

## Tracker action points 3RF CG meetings

### About this document

This tracker takes stock of action points that were agreed in the second and third 3RF Consultative Group (CG) meetings, on 28 July and 16 November 2021 respectively. The traffic light indicates progress (red = not started, orange = in progress, green = achieved). Status description collates information received from multiple sources: Government representatives, including from the recently established Central Management Unit (CMU), 3RF sector coordination Working Groups, and news reports. The timeline refers to what was agreed at CG meetings. This is a living document and will be updated continuously. Most importantly, government representatives will add their obstacles to achieving reforms, so that the 3RF stakeholders can work together at different levels to resolve those.

Pillar	Action point	Made at	3RF WG	Responsible State Institution	Status	Status update for CG4	Timeline
1	Justice and accountability through a transparent, independent and credible investigation into the Beirut port explosion, and for upholding due judicial process.	3RF foreword, CG2 and CG3	N/A	GOL, Higher Judiciary Council, Parliament	●	Officials summoned by Judge Tarek Bitar on charges of negligence linked to the Beirut Port Blast have filed more than a dozen lawsuits against him, forcing him to suspend his investigation several times, most recently on 01.03.2022. The Ministry of Interior has not implemented arrest warrants issued by Bitar. The investigation has been practically halted.	Within a reasonable timeframe
1	(CG3:) Free and fair elections, according to the electoral calendar provided by law and ensuring full representation and participation of women in the democratic process and in government. (CG2:) Installing, staffing and funding a Supervisory Commission for Elections to oversee compliance with campaign spending limits and equal access to media.	CG2 and CG3	N/A	PCM MoIM, MOJ	●	In response to an invitation by the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, the EU has decided to deploy an EU Election Observation Mission to observe the parliamentary election scheduled for 15 May 2022. The Government proposed to postpone municipal elections for 1 year.	According to electoral calendar provided by law
1	(CG2:) More Government and Parliament responsiveness. Government representation in each 3RF working groups.	Foreword, CG2 and CG3	All	Prime Minister's Office (CMU) and 3RF Secretariat	●	3RF structures fully operational. Government representation in WGs to be completed before CG4 meeting; as of end-February 2022, four WGs have representation by State Institutions. A Central Management Unit was established in the PM Office to coordinate and facilitate the responsiveness of State institutions.	Before CG4
1	Fully staff and fund the National Human Rights Commission	Foreword	Rule of Law	PCM, MOJ	●	The NHRC is still lacking a budget, an office and dedicated staff. The budget has been prepared by NHRC and is included in the draft 2022 budgetary law. Until it is voted, NHRC has no funds. NHRC also needs its internal regulations and financial regulations (by-laws) to be ratified by the Council of Ministers. Without such ratification, it will be incapable of accessing resources in the budget even if voted.	
1	Implement the anti-corruption strategy.	Foreword	Anti-Corrupt	OMSAR	●	No progress to report.	
1	Appointment of the members of the independent National Anti-Corruption Institution and an adequate budget to be announced before the next CG.	Foreword, CG2 and CG3	Anti-Corruption	PCM, MoJ, OMSAR	●	Members were appointed on 24 January.	Before CG4
1	(CG3:) Parliament called on the international community for technical and financial support to draft ten decrees for the public procurement law to enter into force August 2022.	Foreword, CG2 and CG3	Anti-Corruption	PCM, MoF	●	A ministerial Committee was formed to follow on the drafting of these decrees.	Before CG4
1	(CG2:) Independence of the Judiciary law should be passed with principles safeguarding independence reinstated, without further clauses to the contrary. (CG3:) The CG welcomed Government and Parliament commitment to work with the 3RF Rule of Law working group to review drafts of the Independence of the Judiciary law.	CG2 and CG3	Rule of Law	Higher Judicial Council MoJ, Parliament	●	Draft Law on Judiciary independence has been finalized by parliamentary sub-Committee and transferred to Parliament plenary and circulated to stakeholders. While stakeholders have been provided with opportunity to provide comments on a previous version of the draft law, the opacity of the process remains cause for concern, and the draft continues to be questioned.	Before CG4
1	Implementation of the Access to Information Law	CG3	Anti-Corrupt	PCM, OMSAR	●	Ministries and Public entities appointed focal points	Before CG4
1	Civil Society called on the Government to enforce the whistleblower protection law.	CG3	Anti-Corruption	OMSAR	●	No progress to report.	Before CG4
1	Request the assistance of the Venice Commission in finalizing the draft Independence of the Judiciary law.	CG3	Rule of Law	MoJ	●	In a letter dated 06.09.2021 the Minister of Justice, Marie Claude Najm, requested the opinion of the Venice Commission on the draft law amending Legislative-Decree no. 150/1983 on the Organisation of the Judiciary. The Venice Commission has agreed to assist. MoJ formally sent the draft law to the Venice Commission in March 2022. The first working group meeting between MoJ & Venice Commission will take place in mid-March 2022. Requires TA.	Before CG4

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2	Macroeconomic-fiscal reform. Essential: exchange rate unification; orderly exit from subsidy schemes; a Capital Controls law that ensures equal depositor treatment; forensic audit of the Central Bank: <u>Banking Sector reform</u>	Foreword, CG2 and CG3	N/A	PCM, DPM, MoF	●	No progress to report.	
2	Address insurance claims settlement and solvency monitoring , initiating development of a policyholder protection scheme.	Foreword	Private Sector	MoET	●	Technical Assistance in Drafting the new Insurance Law, Provide Claim Platform/Software and held redraft the Insolvency law.	
2	Enact and implement the insolvency and insolvency practitioners' Law and Insurance Law.	Foreword and CG3	Private Sector	Parliament, MoET	●	No concrete progress yet. Requires TA.	Before CG4
2	Enact the draft competition law, including reforms to exclusive agencies. Adopt an insurance sector restructuring and development strategy.	Foreword and CG3	Private Sector	Parliament, MoET	●	The Law has been approved by Parliament waiting for the signature of the President. Requires TA.	Before CG4
2	Expedite passing of the Bankruptcy law.	CG3	Private Sector	Parliament, MoET	●	No concrete progress yet. Requires TA.	Before CG4
2	The Government will simplify export procedures through ministerial letters.	CG3	Private Sector	MoET	●	No progress to report.	Before CG4
2	MoET committed to finalize the implementation decree for the e-transaction law and develop a detailed action plan to deliver on the business environment strategy in coordination with the 3RF working group.	CG3	Private Sector	MoET	●	No progress to report.	Before CG4
2	Maximising the potential benefits of the IMF Special Drawing Rights due in September through a proper mix of consumptive, systemic and investing measures, decided after an inclusive public debate on the use of the SDR.	CG2	Private Sector	PCM, MoF	●	No progress to report.	

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3	A budget should be passed for 2022, including a strong programme on social protection, implementing the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) programme and the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP).	Foreword, CG2 and CG3	Social Protection	PCM, MoF, MOSA, Parliament	●	Draft budget was approved by Cabinet and transmitted to Parliament, where it is under review and discussion. Draft Budget does include reforms in social protection and inclusion. It includes a program of cash transfers of one month base salary for 12 months to all public sector employees (civil, military, security personnel and retirees) equivalent to 1% of GDP. The budget includes a small allocation for the NPTP as in previous years (social workers salary) and \$350 m for NSSF arrears. Disbursement under ESSN is expected to start by mid-March 2022.	Before CG4
3	The CG called for the government to endorse the Social Protection Strategy.	Foreword and CG3	Social Protection	PCM, MoSA, MoL	●	A draft national social protection strategy was completed and transmitted to the Prime Minister. An Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee with key line ministries was formed to discuss and approve; they met two times and agreed to meet again mid-March to approve and send to the Council of Ministers. Support for implementation of the social protection strategy (once finalized and adopted) is being planned.	Before CG4
3	Finalize and approve the Heritage law to protect historic urban fabric,	Foreword	Culture		●	Built Heritage law is still pending in Parliament. Meanwhile, an enabling cultural environment framework is	
3	CG welcomes the Prime Minister's decision to immediately implement the ESSN.	CG3	Social Protection	PM	●	ESSN was approved by Parliament. Registration took place between December 1 2021 and January 31, 2022. Payments for first batch of ESSN beneficiaries expected to start early March and to reach all 150,000 extreme poor households by June 2022.	
3	The minister of Social Affairs will lead on reactivation of a structured dialogue on Social Protection, together with the Social Protection Coordination Forum that was set up for the 3RF.	CG3	Social Protection	IM Committee on Social Protection (Min. Hajjar)	●	The next Inter-ministerial Committee on Social Policy (formed by the PM) is scheduled for mid-March 2022 to send the national SP strategy to the CoM. The SSN Partners Forum has been expanded to cover the entire sector, in line with the 3RF Pillar 3; the forum met two times, in November 2021 and Jan 2022, and will meet regularly to ensure coordination among the Government, donors, UN, WB, and NGO actors.	Before CG4
3	Provision of social assistance, both in the form of cash transfers	CG3	Social	IM Committee on Social	●	Blast Emergency Cash Transfer is complete, and reached its target of 80,000 individuals in vulnerable groups.	Before CG4
3	The CG called on Parliament for ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	CG3	Social Inclusion	PCM, MoSA, MoL, Parliament	●	Parliament has not ratified the convention.	Before CG4
3	Directorate General of Antiquities and UNESCO to share their data on heritage housing	CG3	Housing	DGA and UNESCO	●	UNESCO has made the data available upon request, though the large file size prohibits publication online.	Before CG4

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4	Housing recovery strategy and action plan, linked to wider urban recovery while sensitive to heritage, cultural life and environment.	Foreword and CG3	Housing, Municipal Services	Beirut governorate/Beirut municipality	●	A Planning and Coordination Unit (PCU) to be established in the Beirut Governorate/Beirut municipality to be tasked with formulating the strategy.	Before CG4
4	Critical site clearance and waste management inside and outside the port, three critical actions should be taken: operationalize interministerial committee for overseeing the management of waste resulting from the explosion; facilitate access to the Port for site assessments and resulting interventions; and allocate a suitable site for the disposal of non-recyclable rubble and other mixed waste.	Foreword and CG2	Environment	PCM, MoEnv	●	The LFF Funded project "Environmental Recovery and Waste Management" will support emergency environment control measures in Beirut to address the impacts of the August 2020 explosion, as well as support planning for longer-term environmental restoration efforts. Activities will include the rehabilitation and operationalization of damaged solid waste management infrastructure, the management of debris, asbestos-contaminated materials, and hazardous waste generated due to the explosion, and priority policy and institutional actions for greening Beirut's Reconstruction Agenda. The project will be implemented by UNDP.	
4	Enact a new Port Sector Law, addressing the port authority's operations as well as customs and defining the respective roles of the central government, the port authorities, and commercial operators, as well as their relationships in terms of duties, rights, and responsibilities.	Foreword	Port	PCM, MOTPW	●	A draft vision and master plan for the port were presented at the Serail in February 2022 by the Minister of Transport	
4	COVID-19 vaccine deployment strategy and operational plan.	Foreword	Health	MoH	●	On going.	
4	EDL's procurement be conducted within the frame of the Public Procurement law.	Foreword and CG2	Electricity	MoF, MoEW and EDL	●	Pending implementation of the Public Procurement law.	Before CG4
4	Implement Law 462 without amendments to establish and staff the Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA)	Foreword	Electricity	MoF, MoEW and EDL	●	MoEW developed an action plan that was approved by the CoM in full on 16 March. Emphasis on short term solutions from Iraq, Egypt and Jordan. Medium term strategy including necessary reforms still under discussion; World Bank insists on reforms before funding short-term measures.	
4	The CG calls for a coordination planning unit for urban recovery in the office of the Governor of Beirut together with the Mayor of Beirut. This unit will coordinate with the Army Forward Emergency Room, civil society and the international community. The Governor of Beirut welcomed this proposal and will work with the 3RF housing working group to develop a Terms of Reference.	CG3	Housing	Beirut Governor and Mayor	●	PCU ToR drafted, to be approved by CG.	Before CG4
4	The working group will also develop templates of contracts to protect both tenants and landlords.	CG3	Housing	PCU to be set up at governorate/municipality	●	PCU will be tasked with designing template contracts.	Before CG4
4	Extend the hold on evictions introduced by law 194 for an additional year. And Extend law 194 also to protect businesses affected by the blast (it now only mentions evictions).	CG3	Housing, Culture, Private Sector	Parliament	●	The law was extended.	Before CG4
4	Forward Emergency Room to share their data on reconstruction efforts	CG3	Housing	FER and PCU to be set up at governorate/municipality	●	PCU will serve as data repository, making FER data available to CSOs who require it for implementation.	Before CG4
4	Donors to share their data on housing recovery and reconstruction efforts.	CG3	Housing	(Not State Institution, but 3RF Secretariat)	●	3RF Secretariat is compiling project lists for each WG based on RCO aid tracking exercise, discussions with donors, and verified by WGs.	Before CG4
All	CSOs requested inclusion in implementation at sector level.	CG2	All	(Not State Institution, but 3RF Secretariat)	●	By CG3, civil society had been included in implementation of the 3RF at sector level. Inclusion of civil society at both the strategic and implementation level is unique. Drawing on the expertise of a group of over 300 CSOs and independent experts, civil society formulated recommendations for each of the 3RF sectors.	Before CG3
All	Aid coordination should be strengthened, ensuring clear monitoring and transparent tracking of aid bearing the humanitarian-development nexus in mind.	CG2	All	PCM, MoF, MoET	●	WGs set up to coordinate aid at sectoral level, with CG providing strategic guidance. 3RF Secretariat is publishing 3RF monitoring framework on its website. Secretariat is also compiling project lists for each WG based on RCO aid tracking exercise, discussions with donors, and verified by WGs.	Before CG4
All	The CG praised the Prime Minister's decision to revitalize and expand the scope of the Central Management Unit (CMU) to act as coordination on international cooperation in Lebanon. The CMU will include three CSO and three donors and development partners and be located in the Office of the Prime Minister. Terms of Reference of the new CMU will be developed before the next CG.	CG3	All	PM	●	Central Management Unit was set up at the Prime Minister's Office, though with narrower representation and consultation than presented at CG3. This CMU coordinates Government input to the 3RF.	
All	(CG2:) The donor base should be widened, also for the LFF, especially to include Arab partners. (CG3:) The CG called for donors to contribute to the 3RF, through the LFF or bilateral programmes that contribute to 3RF commitments. Priority in the present phase is people-centred recovery.	CG2 and CG3	All	(Not State Institution, but 3RF Secretariat)	●	Sweden and Norway have joined the CG. Resource mobilization to be expanded when WGs have been given time and combined efforts to deliver these commitments.	