

**Republic of Lebanon**  
**Ministry of Finance**

**Fiscal Performance Report for November 2001**

Overall fiscal performance - budgetary and treasury operations

Total expenditures (budgetary and treasury) for the period January- November 2001 amounted to LL 8,032 billion compared to LL 9,020 billion for the same period last year, indicating a decrease of LL 988 billion. Total revenues for the same period of 2001 amounted to LL 4,125 billion, indicating a decrease of LL 255 billion over the corresponding period of 2000, which had amounted to LL 4,380 billion. The total deficit for the period January- November 2001 amounted to LL 3,907 billion, equivalent to 48.64% of total expenditures, compared to a deficit of LL 4,639 billion or 51.44% of total expenditures for the same period last year representing an decrease of LL 732 billion. The total primary surplus for the period January – November 2001 amounted to LL 43 billion compared to a total primary deficit of LL 746 billion in the corresponding period in 2000.

Budget operations

The budget deficit for the period January – November 2001 amounted to LL 3,348 billion, equivalent to 46.79% of budget expenditures compared to a budget deficit of LL 3,453 billion, equivalent to 47.00% of budget expenditures in the same period last year indicating a decrease of LL 105 billion. A budget primary surplus of LL 602 billion was attained during the period January – November 2001 compared to LL 440 billion in the same period last year.

Out of total budget revenues for this period, customs revenues amounted to LL 1,458 billion compared to LL 1,643 billion for the same period last year (a decrease of LL 186 billion), despite the decreases in the custom tariffs, thus indicating growth in external trade activity (growth of exports by 23% and growth of imports by 14%) during the first eleven months of 2001 compared to the same period in 2000.

Treasury operations

The deficit resulting from treasury operations for the period January - November 2001 amounted to LL 559 billion, equivalent to 63.77% of treasury expenditures, compared to a deficit of LL 1,186 billion or 70.95% of treasury expenditures for the same period last year.

Note:

Budget revenues and expenditures are not equally distributed among the months of the year. Therefore, upon the execution of the budget, revenue and expenditure figures from both the budget and treasury accounts will differ among the months of the year and with it the deficit ratio and amount.

### Summary of Fiscal Performance November 2000-2001

(LL million)

	Nov-00	Nov-01	Jan-Nov 00	Jan-Nov 01	Change	% Change
<b>1. Budget Transactions</b>						
1.1 Revenues	<b>274,236</b>	<b>309,331</b>	<b>3,894,573</b>	<b>3,807,420</b>	<b>-87,153</b>	<b>-2.24%</b>
1.1.1 Tax Revenues	188,323	210,726	2,759,316	2,626,998	-132,318	-4.80%
<i>of which customs revenues*</i>	129,859	148,160	1,643,367	1,457,820	-185,547	-11.29%
1.1.2 Non-Tax Revenues	85,913	98,605	1,135,257	1,180,422	45,165	3.98%
<b>1.2 Expenditures</b>	<b>753,167</b>	<b>704,182</b>	<b>7,347,596</b>	<b>7,155,178</b>	<b>-192,418</b>	<b>-2.62%</b>
1.2.1 Expenditures excluding debt service	320,470	318,693	3,454,302	3,205,312	-248,990	-7.21%
1.2.2 Debt Service	432,697	385,489	3,893,294	3,949,866	56,572	1.45%
1.2.1.1 Domestic Debt	398,960	378,800	3,310,971	3,204,600	-106,371	-3.21%
1.2.1.2 Foreign Debt	33,737	6,689	582,323	745,266	162,943	27.98%
<b>Budget Total Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>-478,931</b>	<b>-394,851</b>	<b>-3,453,023</b>	<b>-3,347,758</b>	105,265	
<b>In % of total budget expenditures</b>	<b>-63.59%</b>	<b>-56.07%</b>	<b>-47.00%</b>	<b>-46.79%</b>		
<b>Budget Primary Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>-46,234</b>	<b>-9,362</b>	<b>440,271</b>	<b>602,108</b>	161,837	
<b>In % of total budget expenditures</b>	<b>-6.14%</b>	<b>-1.33%</b>	<b>5.99%</b>	<b>8.41%</b>		
<b>2. Treasury Transactions</b>						
<b>2.1 Receipts</b>	<b>33,255</b>	<b>25,465</b>	<b>485,738</b>	<b>317,660</b>	<b>-168,078</b>	
2.1.1 Trust accounts / guarantees	9,279	4,896	100,245	60,280	-39,965	
2.1.2 Municipalities	12,943	11,393	190,717	148,788	-41,929	
2.1.3 Deposits	4,382	4,746	48,617	59,889	11,272	
2.1.4 Other	6,651	4,430	146,159	48,703	-97,456	
<b>2.2 Payments</b>	<b>56,793</b>	<b>42,799</b>	<b>1,671,949</b>	<b>876,720</b>	<b>-795,229</b>	
2.2.1 Trust accounts/Guarantees	31,030	3,335	544,276	299,119	-245,157	
2.2.2 Municipalities	2,085	763	274,242	99,065	-175,177	
2.2.3 Deposits	9,334	7,416	88,007	97,792	9,785	
2.2.4 Expenditures from previous years appropriations	60	65	210,821	52,362	-158,459	
2.2.5 Expenditures from previous years/Guarantees	8,304	3,256	345,734	142,828	-202,906	
2.2.6 Other	5,980	27,964	208,869	185,554	-23,315	
<b>Total Treasury Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>-23,538</b>	<b>-17,334</b>	<b>-1,186,211</b>	<b>-559,060</b>	627,151	
<b>In % of total treasury expenditure</b>	<b>-41.45%</b>	<b>-40.50%</b>	<b>-70.95%</b>	<b>-63.77%</b>		
<b>3. Total Budget and Treasury Receipts</b>	<b>307,491</b>	<b>334,796</b>	<b>4,380,311</b>	<b>4,125,080</b>	<b>-255,231</b>	<b>-5.83%</b>
<b>4. Total Cash Budget and Treasury Payments</b>	<b>809,960</b>	<b>746,981</b>	<b>9,019,545</b>	<b>8,031,898</b>	<b>-987,647</b>	<b>-10.95%</b>
<b>5. Total Cash Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>-502,469</b>	<b>-412,185</b>	<b>-4,639,234</b>	<b>-3,906,818</b>	732,416	
<b>In % of Total Expenditures</b>	<b>-62.04%</b>	<b>-55.18%</b>	<b>-51.44%</b>	<b>-48.64%</b>		
<b>6. Total Primary Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>-69,772</b>	<b>-26,696</b>	<b>-745,940</b>	<b>43,048</b>	788,988	
<b>In % of total expenditures</b>	<b>-8.61%</b>	<b>-3.57%</b>	<b>-8.27%</b>	<b>0.54%</b>		

\* Receipts from excise taxes are included within customs revenues for comparative reasons