



The monthly *What's New? LRP Update* 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 Update on Escalation of Hostilities in Lebanon #27 – As of 18 May 2026

This Flash Update reports that the humanitarian and security situation in Lebanon deteriorated despite the ceasefire extension, with continued strikes and new displacement orders driving further population movements and increasing humanitarian needs. As of 2 March, the Ministry of Public Health reports at least 2,988 people were killed and 9,210 were injured. Continued attacks on healthcare professionals underscore the vulnerability of essential services and the risks faced by frontline responders. Displacement and pressure on collective shelters are increasing, with over 130,000 IDPs hosted across 634 sites, while funding shortfalls threaten the continuity of critical services. The Flash Appeal stands at 51 per cent funded, putting critical services at risk of interruption. Amidst these challenges, humanitarian partners continue to reach people providing support and services in coordination with national and local authorities. The latest Flash Update is available [here](#).

UNHCR-Facilitated Return of Displaced Syrians, Lebanon – 30 April 2026

This overview was prepared by UNHCR to provide an update on the Facilitated Return of Displaced Syrians in Lebanon. Since January 2025, 629,140 Syrian individuals known to UNHCR have been inactivated from UNHCR's database due to confirmed and presumed returns to Syria. Among them, 68,891 individuals (11%) were facilitated to return by UNHCR: 60,793 under the voluntary return programme and 8,098 under the return due to force majeure programme in April 2026. In response to the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon, UNHCR launched the return due to force majeure (RFM) programme on 1 April 2026, based on a humanitarian imperative to alleviate harm and support refugees who were left with no viable alternative other than to return to Syria. The latest dashboard for UNHCR-Facilitated Return of Displaced Syrians 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](#).

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Safety Audit Report: Collective Shelters, Lebanon – May 2026

This Safety Audit Report by the GBV Working Group presents a comprehensive analysis of GBV risks within collective shelters across Lebanon during a period of large-scale displacement. It also features information on methodology and tools, findings, and recommendations. Based on observations from 180 sites assessed between March and April 2026, the report examines how shelter conditions, infrastructure, and service delivery environments contribute to increased exposure to GBV, particularly for women and girls. The findings reveal that while shelters remain operational, they are widely protection-compromised, with risks driven by structural and systemic gaps rather than isolated incidents. The GBV Safety Audit Report is available [here](#).

Analysis of the Impact of the Conflict on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Risks and Needs in Lebanon – Q1 2026

This Analysis Report by the GBV Working Group analyzes Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) data and partner observations from the first quarter of 2026 to examine the impact of the ongoing conflict and displacement in Lebanon. It highlights emerging protection concerns affecting women and girls, including vulnerabilities linked to displacement, overcrowded shelters, economic hardship, movement restrictions, and disruptions in humanitarian services. It also maps the severe reporting delays indicating critical barriers that prevent GBV survivors from safely accessing services. Based strictly on reported GBV cases rather than the overall scope and prevalence of GBV, this report aims to support evidence-based programming and advocacy by providing insight into trends, operational challenges, and evolving survivor needs to inform coordinated prevention and response efforts. The Analysis of the Impact of the Conflict on GBV Risks and Needs is available [here](#).

Gender Snapshot: Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon – 2025

This Gender Snapshot by UN Women Lebanon presents a secondary analysis of the 2025 Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees (VASyR), examining patterns of vulnerability through a gender and disability lens. It highlights how structural constraints shape differences in legal status, livelihoods, education, protection, access to services, and coping strategies among Syrian refugee households, with particular attention to women, adolescent girls, female-headed households, and households with persons with disabilities. The Snapshot is intended to support Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) 2026 implementation by providing a consolidated gender-focused interpretation of VASyR findings to inform more consistent gender-responsive programming. The VASyR Gender Snapshot is available [here](#).

Further Situation Reports and Updates

The IOM DTM Cross Border Movement Update (5 – 20 April 2026) is available [here](#).

The UNHCR Middle East Situation: Lebanon Emergency Flash Update #10 (4 – 10 May 2026) is available [here](#).

The IOM Lebanon Situation Report #9 (7 – 13 May 2026) is available [here](#).

The WHO Lebanon Health Emergency Situation Update #24 (15 May 2026) is available [here](#).

The UNRWA Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #10 (29 April – 5 May 2026) is available [here](#).

The UNICEF Lebanon Humanitarian Flash Update #8 (16 April 2026) is available [here](#).

The UNFPA Lebanon Emergency Situation Report (17 – 30 April 2026) is available [here](#).

The UNFPA Middle East Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies Snapshot (April 2026) is available [here](#).

The UN Women Lebanon Escalation Flash Update #2 (7 March – 10 April) is available [here](#).

The Food Security and Agriculture Sector Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #27 (18 May 2026) is available [here](#).

The Health Sector Emergency Situation Report #11 (18 May 2026) is available [here](#).

The Protection Sector Emergency Situation Report #8 (2 March – 8 May 2026) is available [here](#).

The Protection Sector Monitoring Emergency Snapshot #4 (16 April – 8 May 2026) is available [here](#).

The WaSH Sector Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #51 (21 May 2026) is available [here](#).

The Logistics and Telecommunications Cluster Lebanon Escalation Situation Report #5 (1 – 15 May 2026) is available [here](#).