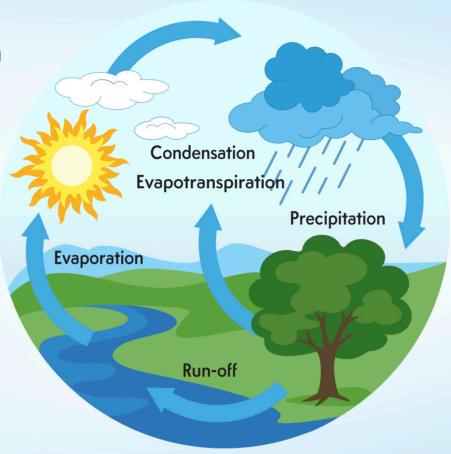
## In Lebanon, as in the world, the water cycle is crucial because it supplies people with water

## Total rainfall

**52**% Water lost through evaporation

17% Water lost to the sea and through other means



31% Water remaining in Lebanon



80% Water in the form of surface water



20% Water in the form of groundwater

## Water shortages are due to

Population growth



Increasing water demand follows population growth Climate change



Shifts in precipitation patterns and snow cover

Water pollution



Sources of pollution are domestic, agricultural, industrial, salt-water intrusion (only for groundwater)

Accessibility



Some groundwater is economically inaccessible



Lebanon has traditionally been classified as a water-rich country, but now at 800 m³/year/capita, it is below the poverty line of 1000 m<sup>3</sup>/year/capita. Therefore, we should conserve water

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