



# Lebanon and the GDPS

*Lebanon Statistics Portal*  
*“LebStat”*

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# Lebanon Statistics Portal “LebStat”



## Project Launch Agenda

- Strong relations between Lebanon & China.
- Lebanon’s commitment to GDDS
- Use of ICT: Lebanon Statistics Portal
- China’s donation to implement LebStat
- Objectives and benefits from LebStat
- Sustainability of the project
- Transfer of technology





# Strong Relations between Lebanon & China

- Long and distinguished history of People's Republic of China in promoting sustainable development and in supporting institutional-building in Lebanon.
- China's leadership in the IT sector & its importance for emerging economies





# Lebanon's commitment to GDDS



- The Government committed to acceding the GDDS (decision taken by the Council of Ministers on September 5, 2002) and to institutionalizing a modern statistical system for generating adequate statistics that meet analytical and policy needs.
- BDL nominated as the national coordinator for the GDDS.
- GDDS, an IMF & World Bank supported framework to develop and reinforce the statistical capacity of the country.
- **LebStat:** an application of modern information and communication technology to rebuild Lebanon's statistical capacity & infrastructure.



# Use of ICT: Lebanon Statistics Portal



## Description of the project:

The project entails the set-up of a Statistics Portal (“**LebStat**”) within the GDDS for Lebanon.

- Web-based application will link relevant Ministries, Central Administration of Statistics, related agencies and the BDL, leading to the creation of a national statistical database that would be available on-line, interactively.
- Web dissemination: **LebStat** will disseminate regular and timely statistics to users in Lebanon and the international community.
- The data would include all relevant, publicly available data and information on public finances, real, external, monetary, banking, financial, labor and socio-demographic sectors.





# LebStat: China's donation & assistance



- Chinese donation for LebStat 1.5 million yuans (US\$181,214)
- Council of Ministers Decree no. 21, 10 July 2003 accepted the Chinese grant to set-up the “Lebanon Statistics Portal”
- Grant covers equipment & related systems and software: Servers – Development workstations – Networks – Software - Software development
- Project Technical Team: joint Chinese-Lebanese; BDL IT Dept+ GDDS Coordinators + National GDDS Committee members





# **Lebanon Statistics Portal “LebStat”**

*Objectives & Benefits*





# LebStat Portal



## Benefits

- **LebStat** will facilitate coordination among the data compiling agencies
- **LebStat** will harmonize and unify disclosure and reporting formats and procedures.
- It will provide a unique opportunity for adopting internationally accepted methodologies.
- It will improve dissemination of information and regular reporting on the Lebanese economy, and improve transparency.

**Beneficiaries:** General public, banking and financial markets, international organizations, trade and economic partners, national statistical agencies, academia, research organizations, other users of data and the providers of financial and technical assistance.





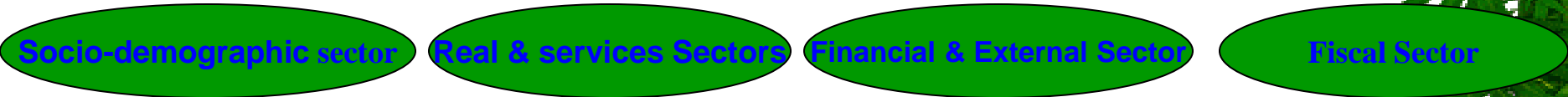


# LebStat Portal II



Responsible agency: **The Banque du Liban:** IT Dept. & GDDS Coordinators

## List of Ministries/Agencies involved; National GDDS Team

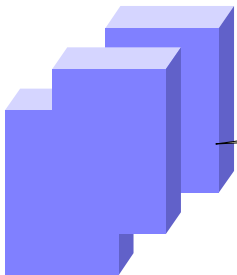


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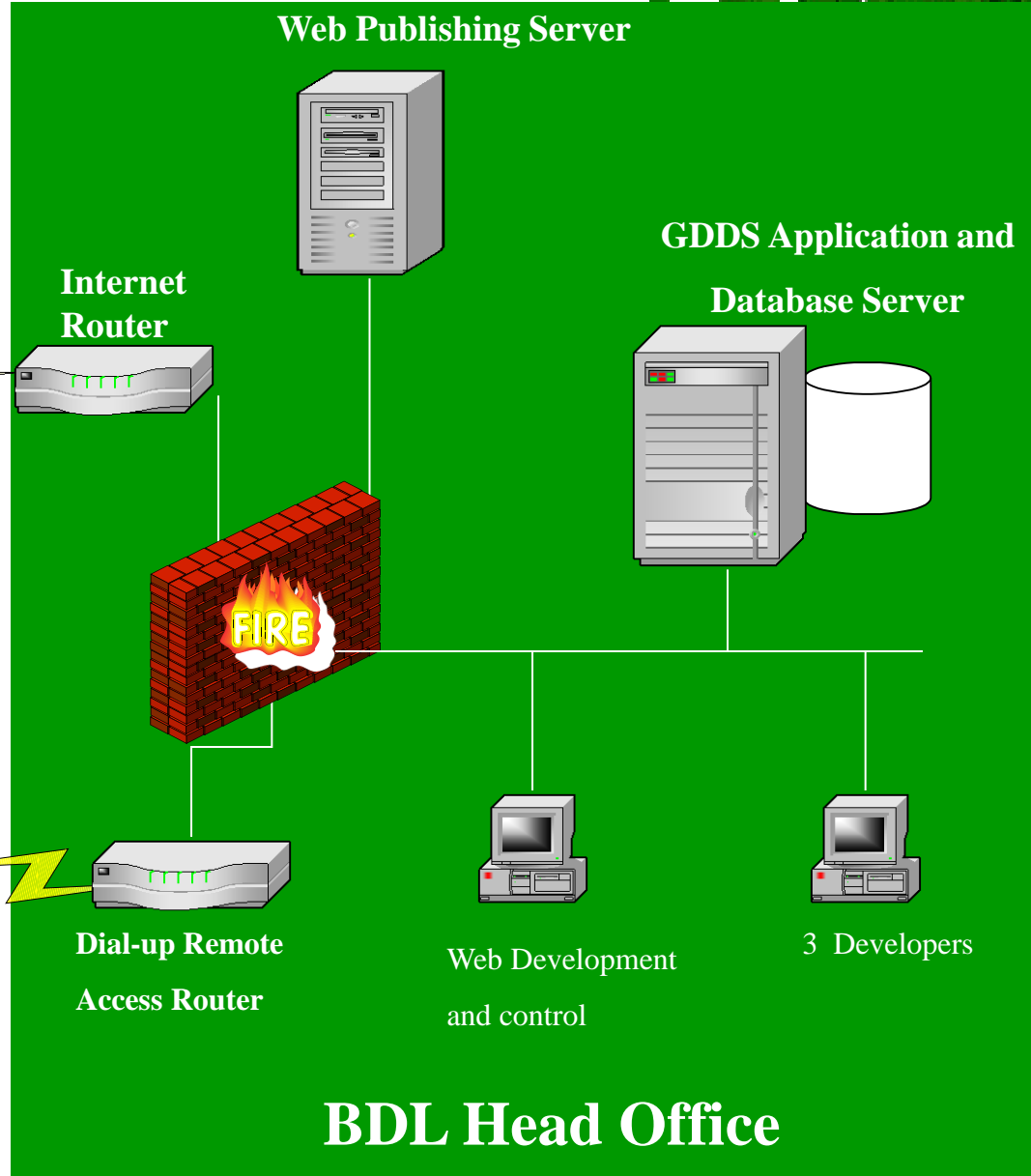
INTERNET



Ministries and  
Public Agencies



PSTN



Web Publishing Server

Internet Router

GDDS Application and  
Database Server

FIRE

Dial-up Remote  
Access Router

Web Development  
and control

3 Developers

BDL Head Office



# Project Sustainability

- **LebStat** Portal, major coordination effort undertaken by the BDL as GDDS coordinator.
- BDL will host the application and provide all physical facilities to implement the **LebStat** Portal (office space, equipment facilities and staff services).
- BDL will handle running costs (maintenance, communication and electricity fees, annual network subscriptions, recruitment and training of local staff).
- Development benefits produced by the project will be sustained by the BDL even after the investment phase.
- Joint **Chinese-Lebanese Team** to implement **LebStat**



# Transfer of Technology



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# Lebanon and the GDDS

*Thank you for your  
support & cooperation*

*& Adieu*

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