

LEBANON: RRP5 Update - December 2013

PROTECTION



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5

1,000,000
Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)

100,000
Persons unwilling to register

100,000
Affected Lebanese

49,000
Lebanese returnees

80,000
Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)

169 million
USD required (Gol Included)

NEEDS

Refugees fleeing violence in Syria are in need of protection and assistance upon their arrival at the border and throughout the length of their stay in the country. While Lebanon has kept its border open to Syrian refugees, border practices remain strict, especially for persons with damaged or invalid personal documentation. Monitoring of refugees arriving through unofficial crossings reported concerns of landmines and UXOs on the Syrian side.

Refugee participatory assessment indicated increased violence between refugee and host communities, restrictions on freedom of movement, harassment of women and limited access of girls to education. Newly disabled refugees reported difficulties in adjustment and acceptance in communities.

Growing numbers of refugees are in an irregular situation, which could lead to protection violations, including detention, limited freedom of movement, exploitation and difficult access to basic services. A trend seen of refugees going to the border to avoid paying the residency renewal fee which carries the risk of being denied when entering back to Lebanon. Cases of evictions of refugees and abuses by landlords continue to be reported.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 Access to territory and legal assistance
- 2 Registration, recording and
- 3 Community services

KEY DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

- Average waiting period for registration decreased to lowest point of 29 days and backlog of pending registration to 52,000
- Evictions tracking tool converted into online and mobile phone tool, available for use by field colleagues. Preliminary findings of joint UNHCR-UN Habitat assessment on housing, land and property reviewed and discussed.
- Final submissions made for the HAP to Germany, submitting a total of 4,249 persons.
- UNHCR and UNICEF launched a new animated film on birth registration.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

860,165 (26,480) Syrian refugees registered and awaiting

27,272 individuals participated in community awareness

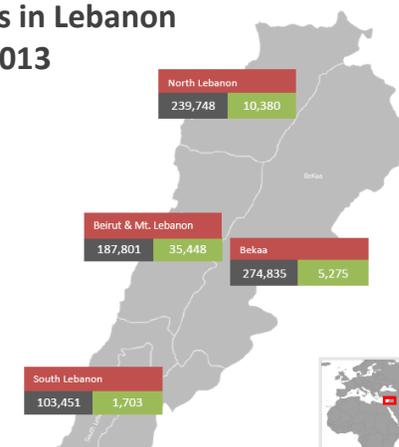
25,444 (16) individuals with specific needs have been referred

116 refugee outreach volunteers mobilized

190 (90) UNHCR, WFP, NGO and Government (MoSA) staff and refugee outreach volunteers trained on participatory assessment

* Real figures may be higher due to limited reporting

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Child Protection - Update December 2013



NEEDS

Many refugee children from Syria have experienced or witnessed atrocities and lost family members and friends. Recent arrivals have already experienced two years of conflict. Children suffer high levels of psychosocial distress. They are at risk of harmful coping mechanisms, including child labour, survival sex and separation from their families in the search for income.

Escalating tensions with host communities are also having an impact on children's wellbeing. Caregivers are struggling to provide support and risks of school drop-out are increasing. Violence in schools remains a major concern, especially among peers. Specialized child protection services are currently insufficient to meet the needs and emergency care is lacking. Efforts are being made to address these gaps within the CPIEWG.

Winter conditions mean that children are particularly vulnerable to cold and sickness as they struggle to find warm clothes and heating in shelters. Sexual violence against children both in Lebanon and in Syria remains a serious concern. These abuses tend to occur within the family sphere or are perpetrated by persons in daily contact with the children (neighbours, employers).

KEY DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

- Profiling of street children initiated in one area of Beirut to inform a pilot intervention to address their needs. This will feed into the larger street based children profiling to be conducted in 2014.
- 30 case management actors from South, Mont Lebanon and the Bekka were trained under the case management coaching project.
- Dissemination of Birth registration material and information on the process was conducted through the National and Field CPIEWGs.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (Reporting month figures in brackets if relevant)



2,946 (2,050) children at risk have been identified and referred



238,570 (9,454) children received psychosocial support



10,230 individuals received mine awareness training through community-based sessions

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SGBV - Update December 2013



NEEDS

Women and girls, who represent 79% of the registered refugee population, are disproportionately affected by SGBV. There is a continuous need for all humanitarian sectors to mitigate risks of SGBV, and for frontline workers to refer survivors to life-saving services including psychosocial and health support in a timely manner.

Prevention of violence including through the scale-up of 'safe spaces' for women and girls, building of peer networks, strengthening of community outreach, and engagement with men and boys remain a priority.

There is a need to assess how targeted assistance affects vulnerabilities for women and girls. Specialized services such as clinical management of rape and legal services must be enhanced, as well as building the capacity of specialized service providers to respond safely and efficiently to cases affecting children and LGBTI.

KEY DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

- The first referral pathway leaflet on SGBV services was printed and distribution to organizations and SDCs begun
- GBV IMS 3 month trial period ended successfully with the participation of 9 data-sharing agencies
- The 16 Days Campaign on Violence Against Women ended and more than 50 activities by a number of SGBV partners raised awareness

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (Reporting month figures in brackets if relevant)



59,350 (19,000) dignity kits distributed to Syrian women and girls. Each kit was given along with a booklet providing information on their safety and their rights



363 (35) social workers, animators of safe spaces and health professionals trained on SGBV prevention and response



28 boys and men involved in prevention work

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