

# Data Availability of Poverty in the Arab Region

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# 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

**Egypt** – 6 years available: 2000, 2004, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2015

**Iraq** – 3 years available: 2006, 2012, 2014

**Jordan** - 4 years available: 2002, 2006, 2008, 2010

**Kuwait** – No data available

**Lebanon** – 1 year available for GINI (2011) and PL (2012)

**Libya** – no data available

**Mauritania** – 4 years available: 2000, 2004, 2008, 2014 (2014 only PL & GINI)

**Morocco** – 3 years available for PL (2000, 2007, 2013); 2 years available for GINI (2000, 2006) and PG (2000, 2007)

**Oman** – No data available

**Qatar** – 1 year available: 2012

**Saudi Arabia** – No data available

**State of Palestine** – 4 years available for PL & PG; 8 years available for GINI: 2004-2007 (GINI); 2009, 2010, 2011, 2017 (PL, PG, GINI)

**Sudan** – 2 years available for PL (2009, 2014); 1 year available for GINI & PG (2009)

**Syrian Arab Republic** – 2 years available for PL & PG (2004, 2007); 1 year available for GINI (2004)

**Tunisia** – 4 years available for PL & GINI (2000, 2005, 2010, 2015)

**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



