

LEBANON: RRP5 Update - December 2013

SHELTER



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5

787,085
Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)

9,490
Persons unwilling to register

54,610
Affected Lebanese

31,125
Lebanese returnees

80,000
Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)

266 million
USD required (GoL included)

NEEDS

Access to adequate shelter continues to be a major concern in Lebanon. The combination of increasing numbers of refugees, their dwindling resources and lack of sufficient shelter options has resulted in increased resort to informal settlements (IS) and to other sub-standard dwellings in garages, and worksites. Over 30% of refugees live in such uncertain and hazardous conditions. The winter season necessitated a response for weather-proofing activities in these substandard shelters.

Refugees continue to report threats of eviction as they struggle to pay rent, requiring expanded provision of cash assistance to address vulnerable cases. Eviction concerns also apply to informal settlements, as refugees often pay rent to settle on private land, or because settlements are not authorized by municipalities and/or provoke local community concerns.

The acute lack of shelter options reinforces the need for more temporary shelter sites comprising a larger number of shelter units similar to that authorised by the government in response to the Aarsal emergency. Available land and the reluctance of local communities remain obstacles.

Shelter options also include the need to identify landowners with houses and shelters that

OBJECTIVE

Adequate shelter solutions are available for refugees from Syria and other displaced persons

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS (as per RRP5)

- 1 Emergency shelter
- 2 Substandard shelter improved
- 3 Shelter assistance to vulnerable households
- 4 Collective shelters
- 5 Emergency preparedness

KEY DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

- 80% of the planned winterization/weatherproofing planned has been achieved
- 29,780 households benefitted from weatherproofing activities in unfinished houses and informal settlements, out of the planned 37,000 households
- Over 60 informal settlement, mainly in the Bekaa, received site improvements and flood mitigation measures
- Temporary shelter site, comprising 70 shelter units, is fully operational in Aarsal
- Continuous efforts to identify collective shelters and houses for rehabilitation with local authorities

ACHIEVEMENTS in 2013*

- 242,800** (48,250) individuals benefitted from shelter assistance
- 148,911** individuals assisted with weather-proofing in all shelter types
- 85,355** individuals assisted in informal settlements
- 39,770** individuals supported with cash for rent
- 19,525** individuals supported with cash for host families
- 24,365** individuals benefitted from house rehabilitation
- 5,955** individuals accommodated in collective shelters
- 4,815** individuals received temporary shelters
- 550** (350) individuals in formal settlements

* Figures in this report refer to 2013 achievements only. Data may differ from previous reports as the sector undertook a revision of beneficiary counting processes across all partners achievements.

SHELTER RESPONSE



Temporary shelter site, Aarsal, UNHCR, 29/11/2013

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