

### **Child Protection Working Group - Lebanon**

Monitoring Children's Situation - End of Year 2021 Dashboard

February 2022



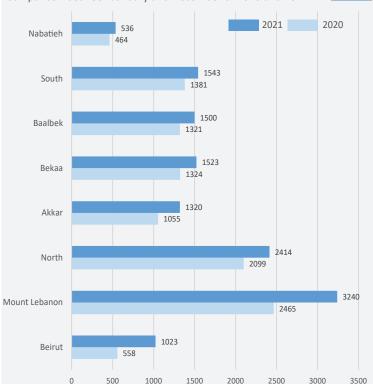
Due to the multifaceted crisis in Lebanon, mainly the worsening socio-economic situation and the increased cases of COVID19, higher rates of the child protection needs and concerns have been reported by partners during 2021. Moreover, and as the financial and psychological state of individual households across all population groups continue to deteriorate, new child protection trends have been identified by child protection field actors, such as children's involvement in fuel selling on the streets, increase in domestic/disciplinary violence against children and more children were involved in child labor and street-connected children as a result of their increased vulnerability.

In response, child protection actors have increased their capacity to identify, report and respond to cases of child protection violations through various services. In 2021, more than 13,000 children (65% boys and 35% girls) were supported with multi-layered child protection case management services, which represents a 23% increase compared to previous year. The highest increase of cases was reported in Beirut, where number of cases have almost doubled in 2021. In addition, over 36,300 boys, girls and their caregivers have received Focused PSS, exceeding the annual target of 25,000 beneficiaries by 145% (around 26,000 children and 10,000 caregivers). Finally, around 50,000 children and more than 22,000 caregivers have been engaged in community-based CP activities aiming to promote their wellbeing.

Moreover, and according to Child Protection sector partners reporting, through the monthly Real Time Monitoring (RTM) survey, Child Labor (52% of the responses) was the most prevalent child protection risk throughout 2021, followed by Violent Discipline (19%) as well as Street-Connected Children (18%). This has mainly been explained by financial hardship and economic distress as well as the increased needs for Education and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS) for children.



comparison between January and December of 2020 and 2021



Source: LCRP Activity Info CP reporting

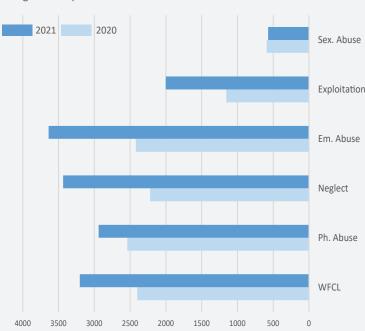
3,099

is the total number of boys and girls, who have received case management services in 2021. Compared to 2020, this representsan increase of

The highest increase in services was regitered in **Beirut** 

followed by Mount Lebanon. and Akkar

Managed cases per Risk Criteria\*



\* A Case Management file is opened based on either one of the above risks, and a child may be reported here with one or multiple risk criteria, regardless of the child's vulnerability; i.e. a child may be vulnerable but living in a caring environment

The Top 3 criteria for providing case management services to children were

#### **Emotional Abuse** Neglect, & Worst Forms of Child Labour.

In 2021, Exploitation, as a risk criteria for case management, has registered the highest increase (+42%), compared to 2020, followed by Neglect (+35%) and Emotional abuse (+33%), while WFCL has increased by 25%.

The majority of case management services were provided to boys (as in 2020).

**65%** 



Source: LCRP Activity Info CP reporting



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## **CP Hotline tracking**

HOTLINE

In 2021, there were a total of **10,206 calls**, received on the Hotlines operated by two CPWG Partners accross the country\*, including a total of **2,296 CP-related calls**, i.e. an average of **191 CP-related calls** per month.



of all calls received by Hotline operators are related to **Child Protection**.



of calls received are related to **Syrian children**.



The average number of children referred to

Case Management Services
through the Hotlines is

153 children per month.

2,296 calls on CP cases 56%

49%
Outside home

I,659 calls on cases of Abuse
Inside home

Source: Himaya and TdH-Italia Hotlines. Note: Himaya operates Hotlines across the country, whereas TdH-Italia covers only Mount Lebanon and Baalbek.

# Child Protection Referrals (as per RIMS)



is the total number of referrals to CP in 2021 (up from 1,499 in the first half of the year).

increase of referrals in 2021, compared to 2020 (1,516 referrals).

The share of referrals to **Case Management** services has decreased between 2020-2021:

**78%** to **68**%

While the share of referrals to **Psyco-Social Services** has increased between 2020-2021:

18% to 29%

While **49%** of total referrals in 2021 have been made within the **CP Sector**, referrals from the **Education Sector** have registered a significant increase, going from **10%** in 2020 to **30%** in 2021.

Protection and GBV Sectors account respectively for 10% and 6% of referrals in 2021.

Source: DRC-RIMS

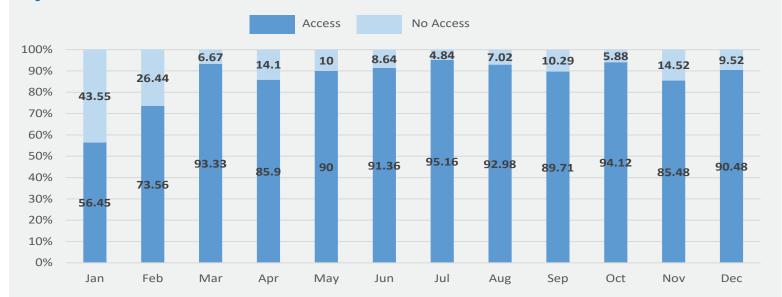


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\* Source: CP Sector Real-time monitoring (CP RTM)



In general, all Child Protection services were highly accessible throughout 2021, except for the months of January and February. And among the CP services most affected by accessibility issues, were **Community-based CP activities**, followed by **Focused psycho-social support** services, as stated by CP Partner organizations.



Most of the inaccessibility reasons are related to restrictions due to **COVID-19**.

#### NOTE:

In 2021, a total of **833 respondents from 57 Organizations** with varying participation levels accross Governorates, have contributed on a monthly basis to the CPWG's real-time monitoring (RTM) survey.

### New Requests for Services per Quarter in 2021

Source: CP Sector Real-time monitoring (CP RTM)

per Population Cohort and per type of Service (calculated as an average per Organization)

377

new requests for services were received, per NGO per month, in 2021.





are the Top 3 Services being requested by households.



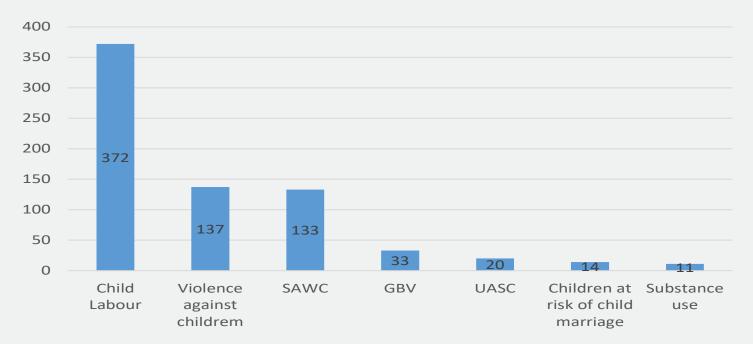


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Most respondents have reported **Child Labour** (52% of all responses), **Violent Discipline** (19%), as well as **Street and Working Children** (18%) to be the Top 3 CP concerns throughout the year. And this, accompanied and/or as a result of the financial hardship and economic distress, as well higher needs in education and MHPSS.

# Education Needs Economic Distress Eviction Health Financial Distress FoodSecurity Winterization Education Needs BasicNeeds Eviction Health Financial Distress FoodSecurity Winterization

Abbreviations used in the document:

CBPSS: Community-based psychosocial support

CL : Child LabourCM : Child Marriage

CPWG: Child Protection Working Group
F/NFI: Food and Non-Food Items
FPSS: Focused psychosocial support
GBV: Gender-based Violence
GoL: Government of Lebanon

MHPSS Mental Health psychosocial support

RC: Residential Care

RIMS : Referral Information Management System

RTM: Real-time Monitoring
SA: Social Assistance

**SAWC**: Street and Working Children

**SUBT**: Use of Substances

**UASC**: Unaccompanied and Separated Children

**YD**: Violent Discipline

WFCL: Worst Forms of Child Labour