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# Lebanon Inter-Agency Response: Syrian Refugees

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

- More than 7,600 individuals received World Food Programme (WFP) food parcels this week;
- Over 4,500 Lebanese and Syrian students benefited from Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and remedial classes;
- More than 3,700 refugees received primary healthcare services including consultations, treatment, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests;
- Some 600 patients were admitted to hospitals;
- Over 2,900 individuals received awareness sessions on various health related topics including pre/post natal care;
- Some 13,000 refugees were registered with UNHCR this week.



## DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013



Funding is also received in private donations from the following countries: China, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, and Spain.

<sup>1</sup> EU funding is received from DEVCO and ECHO.

## REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

This week, over 13,000 persons registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 665,000 (over 554,000 people registered and 111,000 awaiting registration).

Current geographical distribution of the registered population is as follows:

**North Lebanon:** 189,000– 35%

**Bekaa:** 188,000 – 34%

**Beirut and Mount Lebanon:** 104,000 – 18%

**South Lebanon:** 71,000 – 13%

This week, 199 refugees residing in the city of Hasbaya, south Lebanon, were provided with transportation to the registration centre in Tyre by UNHCR and SHIELD with the assistance of local authorities, the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the Lebanese Red Cross.

Average waiting periods nationwide continue to increase this week from 34 to 37 days as fewer registration cases are being scheduled daily in view of Ramadan.

## PROTECTION

The government recently announced that it would impose stricter controls at the border, while ensuring that refugees in need of protection would be permitted entry. Specifically they have indicated that they will enforce pre-exiting requirements more strictly. While the border remains open to refugees, the authorities are exercising more caution in checking documents at the border and denying access to people without valid passports or ID cards or whose ID cards and passports are damaged and unable to establish identity. They have indicated that persons will not be permitted entry if their identities are in doubt and those for whom the authorities have reason to believe are not coming for humanitarian reasons.

This means that all persons crossing into Lebanon are required to have valid passports or ID cards to enter. Those arriving only with a civil registry document are not permitted to cross unless they are under 14 years of age for which an exception can be made.

UNHCR has been permitted access to the process in the past week at specific times and we are working with the Government to secure a permanent presence as part of a broader protection sensitive border management process the Government has said it is interested in designing with us. This work is well underway with the MOSA, GSO and UNHCR

This week, some 620 women and children participated in recreational activities provided by DRC in the Bekaa this week. In addition, 37 refugee women received awareness sessions on gender based violence and women's rights. Agencies also reported the activities in the community development centers have been reduced and will resume fully after Ramadan.

## SECURITY

The volatile security situation in north Lebanon and the Bekaa region, mainly in the Hermel district continued to limit humanitarian access to some locations, as well as assessment and distribution activities.

## DISTRIBUTION

More than 7,600 individuals received the World Food Programme (WFP) food parcels distributed by World Vision and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). In addition, over 1,500 individuals benefited from the distribution of summer blankets, mattresses and other household items provided by UNHCR and the Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC).

Additionally, over 4,900 newly arrived individuals were assessed by DRC and provided with the standardized food and non-food items kit.

## EDUCATION

This week, over 4,500 Lebanese and Syrian students benefited from Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and remedial classes provided by UNHCR, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Relief International, World Vision and Amel Association. Students are being provided with English, math, sciences and Arabic classes in addition to psycho-social activities. However, agencies continue to report low school attendance in community centres this week, mainly because of Ramadan.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) with inputs from agencies continues to work on a nationwide strategy that would support a larger number of refugee children programmes in the upcoming academic year.



Hala, a seven year old refugee, lives with her family at the “Imam Ouzai” collective shelter in Saida, south Lebanon. ©UNHCR/J.Eid

## HEALTH

More than 3,700 refugees nationwide received primary healthcare services including consultations, treatment, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests provided by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), UNHCR, International Medical Corps (IMC), Amel Association, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI) and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC). Additionally, over 652 patients were admitted to the supported hospitals this week.

Over 2,900 individuals received awareness sessions on various health related topics including pre/post natal care, mental health etc. provided by UNHCR, IMC, and PU-AMI and 788 individuals benefited from clinical and social consultations conducted by IMC's mental health unit, 81 of which were mental health cases.

Some 115 individuals benefited from anti-lice shampoo distributed by Humedica in the North and the Bekaa this week. Also this week, eight health facilities in the Bekaa were provided with medication for the management of the immediate consequences of sexual violence distributed by UNFPA. The distribution included emergency contraception treatment, treatment for sexually transmitted infections and post exposure prophylaxis to prevent HIV infection.

The distribution was followed by sensitization sessions on sexual violence, its consequences and its treatment for the local medical staff.

Medical assessments at a former chicken farm in Zahle this week, revealed a ten months-old infant suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and another seven months old infant. After confirming the diagnosis, the infant was urgently referred for treatment. The infant's family was also provided with cash assistance from UNHCR and DRC.

## SHELTER

This week, over 2,800 individuals benefitted from shelter assistance including cash for shelter, cash for host families, support to tented settlements and the rehabilitation of collective shelters provided by agencies nationwide.

Limited of shelter options continues to challenge refugees and agencies. Although informal tented settlements comprise a small proportion of the total refugee population (6%) their number has risen to 383 settlements hosting 46,042 individuals. This population is distributed in the Bekaa (68 per cent), the North (27 per cent), the South (4 per cent) and Mount Lebanon (one per cent). UNHCR and MOSA are working together on plans to relocate those residing in flood prone areas to existing and prospective collective shelters. Additional UNHCR and MOSA have identified 19 sites for possible formal tented settlements,

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Some 1,700 refugees benefited from the distribution of hygiene kits by UNHCR and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC) and Humedica this week. Other water, sanitation and hygiene activities this week included the installation of some 452 latrines and hand-washing stations, the distribution of over 60 water tanks and over 100 water filters and water buckets provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, Action Contre La Faim (ACF) and World Vision.

## WHAT'S NEW ON THE PORTAL

<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

### UPDATES:

- Food Security Sector Working Group - Minute 23 July 2013
- Food Security Sector Working Group - Presentation 23 July 2013
- NEW Lebanon Contact List - Syrian Refugee Response 29.07.2013

### MAPS:

- UNHCR LBN WASH MAP 2013-June A3, Lebanon Selected WASH Sector Activities Reached During June 2013
- UNHCR LBN WASH MAP 2013-June A3, Lebanon Selected WASH Sector Partners For June-2013
- UNHCR\_LBN\_SCL\_30July2013\_A3\_Vulnerable-Population-Groups-In-Relation-to-Registered-Syrian-Refugees

### STATISTICS:

- Lebanon Registration Daily Stats -25, 26, 29 – 31 July 2013