Living Costs Survey - Middle East Region

What does our team do

Egypt team is responsible for collecting data and filling in living costs survey in the Middle East countries starting from 2020.

The living costs survey includes data about: Food – Housing – occupational-related item

In 2020 and 2021 the team managed to complete six times the living cost survey for countries in Africa and Asia.
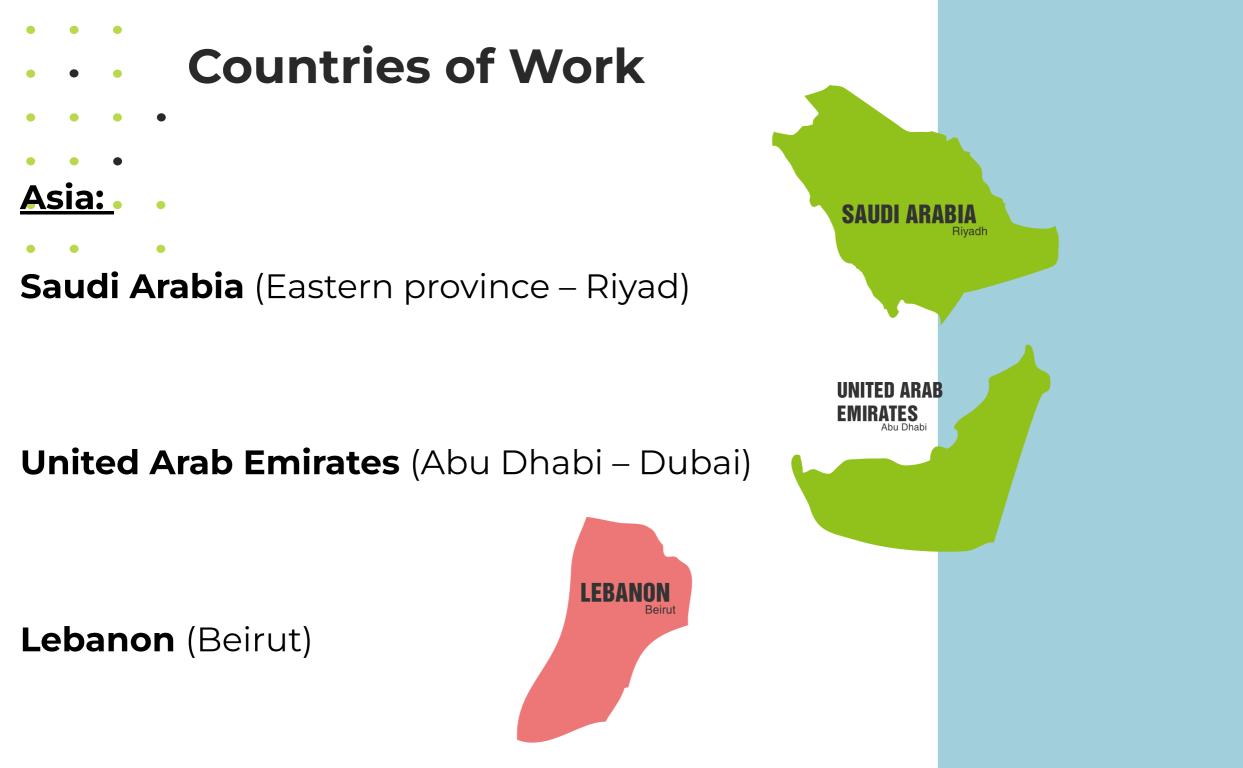
Countries of Work

AFRICA:

Egypt (Cairo – Giza-Alexandria-Beheira-Damietta-Ismailia-Port Said – Suez)

Algeria (Alger– Batna-Constantine-Djelfa-Oran-Tizi Ouzou-Djelfa-Adrar-Others)

Tunisia (Tunis – Susah)

Morocco (Grand Casablanca – Fes Boulemane-Marrakech-Oriental-Rabat-Sousse Massa-Tangier)

Sudan (Khartoum)

Mauritania (Dakhlet Nouadhibou-Nouakhott)

EGYPT
Cairo

ALGERIA
Algeria

TUNISIA
Tunisia

MOROCCO
Rabat

SUDAN
Khartoum

MAURITANIA
Nouakchott

Countries of Work

Asia:

Saudi Arabia (Eastern province – Riyad)

United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi – Dubai)

Lebanon (Beirut)

SAUDI ARABIA
Riyadh

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Abu Dhabi

LEBANON
Beirut

Problems Faced During Data Collection

Food Costs:

Some regions within countries
are too small, it is very difficult to find prices of food
due to lack of large supermarkets in the region.

Housing Costs:

Unavailability of shared flats in most of the
countries and the survey does not identify whether
the required costs are for furnished and
unfurnished apartments.

Occupation Related Costs:

Due to different brands and specifications of the
required devices, cars, bikes etc. It takes long time
to search about their prices.

How did the team encounter these problems

Food Costs Related Problems:

The team depended on the food prices of the nearest area/ region.

Housing Costs Related Problems:

The team included the costs of the unfurnished flats/ apartments as it is the most common in these countries.

Occupation Costs Related Problems:

The team depended on the average calculation of different brands in each country/ region.

Recommendations
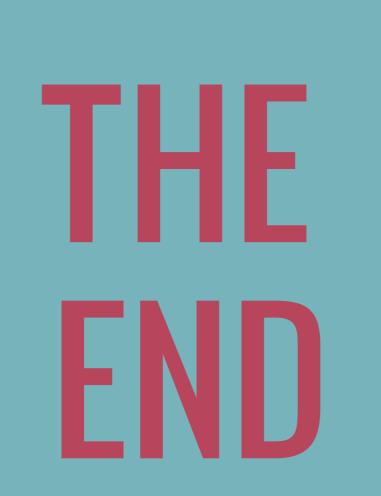
Food Costs Related Problems:
Select only big regions. .

Housing Costs Related Problems:
Exclude studios/ shared flats as they are not common in the region.

Occupation Costs Related Problems:
Either to select some brands or to identify price range.

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Thank you for listening