



Informal Social Protection Tool*

DIMENSIONS	MEASURES	QUESTIONS	RESPONSES
Network Size	The number of people the household can turn to for help	# 1 If your household had a problem and needed help, how many people beyond your immediate family could you currently turn to who would be willing to assist you?	Integer
		#2 In general, would you say that the network of people your household can turn to when you need help is:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Large 2. Average 3. Small 4. Does not exist (no network of people)
		#3 In general, in the last six months, would you say that the number of people you could turn to when you need help has:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased 2. Stayed the same 3. Decreased
Resources	The tangible and intangible resources the households receives and / or provides to members of its social connections network	#1 During the past six months, have you or a member of your household provided / received any of the following resources or services to an individual not living with you in your household:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advice and Counseling 2. Help with transportation (of people or goods). 3. Market information and support 4. Sell on credit 5. Discounted or free services (e.g. tutoring, care taking, household help) 6. Tools or information to start or complete a business (such as tools you use in your work such as agricultural fertilizers for agricultural workers - instructions on how to use them ... a sewing machine - a hair dryer for the barber) 7. Fuel 8. Facilitating access to a generator 9. Loans 10. Help finding work 11. Direct payment for an educational or a healthcare institution 12. Social function support (e.g. bride wealth, funeral, compensation support) 13. Discounted or free accommodation 14. Food 15. Non-food items household commodities, in kind (e.g. clothing, bedding, cooking utensils, etc).
Reciprocity	The household's capacity to provide support to others	During the past six months, have you or a member of your household provided any of the following resources or services to an individual not living with you in your household:	Same options as above
Diversity	The different types of connections a household can rely on for support	#2 To / From whom did you provide / receive these support services/ goods?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends and family in Lebanon 2. Friends and family living abroad 3. Religious institution 4. Political parties 5. Politically supported individuals 6. Community leaders (including Municipalities and Shaweesh) 7. Employers
Reliability	The household's confidence in its ability to continue to rely on its network	How confident are you that you will be able to get support from someone if you needed help in the next 12 months?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not at all confident 2. Somewhat confident 3. Very confident
Dynamics	Changes to the household's ability to get and provide help to its social network.	# 1 In general, in the last six months, would you say that the number of people you could turn to when you need help has:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased 2. Stayed the same 3. Decreased
		#2 Overall, in the last six months, how has your ability to help those in need changed?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased 2. Stayed the same 3. Decreased

* The presented table is an abbreviated version of a module developed as part of the [Currency of Connections research initiative](#), to assess the nature and extent of households' informal social protection networks. While the dimensions and corresponding questions were informed by qualitative insights, rich literature, and consultations with key experts conducted through the research initiative, further validation is required to assess how the dimensions, questions, and overall module perform across and between contexts.



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