

**Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report
Lebanon
Date: 12 October 2012**

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Highlights

- The Back-to-School campaign is ongoing. To date, 4,942 children have been enrolled in schools, 1,650 of these supported by UNICEF. UNICEF has also begun distributing educational supplies in Hermel, eastern Bekaa.
- Water delivery through the voucher system is continuing in the Bekaa Valley. In the past week, 4,408 vouchers were distributed, and 1,717 (40 percent) have been redeemed.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR, 10 October 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	63,916	30,041	33,875
Children Affected (Under 18)	32,597	16,618	15,979
Children Under Five	12,144	6,392	5,752

* An additional 30,297 Syrians have been in contact with UNHCR to be registered, bringing the total number of Syrians to 94,213.

A total of 63,916 refugees are currently registered with UNHCR and an additional 30,297 Syrians are awaiting registration. More than 50 per cent of registered refugees are children under 18. It is estimated that there are over 100,000 Syrian refugees throughout the country, and 6,575 Palestinians from Syria. As many refugees are living with host families in the poorest areas of the country, UNICEF's emergency response also covers host communities

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: This week UNICEF met with UNRWA's Chief of Field Education Programme to discuss specific strategies and interventions for the Back to School campaign for Palestinian refugees from Syria who are living in Palestinian camps. UNRWA has already enrolled about 1,000 children in schools, and one UNRWA school in each camp will be used to accommodate these children. UNRWA has requested UNICEF to consider providing psychosocial services, recreational activities, and transportation for these children. UNICEF participated in the Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) Implementation Workshop. The sector will trial the use of the standard two-page report that codes gender based violence, type of perpetrator, incident circumstances and types of responses. UNHCR will coordinate the GBVIMS roll-out (including the development of the information sharing protocol) and compile the data once agencies share information.

Programme response:

WASH: Water delivery through the voucher system is continuing in the Bekaa Valley. Each voucher entitles the recipient to 1,000 litres of potable water, and the monthly number of vouchers is determined by a needs assessment of the family. Voucher holders use vouchers to pay for water, and the water company redeems the vouchers for cash. So far this month 4,408 vouchers have been distributed, and 1,717 (40 percent) have been redeemed. In Aadous and Aarsal, 39 1,000-litre water tanks were distributed last week. As winter approaches, UNICEF has begun planning for winterisation and flood-proofing of WASH interventions. WASH partners met on 10 October to discuss details of these interventions.

Estimated #/% coverage (80%)	UNICEF & operational partners		
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Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water	62,000*	7,293	12%
UNICEF Current Operational Partners: ACF (Bekaa)			

Child Protection: A recent UNFPA study on reproductive health and gender based violence (GBV) among displaced Syrian women in Lebanon, found that many of the Syrian women who participated in the study are exposed to violence, including intimate partner violence. Some 74 percent of surveyed women reported that they beat their children as a “coping strategy” to deal with their difficult circumstances, as well as a means to avoid problems with their host family and wider community. Many survey respondents reported that they knew of at least one female family member who was deprived of food, water or sleep (35 per cent); shot at or stabbed (35 per cent); threatened with a weapon (31 per cent); or was subjected to other forms of violence. The likelihood of pregnant women accessing antenatal care was reduced by factors such as cost of medical advice and transport to medical services. One in five women rated their health to be poor or very poor. Mental distress and lack of play activities for children were mentioned as key concerns.

UNICEF, INGOs and NGOs discussed the setting up of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) response services for women, girls and boys. An agreement with Save the Children was signed this week to scale up psychosocial activities in Wadi Khaled. Discussions are continuing with INGOs to scale up psychosocial responses through mobile activities and through the Ministry of Social Affairs’ Social Development Centres (SDC). A meeting with the Minister of Social Affairs took place this week to discuss options for accelerating support to SDCs.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with access to psychosocial support services	18,500*	4,129	22%	33,480	N/A	N/A
UNICEF Operational Partners: Save the Children, THD, War Child, Association Cuturelle du Hermel, Mercy Corps, Amel Association						

* This is the target included in the RRP3 under the indicator “Number of children and youth having access to safe spaces and related support activities”; in addition, as part of the PSS interventions, UNICEF plans to reach an estimated 7,500 children indirectly through parenting programmes

Education: As part of the Back-to-School initiative, UNICEF has begun distribution of educational supplies in Hermel, eastern Bekaa, where hundreds of children and their families have fled. So far, 750 children have received basic materials. Four school directors and administrators have been trained on how best to utilise the materials.

The Back-to-School campaign is ongoing. To date, 4,942 children have been enrolled in schools, 1,650 of whom were supported by UNICEF. Agreements covering outreach and community mobilisation and provision of supplies for the Back-to-School campaign are being finalized.

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School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	18,300	1,650	N/A	34,700	N/A	N/A
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	6,300	2,050	32.53	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children and adolescents benefitting from non-formal and informal educational services	6,300	2,050	32.53	10,450	N/A	N/A

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UNICEF Operational Partners: Iqra' Association, Save the Children International, Amel Association.						

Health: A joint field visit with UNICEF and the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) will take place this week to assess and implement supplementary immunisation activities. Akkar and Baalbek have already been assessed and a strategy of interventions has been discussed with physicians responsible for the Extended Programme on Immunizations (EPI).

Following a request from UNRWA for essential medicines, due to the recent influx of 1,800 Palestinian families to Lebanon, UNICEF has released medicine to cover the needs of 9,000 people for one month. UNICEF has also coordinated with MoPH and PHC to release extra quantities of vaccines to complete the routine immunisation programme schedule for under-tuos, as well as for the measles, polio and vitamin A supplementation campaign for children aged 6 months to 18 years.

Human Resources:

	Number staff
Country Office staff	19
Temporary staff	11
Surge	2
Standby partners	6
Under recruitment	One international for WASH and one logistics/supply. 2 drivers (one for the North and one for Bekaa). 4 field monitors for Back to school.
Standby partners: NRC, Irish Aid, RedR	

Next Situation Report: 24 October 2012

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