Data Availability of Poverty in the Arab Region

As received by ESCWA
Questionnaire sent to countries

10 indicators requested in Poverty Module

1. Proportion of population living below the national poverty line
2. Gini index
3. Poverty gap at the national poverty line
4. Share of expenditure held by the poorest 20% of the population
5. Share of expenditure held by the richest 20% of the population
6. Share of expenditure held by poorest 40% of the population
7. Share of expenditure held by richest 40% of the population
8. Share of consumer expenditure for the poorest 20% as a percentage of total household expenditure
9. Share of consumer expenditure for the richest 20% as a percentage of total household expenditure
10. Share of consumer expenditure as a percentage of total household expenditure
Data availability on Poverty

• 5/18 answered the most recent questionnaire (Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Qatar, Sudan)

• Egypt, and Tunisia responded in the previous edition – Morocco, Tunisia, and Yemen prior

• No Poverty line data received from Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, KSA, Syria, UAE, Oman

• World Bank database used to supplement catalogue for Lebanon, Morocco, Mauritania, Syria, Yemen
Data availability on Poverty Line (PL), GINI, and Poverty Gap (PG) 2000-2017

Bahrain – No data available
Kuwait – No data available
Lebanon – 1 year available for GINI (2011) and PL (2012)
Libya – no data available
Oman – No data available
Qatar – 1 year available: 2012
Saudi Arabia – No data available
Sudan – 2 years available for PL (2009, 2014); 1 year available for GINI & PG (2009)
United Arab Emirates – No data available
Yemen – 2 years available for PL & GINI (2005, 2014); 1 year available for PG (2005)
Proportion of population living below the national poverty line

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Proportion of population living below the national poverty line

![Graph showing the percentage of population living below the national poverty line from 2000 to 2015 for various countries including Egypt, Jordan, Mauritania, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, State of Palestine, Syrian Arab Republic, and Yemen.](image-url)