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A snapshot assessment of basic needs, social protection and employment gaps.

This publication presents a study on the life situation, basic needs, and access to social protection and employment of individuals with disabilities in Lebanon, focusing on severe disabilities. Data from the Labour Force and Household Living Conditions Survey (LFHLCS) and the Disability and Health Survey conducted by Fundación Promoción Social (FPS) were analyzed. The study reveals that individuals with severe disabilities face socioeconomic challenges, including difficulty meeting basic needs, lower income levels, and limited access to social protection and employment. The report establishes a baseline from 2019, providing valuable insights for future research on the impact of crises, such as currency depreciation, political and economic instability, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Port of Beirut explosion, on vulnerable individuals with disabilities. The study uses 2019 data, with income figures reported in Lebanese pounds (lira or LBP) based on the official exchange rate at that time.

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