The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at the American University of Beirut (AUB)
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In 2018-19, FHS admitted the first cohort of graduate students into its Ph.D. Epidemiology and the MS Public Health Nutrition, which is a joint program with the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. FHS submitted its first annual report as a full member to the Association of Schools and Program of Public Health (ASPPH) in December 2018. The Graduate Public Health Program (GPHP) introduced significant revisions to the MPH degree, providing students with interdisciplinary Public Health education emphasizing regional and global public health issues. The GPHP also submitted its self-study report in April 2019 to the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) for reaccreditation. The CEPH reviewers’ site visit of May 6-7, 2019 was promising, and the final decision of the CEPH Council is expected in December 2019. The World Health Organization (WHO) re-designated the Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center at FHS as a WHO Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice for another term. FHS signed a tripartite agreement with WHO and the Ministry of Public Health in Lebanon to establish the Policy Support Observatory (PSO), which will complement the role of K2P in advancing evidence-based research and health governance in the country. During the year, FHS hosted the regional launch of two Lancet Commissions: the UCL-Lancet Commission on Migration and Health and the WHO-UNICEF-Lancet Commission on the Realignment of Child Health for the SDG Era. FHS continues to lead on and engage in research on Syrian refugees in Lebanon and the region addressing, among other themes, the response of three regional countries to the NCD burden among refugees (with ICAP at Columbia University), early marriage among Syrian adolescent refugees (funded by IDRC), Syrian children working in agriculture (funded and in collaboration with Ministry of Labor, ILO, UNICEF, FAO and IDRC), and the response of national health systems of selected countries to refugees’ crisis (funded by DFID/ESRC/MRC/Wellcome Trust Health System Initiative).