

Table 1 Methods and structure of the first and second edition of the *National health statistics report in Lebanon*

	First edition	Second edition
Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a list of institutions/sources of health statistics • Establishing contacts with institutions/sources • Collecting existing data on health • Selecting the data • Presentation of data by institution • Elaborating the tables • Writing the comments • Validation of final documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating the list of institutions/sources of health statistics • Establishing contacts with institutions/sources • Collecting existing data on health • Selecting the data • Standardization of data and definitions • Presentation of data by topics • Elaborating the tables • Writing the comments • Scientific and technical validation of final documents
Number of chapters	22	5
Scope of chapters	Compilation of information	Compilation of data and integration of information
Duration of data collection	2 years	2 years
Duration of drafting/ editing	1 year	1 year
Nature of chapters	Descriptive	Descriptive and analytical
Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician • Health administration professional • Ministry of Public Health representative • Two management trainees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project manager • Biostatistician • Two data collection agents, reviewers • Secretary
Data sources	22 private and governmental sources	More than 100 private and governmental sources
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