

Institutional and Community Support Update

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Expansion of Qalamoun public school in the North
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Institutional Support Developments:

UNHCR supported the Ministry of Education through deployment of an Education Officer and providing much needed equipment. The recruitment of six information technology staff has started, for deployment to MEHE regional offices.

CSP May Developments:

Twelve community support projects were completed in Bekaa, the South and North Lebanon (Tripoli) in the areas of livelihoods, health, recreation and waste management.

Specifically, the projects included: provision of a waste truck in Fekha, Bekaa; support to disabled people through provision of wheel chairs to municipal buildings in Tripoli; establishing a basketball playground in Ras Meska, North Lebanon; and provision of machinery for jam production for the Union of Municipalities of Zahrani in the South.

Overview

The conflict in Syria is entering its fourth year. With more than one million Syrian refugees now living in Lebanon, critical infrastructure is strained beyond its limits, affecting Lebanese and refugees alike. Public utilities such as health, education, electricity, water and sanitation services have been particularly stretched by the dramatic increase in population and demand for services.

The UNHCR Community Support Programme (CSP) is playing a vital and active role in supporting communities host high numbers of Syrian refugees. The programme expands the capacities of public services through implementing quick impact projects. These projects ensure the continued delivery of basic services to populations affected by the Syrian crisis.

UNHCR provides support to government institutions most acutely impacted by the Syrian crisis, in order to reinforce their capacity to deliver services to an expanded population.

Goals of Institutional and Community Support

Institutional support to the Government includes provision of staff, training, materials and equipment, infrastructure rehabilitation and the expansion of services in the following sectors:

Health: Strengthen the public healthcare system and disease surveillance and response, build capacity of health practitioners, and improve coverage and quality of primary health care services including medications and vaccines.

Education: Enhance the capacity of schools to absorb refugees, build administrative capacity within the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, enhance the capacity of teachers, rehabilitate schools, and provide equipment.

Social Affairs: Enhance Ministry capacity for administering coordination of the refugee influx, and build the capacity of regional Social Development Centres to provide services to Lebanese and refugees communities.

Ministry of Interior and Municipalities: Strengthen the Ministry, municipalities and unions of municipalities by providing training, equipment, staffing and community infrastructure.

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Rehabilitation of Baysour playground in Aley, Mount Lebanon @UNHCR Qalamoun

UNHCR supports communities in health, education, water and sanitation, public infrastructure, livelihoods and social cohesion. Community support projects are small to medium-scale projects that fill critical capacity gaps in order to improve the living conditions of both refugees and host communities. CSPs are implemented in areas where public services have been particularly overwhelmed by a rapid increase in demand. CSPs involve active participation from the community to ensure that they are in line with community priorities.

The cumulative value of CSPs budgeted and implemented since 2011 amounts to a total of USD 25.6 million. In 2013, the refugee population dramatically increased and accordingly, financing for CSPs grew to meet the pressing needs of host communities.

So far, USD 41.3 million has been received for CSPs and Institutional support in 2014.

2013 Expenditures and 2014 budget

| UNHCR institutional and community support | 2013 Expenditures | 2014 Budget |
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| Health, education and social development activities supporting refugees and Lebanese (staffing, medicine, equipment, training, accelerated learning training, school equipment and materials for education, IT equipment, generators) | 7.5 | 27.3 |
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| Community based projects (wells, water, sanitation and waste management facilities, community centres) | 13.5 | 14.0 |
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| Total USD | 21 million | 41.3 million |

UNHCR implementing partners:

Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Alert, International Relief and Development (IRD), Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale (PU-AMI), Social, Humanitarian, Economical Intervention For Local Development (SHEILD), International Orthodox Christian Charities, USA (IOCC-USA), Right to Play, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN-HABITAT, Cooperative Housing Foundation International (CHF), Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Tech. et Dev (ACTED), CISP, Concern Worldwide, Terre Des Hommes Italy, CARITAS, International Medical Corps (IMC), Oxfam GB, War Child Holland (WCH), Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI), Save the Children International, Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli (CISP), WHO (World Health Organization), UNICEF and IRD (International Relief and Development).