

UN Inter-Agency Update

on Syria Situation Response in Lebanon

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This update provides a snapshot of the inter-agency response to the influx of Syrians into Lebanon. The response is undertaken in full coordination with the Government of Lebanon.

Highlights of the week

Numbers

Over 26,000 displaced Syrians are receiving assistance and support throughout the country, of whom 19,068 are registered.

Field visits and contact with Internal Security Forces (ISF) revealed the presence of newly arrived families in different villages in North Bekaa including Al Hermel, Al Qaa, and Mazraat Ain el Jaouze. UNHCR is following-up with the local authorities in order to confirm numbers and needs.

Protection and Security

This week, 11 wounded Syrians were admitted to hospitals.

Armed cross-border clashes erupted at the northeastern Lebanese-Syrian

border. The Lebanese Army has since deployed its troops in the area and is closely monitoring the situation.

Sporadic clashes in Tripoli continued to delay the resumption of registration there.

Regional Response Plan (RRP):

An inter-agency meeting was held on Wednesday June 6 to review the RRP for the second half of 2012. Over 60 local and international NGOs and UN agencies participated in the meeting in order to prioritize sector-based assistance, including the provision of food and non-food items, education, shelter, health, shelter, water and sanitation. The final budgetary requirements will be publicly shared through UNHCR's headquarters by the end of June.



North Lebanon

Registration

To date, 13,960 people have been registered in north Lebanon.

UNHCR and the HRC started the first on-site centralized registration at the Bire (Akkar) Social Development Center (SDC) of the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), where over 100 persons were registered the first day.

Centralized registration will take place every Monday and Tuesday in Bire, and every Wednesday in Amayer (northern Wadi Khaled) as of next week.

Additionally, the provision registration certificates to all displaced Syrians families that have registered with UNHCR and the HRC commenced. Some 260 registered families received UNHCR registration certificates. This exercise will continue until all registered Syrians receive registration certificates that will facilitate the delivery of services and assistance.

Distribution

UNHCR, HRC and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) started the first centralized distribution initiative through the house of the Rama village *mukhtar* Ali Badawi.

Displaced families from over 20 surrounding villages in Wadi Khaled - including Hneider, Kneisseh, Al Baaleieh, Amayer, Bani Sakher, Al Fard and Al Hishi- approached the center to receive food and non-food items. Out of the total of 4,524 people (754 families) registered in those villages, 3,996 people (666 families) received 666 food kits, 666 hygiene kits and 257 baby kits.

UNHCR's implementing partner Save the Children also provided 107 hygiene kits for families with more than seven members.

The centralized distribution exercise proved to be efficient and will continue next week in Bire, Halba and Machta Hammoud.

Due to the insecurity in Tripoli, distribution and assistance have been disrupted. However, UNHCR reached an agreement with Muslim Aid to distribute up to a 1,000 food, hygiene and baby kits to displaced Syrians in accessible areas in Tripoli.

Health

International Medical Corps (IMC) set up a case management team composed of a psychologist and a social worker to provide house-to-house primary healthcare support to displaced Syrians in Berkeyel, Halba and surrounding villages. This medical team, based at the 'Irshad Medical Centre' in Berkhayel, has so far provided healthcare assistance to beneficiaries from both the displaced and local communities.

IMC, together with the World Health Organization (WHO) have developed a plan to procure chronic medication to some of the IMC-supported primary healthcare centers in the North.

Save the Children conducted awareness sessions with Syrian and Lebanese parents on the importance of child vaccinations and medical follow-up for children.

In Tripoli, the medical health training session was postponed due to the security situation. However, IMC continued to provide psychological and social support services.

Education

Concerns over the security situation in the North continue to impact class attendance. Nonetheless, over 540 children registered in remedial classes this week, 385 of whom are Syrians and 155 of whom are Lebanese.

A psychologist conducted awareness sessions with Syrian parents in Machta Hammoud to advise them on the best ways to deal with their adolescent children's developmental needs and problems. These sessions came as a response to the parents' requests for such parental guidance sessions.

Community Services

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) opened the first community centre in Rama in Wadi Khaled. The community center will offer recreational activities and French and English classes to all displaced Syrian youth. The initiative is aimed to provide alternative solutions to idle children and adolescents by offering them a chance to gather and enjoy quality time under the guidance of trained professionals.

Quick Impact Projects (QIPs)

DRC hired a garden keeper for the public garden launched in Moqayble as part of the 2011 QIPs and consulted with children in Al Rama village on possible QIPs to benefit them. Additionally, architects visited two selected QIPs sites in Rama and Moonseh to advise on the implementation of a playground and a city hall respectively in the two villages.

Assistance in the Bekaa Valley*Registration*

Registration in Central Bekaa was extended as displaced families continued to approach UNHCR registration centers. Some 2,840 people (624 families) were

registered in Saadnayel, bringing the total number of registered people in Central Bekaa and Aarsal thus far to 4,254 (942 families).

The third round of registration in Jdeide has hence been postponed and is now scheduled to start early next week.

Distribution

Food, hygiene and baby kits along with mattresses were distributed to 9,735 people (1,947 families) in central and west Bekaa and Al Sahel. UNHCR and DRC facilitated distribution efforts through local partners by supporting and monitoring the process.

UNICEF provided 12 'school-in-a-box' kits each containing items such as notebooks, stationary, chalk, blackboards and pencils to provide 40 students and a teacher with educational materials for up to three months. UNICEF also provided 18 Early Childhood Development (ECD) and 15 Recreation kits. ECD kits supply art, reading and play materials to enable a range of activities aimed at encouraging the development and social interaction of children, such as story-telling and playing. Recreation kits supply indoor and outdoor sports items for up to 90 children.

Quick Impact Projects (QIPs)

There is an urgent need to facilitate quick impact projects in Aarsal as a way to alleviate pressure on the host community. The garbage bin project proposed by the Aarsal municipality will provide the resources to manage the additional amount of waste in the area due to the increased population of displaced Syrians. Fifteen garbage bins were delivered to help the municipality maintain a clean environment, in addition to the launching of an

information campaign aimed at raising awareness of proper waste disposal.

Education

Social workers, *animateurs* and remedial class teachers attended a child protection workshop specialized in training for emergency situations. Various child rights issues were addressed, such as separation, child abuse, psycho-social distress, violence at home and the importance of family support.

In addition, around 150 Lebanese and displaced Syrian children will attend a recreational event in Baalbeck this weekend. The day will involve group animation and games aimed at celebrating the start of summer as well as integrating and cheering up displaced Syrian children.

Shelter

Basic shelter rehabilitation in seven new houses in Aarsal, two in Saadnayel and two in Fakeha began, including installation of windows, doors, toilets, water tanks and roofing when necessary.

The following table provides an overview of relief provided from May 2011 to date in north Lebanon and the Bekaa valley through HRC, UNHCR, Caritas Migrant Center, WFP, DRC, World Vision, UNICEF, ACF, Islamic Relief, IOCC, Layan, Muslim Aid, IMC and UNFPA.

Relief item	Quantity
Core relief items	17,364
Food kit	17,472
Hygiene kits	13,143
Clothing	1,124
Heating Fuel coupons	37,122
Baby kits	771

For more information on Syrian displacement in Lebanon, please visit the Lebanon page on the webportal: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>. There you will find facts, figures, and ‘who does what’, as well as updates on food and non-food items distributed per area and by agency. Additionally, for more on how the response is being coordinated and the many contributions of various agencies, please click on “situational overview” of the Lebanon page.