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## **Oxfam in Lebanon and AUB's Issam Fares Institute: Inclusive, empowering, and accountable partnership**

Oxfam in Lebanon and the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB) are pleased to announce the launch of a new partnership between both organizations. The partnership is rooted in the common vision shared by both parties to achieve social change through impacting and informing public policies in innovative and practical ways.

Oxfam in Lebanon and AUB IFI are excited to work together, building on the strong body of knowledge and networks of each organization. They plan to collaborate on joint initiatives that would influence policy discussions and find solutions for some of the challenges that affect the lives of various groups and communities in Lebanon.

“We are excited about this partnership. This is a great opportunity for Oxfam and Issam Fares Institute to collaborate and innovate initiatives, as our approach and vision are very closely aligned,” said Sally Abi Khalil, Country Director for Oxfam in Lebanon.

Dr. Nasser Yassin, IFI's director of research stressed on the importance of such collaboration with an internationally respected organization which shares our institute's vision to broaden public policy debates to influence positively the local and global decisions that mostly affect disadvantaged groups.

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