

TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5

460,649
Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)

95,305
Persons unwilling to register

198,556
Affected Lebanese

7,942
Lebanese returnees

31,769
Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)

156 million
USD required

NEEDS

According to WASH assessments it is assumed that 27% of refugees and affected populations will be in need of water support, 29% in need of sanitation assistance and 80% will require hygiene promotion support by the end of the year.

WASH needs vary geographically depending on the status of and access to existing water and wastewater services. The plan to address WASH needs is based on two assumptions: that existing water sources will suffice to meet the bulk of the increased water demand, and that approval for development of new water sources will be granted in time to bridge gaps.

The affected population is scattered all over the country making the WASH response expensive, time consuming, and logistically challenging. Refugees currently reside in over 1,500 locations out of which almost 400 are informal settlements.

The number of these informal settlements is expected to rise further in the coming months due to continuing new arrivals. Many of them lack adequate sanitation and access to water and are prone to flooding. These factors result in poor hygienic conditions leading to a high risk of water-borne disease.

OBJECTIVE

Reduce WASH related mortality and morbidity through provision of and access to water, sanitation and hygiene promotion to agreed minimum standards for targeted population.

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS

- 1 Safe hygiene behaviours and hygienic living conditions
- 2 Access to safe and adequate quantity of water
- 3 Access to sanitation facilities and health risks minimized

KEY SEPTEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

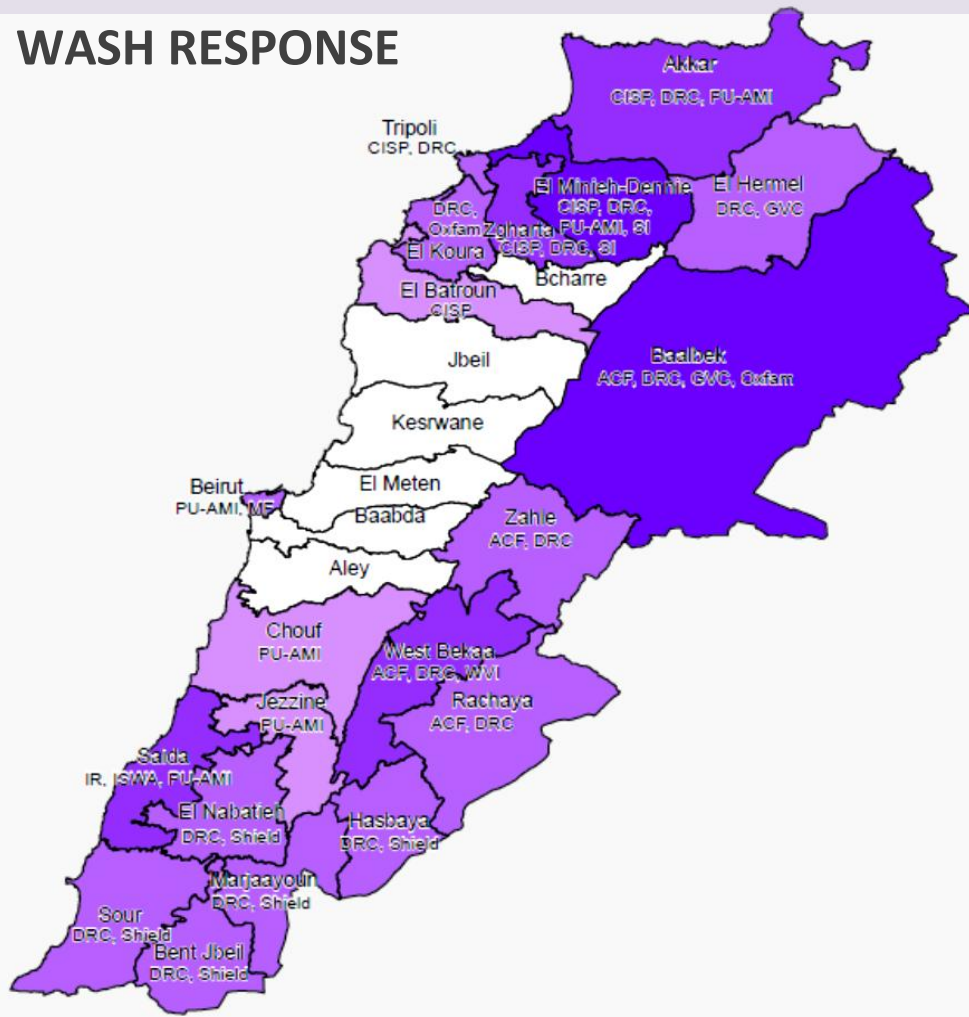
- Development of water and sanitation infrastructure project list in coordination with the Lebanese Water Authorities and corresponding mapping for stabilization/ community-based initiatives that benefit host communities and refugees
- Re-activation of an Assessments Technical Working Group for finalizing guidelines and strategy for assessments
- Re-activation of a Hygiene Promotion Technical Working Group to boost hygiene promotion activities lead by a hygiene promotion specialist

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

Reporting month figures in brackets

- 756,704 (140,475) hygiene kits and baby kits distributed
- 54,150 (10,432) beneficiaries benefited from water storage facilities
- 42,067 (11,908) beneficiaries reached through hygiene promotion
- 35,867 (4,904) beneficiaries have access to adequate latrines

WASH RESPONSE



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