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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

- 39,000 individuals received hygiene and baby kits;
- 61,000 World Food Programme (WFP) vouchers were distributed;
- Over 6,000 refugees received primary healthcare services this week including;
- over 500 patients were admitted to the IMC supported hospitals in North, Bekaa and South;
- 2,700 refugees benefited from health education sessions conducted through mobile clinics and community centres;
- 19,000 persons registered with UNHCR this month.

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013



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China, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, and Spain.

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REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

In the past week, over 19,000 persons registered with UNHCR bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 530,000 (over 455,000 people registered and 74,000 awaiting registration).

Current distribution of the registered population is as follows:

North Lebanon: 167,900

Bekaa: 156,500

Beirut and Mount Lebanon: 77,500

South Lebanon: 53,600

Registration activities in Tripoli returned to normal this week after they had been slowed down during the past week by the tense security situation in north Lebanon.

Additionally in the Bekaa, UNHCR registered its 150,000 refugee on Friday 7 June.

PROTECTION

Over 4,900 newly arrived refugees were reported in the North and the Bekaa by municipalities and local authorities this week. The numbers of new arrivals to Aarsal in northern Bekaa increased to approximately 250 people (50 families) a day this week. Agencies ensured they received basic assistance upon their arrival while work is underway to identify adequate shelter option for all families.

A higher than usual of wounded reportedly arrived in Aarsal over the past week. The Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) and ICRC responded by transporting tens of wounded individuals to hospitals in the Bekaa.

In the past week, over 500 girls and boys, including survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), attended psychosocial support activities through community centres and home-based activities provided by UNICEF and Terre des Hommes (TdH). Additionally, a fourth UNICEF-supported Women and Girls Community Centre (WGCC) officially opened its doors this week in Bar Elias in the Bekaa bringing the total number of WGCCs to four. Over 230 women and girls received support and participated in the centres' activities. In addition, 384 children attended activities provided in World Vision-supported Child Friendly Spaces nationwide.

SECURITY

This week, shelling originating from Syria hit a number of villages in the Bekaa including Baalbeck, Hermel and Arsal in addition to Wadi Khaled and Akkroum in the North with no casualties reported. Due to the prevailing security situation in these areas, humanitarian activities had to be temporarily suspended.

DISTRIBUTION

This week, UNHCR, DRC, World Vision, Handicap International, UNICEF, Shield, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center, AMURT, and Terre des Hommes distributed non-food items including mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene and baby kits as well as jerry cans for water storage and transport to over 18,000 refugee households. In addition, over 23,900 World Food Programme vouchers which can be used in a network of local shops have been distributed through DRC. World Vision has also distributed more than 38,000 food vouchers benefitting some 7,900 families.

Agencies reported that due to the security situation, several distribution activities had to be rescheduled this week. Nonetheless, the number of beneficiaries reached this week was higher than during the past week.

EDUCATION

Today was the last day of the 2012-2013 school year and public schools will resume classes in October. In the meantime, agencies will continue to provide educational support to refugee children and help them to catch up on missed schooling.

In cooperation with Balamand University, UNICEF has introduced a new monitoring system tracking 19,775 school children. The system will inform strategic planning and has shown that this year's drop-out rate is over 50 per cent lower than last years. Other partners continue to report that bullying is still taking place in schools and counselling sessions to support affected children continue to be provided. CLMC has also conducted training sessions for teachers to improve their ability to meet children's psycho-social needs.

UNHCR, UNICEF, World Vision, Amel Association and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center provided remedial classes as well as accelerated learning classes to over 10,000 children. These include classes for children who are enrolled in the public school system as well as for those who could not be enrolled yet. Partners reported that transportation costs keep many children from attending afternoon classes.

DRC has conducted sewing, hairdressing, English and handicraft classes as well as awareness sessions benefitting over 430 refugees.

HEALTH

Over 6,000 refugees received primary healthcare services this week including consultations, treatment, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests. UNHCR, UNICEF, CLMC, International Medical Corps (IMC), Handicap International, Amel Association and Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI) have supported these efforts. Additionally, over 500 patients were admitted to the IMC supported hospitals in North, Bekaa and South this week.

In coordination with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education UNICEF has also started the distribution of 65,000 units of lice shampoo and scabies treatment to school children.

More than 780 medical consultations were provided nationwide through two mobile clinics sponsored by UNHCR, Amel Association and IMC this week. Similarly, since the beginning of May, UNICEF-supported mobile medical teams have providing health care interventions to refugees distributed in over 50 tented settlements benefitting some 11,800 refugees of which 3,800 received vaccinations against measles and polio.

Also, refugees continued to benefit from health education awareness sessions provided by agencies nationwide. This week, over 2,700 refugees benefited from these sessions conducted through mobile clinics, in community centres in addition to hospitals and collective shelters across the country.

SHELTER

Over 17,900 families received shelter support this week ranging from cash for rent, cash for host families, weatherproofing, accommodation in collective shelters and assistance in informal tented settlements by UNHCR, PU-AMI, PCPM, NRC, DRC, SCI, CLM, CISP, MEDAIR, CHF, Makhzoumi Foundation, SHIELD, Shelter Box, Layan organization and Dar El Fatwa.

Also this week, UNHCR and DRC began installing 18 shelter boxes (pre-fabricated wooden boxes) in collective shelters across north Lebanon. Similarly in the Bekaa, preparations are underway for the transportation and installation of 30 shelter boxes in North, Central, and West Bekaa.

With the demand for shelter continuously on the rise, the search for alternative shelter solutions becomes more acute. UNHCR and the Refugee Housing Unit (RHU) has developed a shelter prototype that would be sustainable, durable and ultimately reduce the overall costs to provide a temporary home for displaced people. This week, the first unit was assembled at UNHCR's office in Beirut. Twelve units are expected to arrive to Lebanon and will be installed and tested by refugee families in the coming weeks.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

This week, more than 39,000 individuals benefited from hygiene and baby kits provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, DRC, CLMC, the International Committee for the Development of People (CISP), Makhzoumi Foundation, World Vision, Action Contre la Faim (ACF), Premier Urgence (PU-AMI) and SHIELD. Other WASH initiatives included the distribution of more than 26 water tanks in the Bekaa. Additionally, 49 household sanitation facilities have been rehabilitated in Mount Lebanon by PU-AMI.