

Media Information Regional Response Plan 5 (RRP5), Lebanon requirements, launched 07 June in Geneva

A. Population projections by end December 2013

Population Group	Planning Figure
Refugees	1,000,000
Persons afraid/ unwilling to register	100,000
Palestine Refugees from Syria	80,000
Lebanese returnees	49,000
Persons from affected Lebanese host communities	1,200,000

B. Current population information*

*based on UNHCR registration data on 13 June 2013

Registered refugees and awaiting registration	530,410
Women and children	78 per cent
Persons with specific needs	34 per cent
Affected communities	1,400

C. Overall budgetary requirements

Total	1.67 billion
Total Humanitarian Agencies	1.22 billion
Total GoL	450 million

D. Sectoral budgetary requirements

Sector	Total
Public Health	368 million
Food security and agriculture	288 million
Shelter	267 million
Non-food relief items	201 million
Education	189 million
Protection	168 million
Water, sanitation and hygiene	155 million
Social cohesion and livelihoods	31 million

E. Key points

ESCALATING NUMBERS: Compared to January 2012 when UNHCR was receiving a few hundred registration and assistance requests each month, last week 5,500 persons contacted UNHCR for registration every day. The number of Syrian refugees has increased by 400% since the beginning of the year to over 530,000 persons. The number of Palestine refugees from Syria has also increased dramatically: from 17,000 in January 2013 to over 57,000.

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SUPPORT TO HOST COMMUNITIES: Ever-growing numbers of refugees are putting stress on already strained public resources as well as on host families. Humanitarian partners estimate that up-to 1,200,000 Lebanese citizens have been affected by displacement from Syria in over 1,400 locations. This fifth appeal for funding scales up support for host communities, including them in humanitarian programmes and including a special focus on social cohesion.

REALISTIC REQUIREMENTS: This fifth appeal for USD 1,7 billion for the Government of Lebanon and 56 UN agencies and NGOs updates previous requirements. It covers the full year 2013 and includes the previous appeal (known as the 'RRP4'). Requirements have increased in line with refugee arrivals. Partners have projected that 1,229,000 refugees, Palestine refugees and other persons will be displaced to Lebanon by end 2013. This is almost 4 times the number of persons that were expected to reach Lebanon by mid-2013.

HARMONIZED PLANNING: For the first time, the Government of Lebanon is presenting its needs jointly with the United Nations and other humanitarian partners. Government requirements amount USD 450 million to strengthen national capacities to manage the crisis and provide essential services to refugees and communities hosting them. Partners have worked closely to ensure the most efficient use of resources in the appeal. With this appeal, donors can fund the UN and other agencies as well as providing direct bilateral support to the Government.

CONTRIBUTIONS: totaling US\$ 233 million have allowed humanitarian partners to cover the essential needs of many new arrivals under the previous version of the RRP. Since the beginning of the year, humanitarian agencies, working closely with the Government:

- Provided 665,909 food vouchers to refugees and assisted 42,078 Palestine Refugees from Syria with their food needs;
- supported 42,082 refugees in accessing primary health centres to receive essential treatment, and 34,000 Palestine refugees from Syria were assisted in UNRWA health centres;
- among other shelter interventions, assisted some 9,252 individuals in informal tented settlements to improve their living conditions as well as a further 3,674 individuals to water-proof substandard dwellings. Some 2,298 individuals were accommodated in private and public collective shelters;
- distributed essential relief items to refugees and other persons fleeing Syria, including some 132,493 blankets, 112,646 mattress, 140,084 jerry cans for safe storage of water.

FUNDING SHORTFALLS: The appeal for the first half of 2013 of US\$ 267,000,000 for 31 UN agencies and NGOs was 88% funded, yet the planning figure of 300,000 refugees was surpassed in February. Since then an additional 300,000 refugees have registered, with thousands coming forward every day. Taking into account donor contributions received by partners since the beginning of the year, the updated appeal is 15% funded. Without additional support, humanitarian agencies will need to cut-back on the support they can provide.