What's New?

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The monthly What's New? newsletter provides a consolidated overview of the latest strategic, operational, and analytical updates related to the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP). It brings together key planning documents, funding updates, assessments, dashboards, and situation reports to ensure partners have timely access to critical information. The newsletter aims to support coordinated planning, evidence-based decision-making, and continued alignment across stakeholders and response partners under the LRP framework.

Flash Appeal – March to May 2026

The Flash Appeal was launched on Friday, 13 March 2026 to mobilize $308.3 million covering the period March to May 2026. The announcement took place at the Serail in Beirut with the presence of the Secretary General and the Prime Minister, attended by the Government of Lebanon, UN agencies, member states, the international community, and local and international partners. The Flash Appeal aims to provide lifesaving multi-sectoral assistance and protection to up to 1,000,000 people, including affected vulnerable Lebanese, displaced Syrians, Palestine Refugees in Lebanon, Palestinian Refugees from Syria, and migrants. It is fully complementary to, and supportive of, the LRP 2026, which remains the primary planning framework in the country supporting an integrated humanitarian and stabilization response, co-led with the Government. The Flash Appeal is available here and the a summary At a Glance is available here.

Flash Update on Escalation of Hostilities in Lebanon #10 – As of 19 March 2026

This Flash Update reports the extent to which the escalation of hostilities across Lebanon has driven a rapid and severe deterioration in the humanitarian situation. Israeli airstrikes, shelling, and expanded ground operations continue to intensify in scale, frequency, and geographic scope. As of 19 March, the Ministry of Public Health reports at least 1,000 people killed and 2,584 injured since the escalation began. Civilians, especially women, children, and other vulnerable populations, continue to bear the brunt of the ongoing hostilities. Attacks impacting civilian infrastructure, including health facilities, continue to raise serious concerns. Repeated and expanded displacement orders, now covering significant portions of southern Lebanon, parts of Beirut, border villages, and the Bekaa, are triggering multiple, secondary, and tertiary displacement exceeding 1.2 million Internally Displaced People (IDPs) when including those outside formal sites. The latest Flash Update is available here.

LRP Online Daily Escalations Response Dashboard

The Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) Online Daily Escalations Response Dashboard is now live and directly connected to the LRP Daily Response Activities reporting form on ActivityInfo. It updates automatically as partners report, providing both operational and strategic visibility of the ongoing response. The dashboard allows you to: monitor reporting and coverage at national, governorate, district, and site levels; identify operational gaps across sectors and locations; view activity recency trends (0–7, 8–15, 16–30, >30 days); explore sector-specific response pages, including indicators and partner contributions; export detailed response data directly from the platform. The dashboard is available here.

UNHCR-Supported Voluntary Repatriation of Displaced Syrians in Lebanon – 28 February 2026

This overview was prepared by UNHCR to provide an update on the Voluntary Repatriation (VolRep) of Displaced Syrians in Lebanon. Since January 2025, 581,107 Syrian individuals known to UNHCR have been inactivated from UNHCR's database due to confirmed and presumed returns to Syria. By the end of February, a total of 59,784 Syrian individuals known to UNHCR underwent the facilitated VolRep programmes, including completing voluntariness assessments, issuance of Repatriation Forms, and provision of a return cash grant of $100 per returning individual. In February 2026, 3,800 new expressions of interest were recorded (2% of all expressions of interest since the programme's launch). This reduction reflects seasonal and contextual factors, including winter weather conditions affecting mobility. UNHCR and IOM have facilitated 15 organized return movements of 2,990 Syrian individuals through Arida and Masnaa borders to Rural Damascus, Damascus, Homs, Hama, Idlib and Aleppo. The latest update on VolRep is available here.

Tensions Monitoring System: Tensions Pulse Reports

In continuation of its monitoring support, the Tensions Monitoring System (TMS), established in 2017 through a collaboration between UNDP, UNHCR, the Ministry of Social Affairs, and the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities in Lebanon, is releasing the Tensions Pulse in a daily and weekly format. The Tensions Pulse aims to equip decision makers and humanitarian actors with timely, evidence-driven insights to support informed planning and response adaptation. It features a Tensions Dashboard, Online Narratives section, Map of Geographical Hotspots, and a "What to Watch" segment outlining emerging issues to monitor closely. The TMS Tensions Pulse reports are available here.

Emergency Response Resources

- The Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) Self-Registration Form for Displaced Families is available here.
- The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) Information and Guidance for the Effective Management of Shelter Centers is available here and will continue to be updated on a daily basis.
- The Updated Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Emergency Response Guidance is available here in Arabic and English.
- The List of Disability Organizations Providing Emergency Assistance for Persons with Disabilities is available here in Arabic and English.
- The Guidance Note for Provision of Formula Milk is available here in Arabic and English.
- The reference materials on Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and Lebanon Mine Action Centre (LMAC) Coordination are available here.

Further Situation Reports and Updates

- The IOM DTM Cross Border Movement Update (2 – 16 March 2026) is available here.
- The UNHCR Lebanon Emergency Flash Update #2 (9 – 15 March 2026) is available here.
- The IOM Lebanon Situation Report #3 (13 – 18 March 2026) is available here.
- The WHO Lebanon Health Emergency Situation Update #12 (20 March 2026) is available here.
- The UNRWA Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #3 (11 – 18 March 2026) is available here.
- The UNICEF Lebanon Humanitarian Flash Update #3 (12 March 2026) is available here.
- The Food Security and Agriculture Sector Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #12 (19 March 2026) is available here.
- The Health Sector Emergency Situation Report #3 (23 March 2026) is available here.
- The Protection Sector Emergency Situation Report #1 (16 March 2026) is available here.
- The WaSH Sector Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #14 (23 March 2026) is available here.