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Finance Minister Dr. Ghazi Wazni met with UNICEF representative, Yukie Mokuo, who stressed on the need to align the budget's figures with the social policy, asking the government to secure the required funds, in cooperation with donors, so that those most in need can receive urgent humanitarian assistance. This stance came after the United Nations and its partners in Lebanon launched an Emergency Appeal yesterday, requesting USD 350 million to address the COVID-19 immediate socio-economic impact.

Minister Wazni met also with the President of the Syndicate of Hotel Owners in Lebanon, Pierre Achkar, to discuss the crisis prevailing in the tourism sector and the importance of finding solutions to revitalize it.