



# Protection Sector Meeting

*December 18, 2024*



# Agenda

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- Update on survey on returning IDPs after ceasefire and CWC messaging
- Updates from the Bekaa and other regions
- LHF prioritized activities
- FA and LRP planning including support to protection mainstreaming
- Any AOB



# Update on survey on returning IDPs after ceasefire and CWC messaging



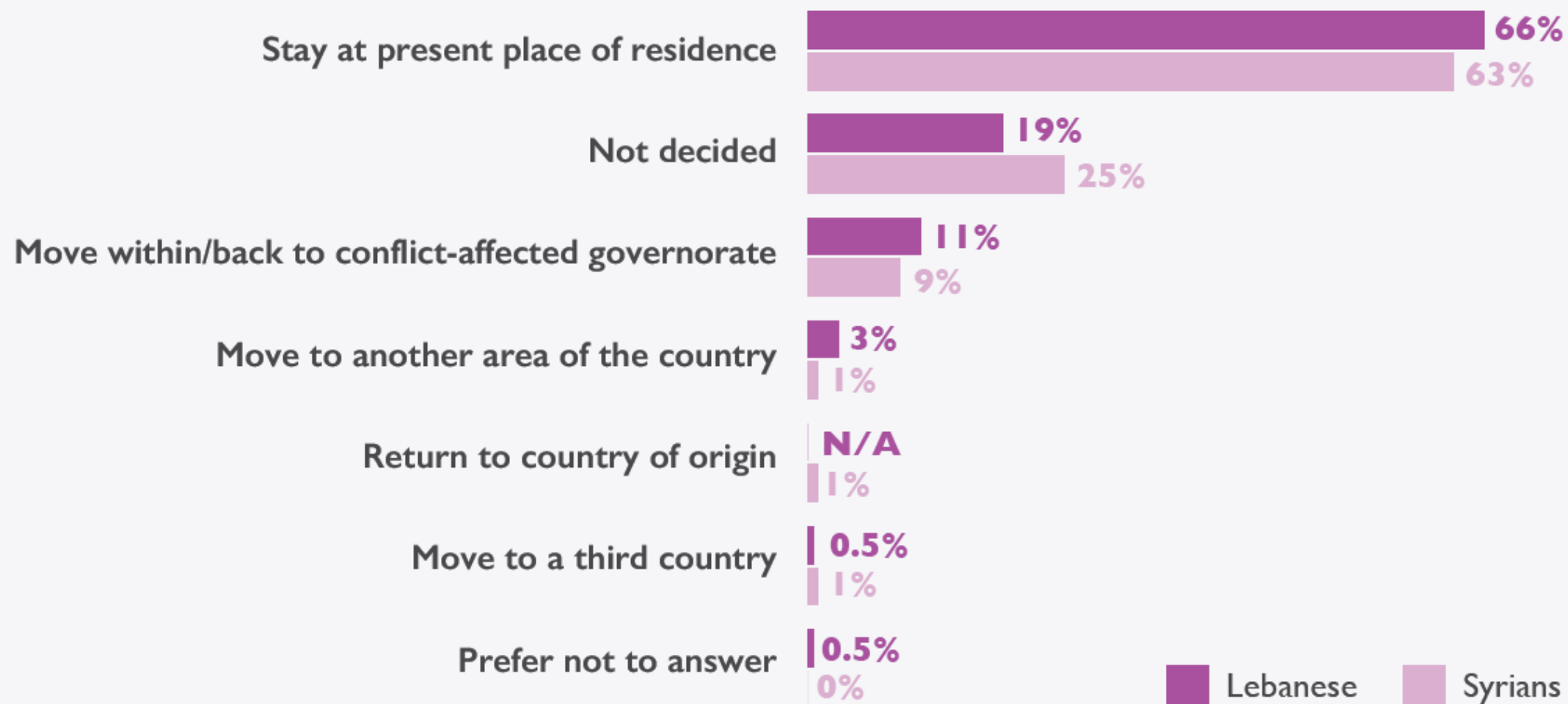
## Returning IDPs situation/Preliminary findings

December 2024

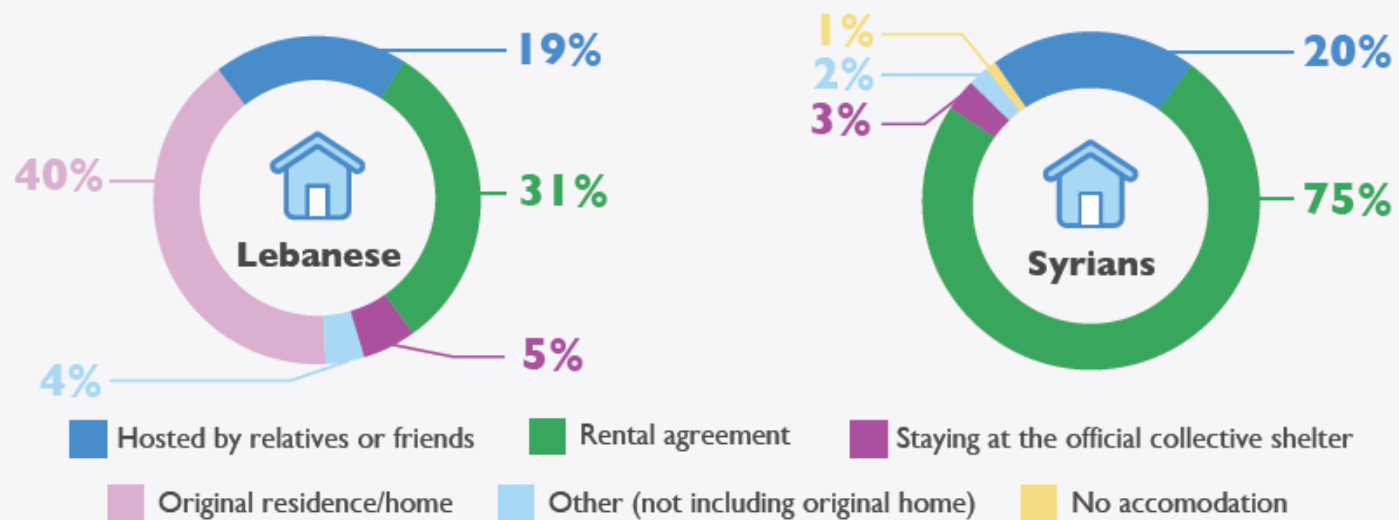
This dashboard presents the data collected through a series of Rapid Assessments, aimed at understanding the current locations, intentions, and barriers to return for internally displaced persons (IDPs) following the ceasefire in Lebanon and the large-scale movements it triggered. The assessments were carried out by the Protection teams across the four field offices during the week of 5–12 December, using a harmonized tool. The sampling frame was determined at the subnational level. It is non-representative at this stage but sufficiently large to provide an indication of the current situation, intentions and barriers to return for different populations. The respondents were selected from the lists of IDPs for whom UNHCR and partners have provided protection and shelter services. A total of 1,966 assessments were conducted. The respondents<sup>1</sup> were Lebanese IDPs and secondarily displaced refugees residing outside of collective shelters. When further data is available including from shelter partners in Collective Sites, this analysis will be updated.

**82% of Lebanese and 64% of Syrians moved after the ceasefire**

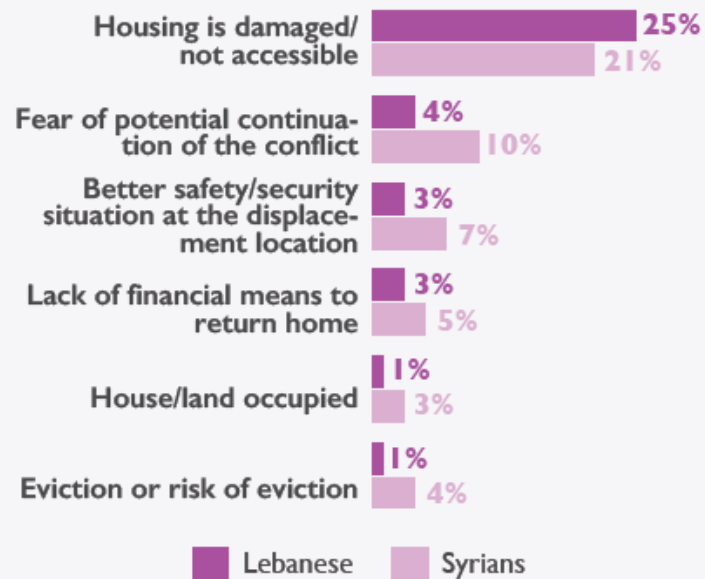
## Plans/intentions for the 6/7 weeks



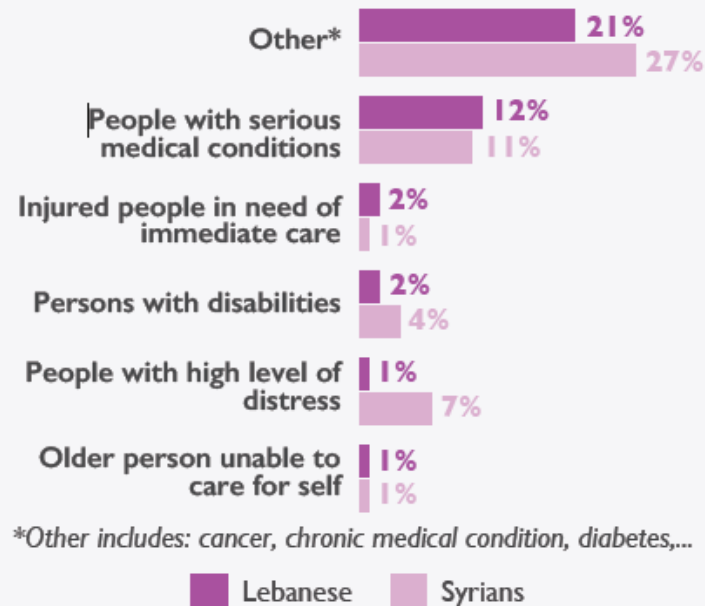
## Current place of accommodation



## Reasons not to return (top 6)



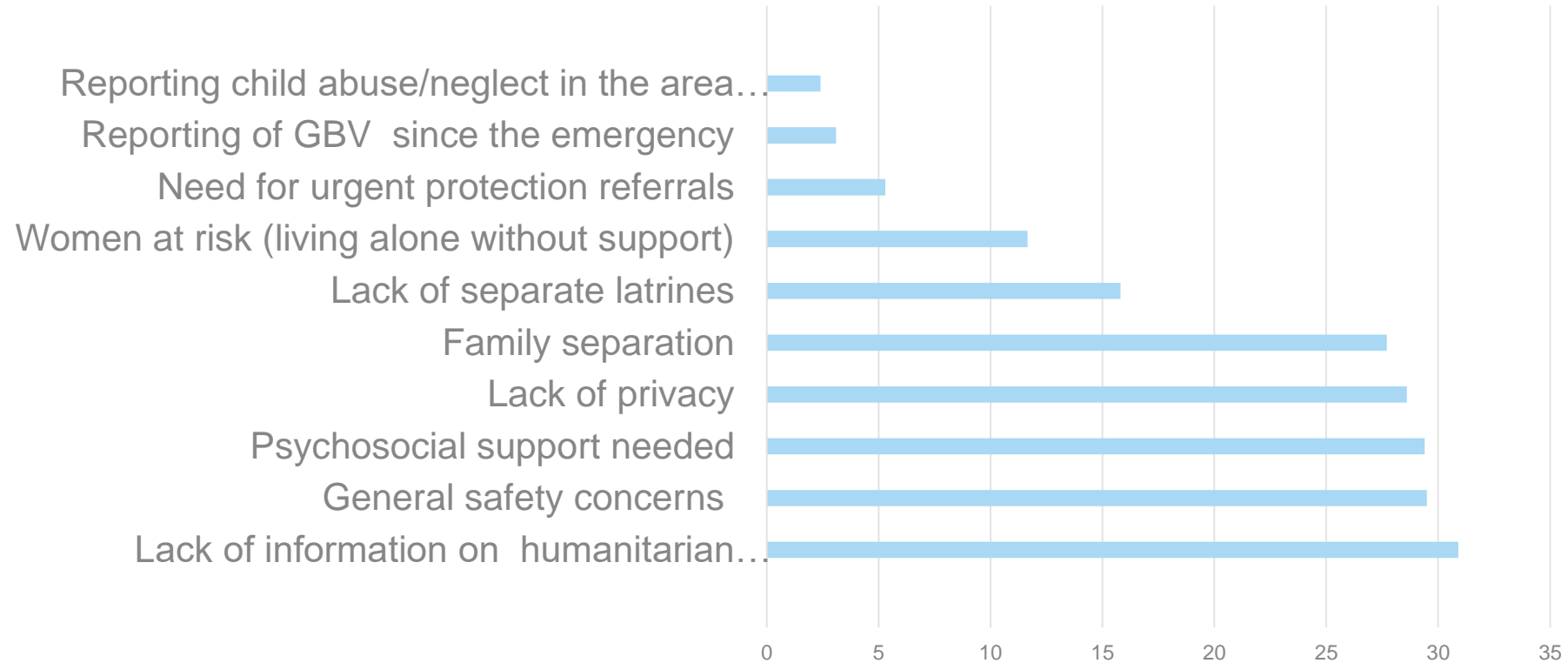
## Vulnerability prevalence (top 6)



# ERNA Protection analysis

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Average % of sites reporting protection concerns



# Site Management

Protection

Recommendations

1. Increase awareness of services and AAP mechanisms
2. Improve safety and privacy measures
3. Strengthen accessibility of the sites
4. Increase availability of MHPSS services
5. Support family reunification
6. Strengthen referrals
7. Provide for safe spaces for women and children/prevention activities



# CwC tools

**Key sector messages** ([protection](#), [GBV](#), CP, PSEA tipsheet, key awareness material) available [here](#)

## New

[Planning to return UNHCR poster](#) (EN and ARABIC)

[IDP return counselling lines](#) (UNHCR, EN and Arabic)

## Coming Soon:

- AAP PWG poster
- Winterisation PWG poster
- IDP PWG Return messages to be used by protection staff
- Updated information on Voluntary Repatriation to Syria on [UNHCR HELP page](#)
- Updated information for new arrivals from Syria



# Updates from current response in the Bekaa Subnational on the situation of Baalbek

# Overview of population groups

## *Bekaa subnational protection coordination*

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New Situation – *Source DRM As of Monday 16 December*

### **Hermel TOTAL: 90,000**

- 90,000 individuals – Baalbek
  - 38,000 ind. in 159 shelters (10% are Lebanese/estimated 3,800);
  - 32,000 ind. In host/rental
  - 20,000 Lebanese returnees
  - 74 CS assessed to date/32,040 confirmed/ 16,088 children
- 1,470 individuals – Rayak, Bekaa
- Some movement to Baalbek, South & Beirut

### **Masnaa**

- 3,000-3,500 have entered (entry criteria and humanitarian exceptional basis)

## 1B. Population Estimates – IDPs

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IDPs Remaining & Returned – *Source DTM Round 67*

**TOTAL 175,031**

- *2,971 IDPS Remaining*
  - *2,111 Bekaa (15 CS with 502 individuals)*
  - *860 Baalbek (2 CS with 0 individuals)*
- *174,734 Returnees*
  - *22,658 Bekaa*
  - *152,076 Baalbek*

## 1c. Population Estimates – LRP

### *Bekaa subnational protection coordination*

	2025 LRP Planning figures						
Governorate	TOTAL LEBANESE (2025)	TOTAL PALESTINIANS (2025)	Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon (PRL) (2025)	Palestinian Refugees from Syria (PRS) (2025)	TOTAL SYRIANS (2025)	Migrants (2025)	TOTAL POPULATION (2025)
Baalbek-EI Hermel	218,527	4,033	2,788	1,245	192,072	2,477	417,109
Bekaa	241,578	8,874	6,024	2,850	323,651	6,195	580,298
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>460,105</b>	<b>12,907</b>	<b>8,812</b>	<b>4,095</b>	<b>515,723</b>	<b>8,672</b>	<b>997,407</b>

- 3,507 ITS with 172,785 people – source IAMP 124
  - 98,088 in 1,750 ITS in Bekaa
  - 75,697 in 1,757 ITS in Baalbek

## 2. CHALLENGES

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#### 1. Housing Crisis:

- Rising rental costs and limited availability of shelters.

#### 2. Cold Weather:

- Insufficient heating materials and winter supplies.

#### 3. Communication Barriers:

- Lack of Lebanese phone lines impedes coordination.

#### 4. Restrictions on Movement:

- Syrian arrivals face **checkpoints issues** and lack documentation.

#### 5. Destroyed Homes in Syria:

- Returnees face challenges due to unsafe conditions and lack of infrastructure.

#### 6. Economic Strain:

- High construction costs for Lebanese returnees and lack of income for Syrians.

## 2. Needs Assessments

### PROTECTION NEEDS

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- Basic/emergency needs high in the CS especially:
- **Case management** to identify PwSN. PwD, individuals at heightened risk.
- Identification of GBV risks and cases.
- Privacy in collective shelter for children and women protection and assistance.
- **Psychosocial Support and Awareness:**
  - Awareness sessions on refugees' rights/duties and public security procedures.
  - Psychosocial support to address community tensions and fears.
- **Children's Needs:**
  - Access to **education** (state schools, grants, online learning).
  - Clothing, food, and diapers. Infant milk need it.
  - Safe space for women and children
  - Mobile protection desks - Case management

## 2. Needs Assessments

### Key Needs on new arrivals related to other sectors

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- Basic/emergency needs high in the CS especially:
  - Food including hot meals
    - RTEs in all CS/Hot meals in 115
  - WASH (water, showers, latrines, and hygiene items)
    - 4,000 Hygiene kits already distributed
- Health including communicable diseases and medication.
  - Mobile Units deployed/ vaccination campaigns to start
- Basic items including blankets and mattresses.
  - Blankets & Mattresses already distributed to 80 CS
- Education supplies and Infant formula
  - Distribution expected to start soon
- Fuel and heating for CS.
- Support for local authorities/host communities in SWM



## 2. Needs Assessments

### CURRENT PROTECTION RESPONSE

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- 74 collective shelter assessed by protection
- Urgent cases referred for case management
- Protection monitoring
- Dignity kits distribution
- Education kits distribution
- Shelter to provide plastic sheeting for temporary partitions to coordinate with protection for case management private space

## 2. Needs Assessments

### *Bekaa subnational protection coordination*

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#### Planned Assessments

- InterAgency/InterSector Assessments
- Regular Masnaa Visits
- Adjustment of assessment tools?

#### Key Challenges

- Understanding needs outside of CS

#### Communication

- Coordination – Bekaa Emergency Response Group
- Coordination with municipalities, important first approach

### 3. Response Priorities

#### *Bekaa subnational protection coordination*

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- Online dashboard - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pykAkDc2vT1jjfXA88YMu6KXJQfd29-PaKXOKa93LYI/edit?gid=0#gid=0>
  
- **Priorities**
  1. Ensure immediate lifesaving response for 3 months to emergency needs based on quick assessments
  2. Assistance should be in kind and not cash
  3. To use existing coordination structures, Sector guidance, 3Ws and geo-splits (In the process of updating/negotiating again the geo-splits)



# LHF prioritized activities

# Support to flexible, multi-sectoral NGO response to address immediate and life-saving humanitarian needs as a result of conflict in Lebanon

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- LHF #2 2024 reserve allocation launched 16 December – total 30 million USD
- Partners were notified and briefing was conducted on Tuesday, 17 December with all pre-selected partners
- Proposal submission deadline is 8 January 2025
- Protection sector has identified critical activities across regions with room for subnational amendments and need for geo-split discussions at sub-national level

## **Protection key activities:**

- Emergency case management;
- Psychosocial support;
- Community-based protection;
- Conduct awareness sessions on protection issues, access to services, PSEA, unexploded ordnance risks,
- Emergency cash assistance
- Legal assistance and awareness, protection monitoring - specialized services for persons living with disabilities and older people.

# Partners selected for submission of programs

## *Protection*

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### **North/ Akkar:**

- Adjji
- DRC
- PUI
- Restart

### **South:**

- Caritas
- INTERSOS
- PUI

### **Bekaa/ Baalbek El-Hermel:**

- DRC
- Nabad

### **BML:**

- Caritas
- INTERSOS
- JRS
- Restart

# Previous LHF allocations

## *Reprogramming needs*

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- LHF Reserve Allocation complements ongoing LHF projects funded under the 2024 Standard Allocation and 2024 First Reserve Allocation.
- Reprogramming in collaboration with sectors at national and sub-national level
- Complement other donor initiatives supporting the 2024/5 LRP and Flash Appeal to avoid overlap in assistance and maximize their collective impact.

**QUESTIONS?**



# Update on Sector Cash Guidance and increase in Transfer Value



# Update on Protection Cash Assistance

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- **Cash for Protection TF in review of the following sectoral documents:**
  - 1) Cash for Protection SOPs
  - 2) Emergency specific Guidance
- Increase TV in discussion with MOSA and RC Senior Cash Expert
- Update the indicators
  
- **Discussions at intersectoral level:**
  - 1) Harmonization of cash assistance across sector to avoid tensions and to harmonize the response – particularly for assistance-related sectors (BA/ FS/ Shelter, WASH) - transfer value, frequency and targeting
  - 2) Bilateral discussion on upscaling TVs and complementarity of cash assistance
  - 3) Workshop will take place in January particularly for MPCA

# Suggestion by Protection Sector

*Preliminary to be approved by MOISA and Sector members*

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## **Review of expenditures for Protection Cash and rational**

- Previous Annex 2 on cash needs for urgent protection risks
- Sector capacity and changes in budget to be considered
- Alignment to ESSN and other emergency cash programs

## **Way forward**

- Discussion on rational between identified/ calculated needs and alignment with national practices
- Present rational to RC Senior Cash Expert and submit request for TV increase to MoSA



# Flash Appeal and LRP planning including support to protection mainstreaming

# Flash Appeal ( Jan – Mar)

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## GENERAL PROTECTION

- People Targeted: 200K
- Requirements (US\$): 10M Sector Leads: UNHCR, NRC

## Priority activities:

- Providing information to communities and humanitarian actors
- Strengthening community structures through outreach, two-way communication, and AAP mechanisms, alongside supporting CBOS through training, mentoring, and minor repairs to community centers.
- Emergency Response and Individual Support, including protection case management, psychosocial support, tailored assistance for individuals with specific needs, legal aid for documentation and eviction issues, cash for protection (emergency and recurrent), migrants previously registered for evacuations are provided with return to country of origin.
- Protection coordination, mainstreaming, monitoring of risks and human rights violations, cross-sectoral information sharing, and advocacy for the centrality of protection.

# LRP Planning – 2025

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## **Strategy Planning and development:**

- Workshop Planning on December 9 with sector partners
- Ongoing discussion on The PIN with CP and GBV sectors
- No major changes in the Outcome, outputs and activities
- Consultation meeting will be held with MOSA colleagues on Thursday
- Draft Narrative, Logframe and Budget to be submitted by Friday Dec 20.

# Protection Mainstreaming

## *LRP plan*

- Mainstreaming focal points to complete risk assessment template for their sectors and share with other sectors and other cgroup members for their input.
- Mainstreaming focal points to reach out to sectors chairs to arrange meeting or discussion and/or participate in their planning to ensure protection mainstreaming.
- Focal points for each sector discussed in the meeting are below.
- Please note these are for the LRP planning process as we will revisit the focal points with the sectors next year

Sector	Protection mainstreaming focal point for LRP planning
Basic Assistance	DRC (Molly)
Shelter	NRC (Zahra)
Site Management	IOM (Barbara)
Health	Amel (Daniella), PUI
Food Security, WASH (tbc)	OHCRC (George)
Education	UNICEF or other CP partner tbc
Livelihoods	Basma and Zeitoon (Zakia)

# LRP 2025 Planning Process

## LRP Terminology

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- **“Displaced Syrians”**: Referring to Syrian nationals in Lebanon.
- **“Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)”**: Referring to the people displaced within Lebanon.
- **“Returning IDPs”**: Referring to individuals who have either returned to their original homes or to their area of origin. *This terminology is recommended as conditions for many IDPs are not conducive for sustainable return since many IDPs will continue to have habitual and safety needs.*
- **“Palestinian refugee from Syria”** and **“Palestine refugee in Lebanon.”**
- Use **“Persons with Disabilities”** in full instead of PwD.
- Use **“Gender Based Violence (GBV)”** instead of Sexual & Gender Based Violence (SGBV).
- Do not use “ITS” or “Informal Tented Settlement” but **“informal settlement”** (no tented, no acronym and not capitalized).



## AOB

*Josiane Noun will be leaving the role of NRC Co-coordinator  
Zahraa Shukier (NRC) will replace her*

*Thank you very much Josiane for your great contribution!  
Wishing you all the very best Josiane!*





**Thank you and Happy Holiday!**