

WASH is working with MoPH on risk reduction for WASH related disease outbreak.

he recent Global hand washing day, themed “Your health is in your hands”, was strongly supported by over 20 WASH actors across Lebanon reaching over 100,000 individuals, particularly children through a variety of activities such as songs, videos, dances and theatre. The event involved child protection, wash, education and health sectors and was coordinated through the WASH Hygiene Promotion Group.

For the Bekaa flood mapping in relation to informal settlement locations has been developed and shared as an online tool. This will form the basis of planning for and reducing the risk of flooding in the most vulnerable informal settlements. A WASH related disease “outbreak scenario” has been undertaken to help with the planning, coordination and response to outbreaks in the Bekaa.

In Akkar the Bsatine water treatment plant project was completed benefiting 2,100 Lebanese and 600 refugees.



The WASH sector has been working closely with the Ministry of Public Health recently to address concerns over waterborne disease cases, particularly Hepatitis A. A WASH/Health Task Force has been established and a pilot project to reduce the risk of waterborne disease outbreak has been initiated focusing on 7 municipalities in the North and Bekaa. Significant efforts are still required, however, by all stakeholders to strengthen the surveillance and referral system for WASH related diseases to allow for more rapid response to cases. The Health and WASH Acute Watery Diarrhea Preparedness and Response Plan also needs to be completed followed by awareness and training for the four phases.

Water quality continues to be a pressing concern due to the increased cases of disease but also with evidence of poor maintenance practices of household filters and chemical contamination in addition to bacteriological in many locations. This is compounded by a number of other issues including wet and cold winter conditions with periodic flooding of some of the most vulnerable populations. Strengthening collaboration with the various Government counterparts is needed to respond to these issues from the National level down to the municipal level and particularly at the household level. As field areas are in the process of evaluating lessons learnt to inform planning and response at the operational level for 2015 the concerns above need to be given priority.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS

		End-2014 Target
# of persons provided with necessary/standard storage containers	186,596	534,138
# of persons provided with improved water supply at an adequate level of service	1,294,062	857,000
# of person who benefited from improved sanitation facilities	186,738	370,924
# of persons living in Informal Settlement who benefited from reduced risk of flooding	-	46,540
# of persons who have experienced an HP session	709,375	904,700

Source: figures reported above reflect the information reported to Sector Coordinators by Partners participating in Working Groups

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