



We can't possibly talk about 2011 without listing the tremendous facts and events witnessed by the Arab World during that year. Clearly, a long time will pass before the impact of these events on the political, economic and social situation in the countries affected by the repercussions of these events is perceived. Throughout 2011, Lebanon maintained a fair level of stability, despite its being in the eye of the storm, and was able to reduce the gravity of impending risks at all levels.

And since promoting economic and social development is the most important action a government can take to immunize society and enable it to avoid severe crises in such circumstances, the CDR has doubled its efforts in this regard, in cooperation and coordination with all the public administrations and institutions and with the partners concerned with the development process.

In addition to the implementation of its previously planned programs, the CDR launched in 2011 several vital projects in all sectors and covering all regions, and prepared draft financing agreements that were referred to the Council of Ministers in preparation to presenting them to the Parliament. Work progress on these activities, at the programming, implementation and financing levels, is detailed in a special report.

We do believe that the best response to the challenges facing Lebanon, to which were added recently those due to the events in neighboring countries, lies in increased solidarity among the Lebanese, and in raising development levels, in addition to promoting individuals and society's faith in the state and the institutions.