group?
☐ YES (continue the questions) ☐ NO (Stop the questions)
Preferred days: Preferred time:

Name:
Address
Phone #:
Email:

1. **Gender : ☐ Male ☐ Female**

2. **Date of birth: _____**

3. **Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widow ☐ Other**

4. **Level of education : _____**

5. **Electoral District: _____**

6. **What is the best description for your professional situation at the moment ?**

    1. **I don't have a job, I am looking for work**
    2. **I don't have a job and I am not looking for work**
    3. **I have a job and I am not looking for extra work**
    4. **I have a job and I am looking for extra work**
    5. **House wife**
    6. **Student**
    7. **retiree**

7. **Within the list below, please record the number that you see applies to the first and second most important professional activity have (ie you reap from it Mdjula). Please read the entire listing carefully before making a decision.**
    1. **General manager**
    2. **Specialist :____**
    3. **Medical doctor**
    4. **Lawyer**
    5. **Engineer**
    6. **Professor at a university**
    7. **Business owner**
    8. **Sales**
    9. **Employee in the public sector**
    10. **Employee in the rpivate sector**
    11. **Realestate broker**
    12. **Employee in a restaurant**
    13. **Working in plantations**
    14. **Carpenter**
    15. **Furniture maker**
    16. **Worker in construction**
    17. **Teacher**
    18. **Working in services**
    19. **Car repair**

20. Technician
21. Social worker
22. Driver
23. Worker with no skills
24. House keeper
25. Gas station worker
26. Skilled worker
27. Cashier
28. Sales in store
29. Security guard
30. Armed forces
31. Armed forces
32. Armed forces
33. Armed forces
34. Armed forces
35. There is no income generator
36. Transfers
37. Renting on house or land…etc.
38. Other:……

8. **What is your sect: _____**

9. **When you think of the total number of your household acquirings (houses, lands, cars, mobile phones, computers and laptops, household appliances, valuable furniture/decoration items, jewelry, etc.) what is roughly, their estimated total value?**

1	0 - 250,000 USD	1
2	250,001 – 500,000 USD	2
3	500,001 – Plus USD	3
4	I don't know	0
5	I prefer not to answer	0
6	N/A	0

10. **What is the estimated area of your main place of residency?**

1	Less then 150m^2	1
2	150 to 250m^2	2
3	More then 250m^2	3
4	I don't know	0
5	I prefer not to answer	0
6	N/A	0

11. Do you own a summer house? (Including chalets in seaside resorts)

1	No	1
2	It happens that we rent a place for summer but not consistently	2
3	Yes	3
4	I don't know	0
5	I prefer not to answer	0
6	N/A	0

12. When faced with power shortage, what alternatives do you resort to?

1	Nothing, we dont have money to buy power	1
2	We buy power from a prívate generator 5 A	1
3	We buy power from a private generator 10 A	2
4	We buy power from a private generator 15 A+	3
5	We own a private generator	3
6	I don't know	0
7	I prefer not to answer	0
8	N/A	0

13. In general, can you afford to travel on a leisure trip with your family at least once a year?

1	No we can’t afford it	1
2	Yes, but only to cheaper destinations, or on tour offers	2
3	Yes, we can go wherever we want	3
4	I don't know	0
5	I prefer not to answer	0
6	N/A	0

14. On a typical month, how often can you afford to go with your family for lunch or dinner to restaurants (for bills totaling at least 100 USD +)

1	0	1
2	1-2	2
3	3+	3
4	I don't know	0
5	I prefer not to answer	0
6	N/A	0

15. What is your family's net monthly income?

	Lebanese Pounds	US Dollars
1	0	0
2	1 - 180,000	1 - 120
3	500,000 - 180,001	333 - 121
4	1,000,000 - 500,001	667 - 334
5	2,000,000 - 1,000,001	1,333 - 668
6	4,000,000 - 2,000,001	2,667 - 1,334
7	6,000,000 - 4,000,001	4,000 - 2,668
8	8,000,000 - 6,000,001	5,333 - 4,001
9	11,000,000 - 8,000,001	7,333 - 5,333
10	14,000,000 - 11,000,001	9,333 - 7,334
11	19,000,000 - 14,000,001	12,667 - 9,334
12	25,000,000 - 19,000,001	16,667 - 12,668
13	40,000,000 - 25,000,001	26,667 - 16,668
14	80,000,000 - 40,000,001	53,333 - 26,668
15	80,000,001 or more	53,338 or more
I don't know ☐		
prefer not to answer ☐		

16. Which of the following is the best description of your family's monthly income?

1	The family income does not cover our needs and we face **major problems** making ends meet	1
2	The family income barely covers our needs and we sometimes face **problems** making ends meet	1
3	The family income covers our needs but we cannot afford luxury ítems or any extra leisure activities	2
4	The family income covers our needs **without** us facing any **major difficulties**	3
5	The family income very well **covers our needs** and we can also save some of it.	3
6	I don't know	0
7	I prefer not to answer	0
8	N/A	0

Creating the Index:

The minimum score is 8 (1 point on each question above)
The maximum score is 24 (3 points on each question above)

Score between 8 and 13 = lower income individuals –
Score between 14 and 18 = middle class individuals – *disregarded*
Score between 19 and 24 = upper middle class individuals

Scores below 8 means that at least one question was not responded to.
If more than questions are not responded to, the screener is disregarded.
If one or two questions are not responded to, the following scoring applies.

Score between 6 and 9 = lower income individuals –
Score between 10 and 13 = middle class individuals – *disregarded*
Score between 14 and 18 = upper middle class individuals