



LRP Emergency Response Update
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What's New?

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Flash Appeal – October to December 2024

A \$426 million Flash Appeal has been launched by the United Nations and the Government of Lebanon (GoL) to mobilize urgent resources for civilians affected by the escalating conflict and resulting humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. The announcement took place at the Serail in Beirut, attended by UN agencies, member states, the international community, and local and international partners. It seeks to assist approximately one million people affected by the conflict by addressing urgent needs in areas such as food, basic assistance, shelter, healthcare, water, and municipal services. Funds will be directed to humanitarian partners collaborating as part of the Government-led emergency response. This Flash Appeal is fully complementary to, and supportive of, the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) 2024, which remains the primary planning framework in the country supporting an integrated humanitarian and stabilization response, co-led with the Government. The press-release on the Flash Appeal launch is available [here](#) and the Flash Appeal is available [here](#).

Flash Update on Escalation of Hostilities in South Lebanon #30

The most intense Israeli strikes since the 2006 war in Lebanon targeted Beirut southern suburbs on 27 September 2024, resulting in the assassination of Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah along with other prominent party officials, completely leveling dozens of buildings. At least 100 additional airstrikes hit across Lebanon, targeting the South, Baalbeck-El Hermel, Chouf, Jezzine, Nabatieh, Keserwan, Saida, Zahle, and Beirut southern suburbs. 346,209 people are now displaced according to IOM DTM, while Lebanese authorities estimate the total number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) is over 1 million. According to the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), the number of casualties stands at 8,408 injured and 1,640 deaths (as of 27 September). The latest Flash Update #30 is available [here](#) and the corresponding At a Glance document is available [here](#).

Emergency Rapid Needs Assessment

The ERNA tool has been used to assess Collective Sites (CS) in response to escalation of hostilities in the South will continue to be the multisectoral tool for rapid needs assessment in CS across Lebanon. The tool has been customized considering the escalation of hostilities in the South and the questionnaire has been revised and validated by all sectors at the beginning of the response and reinforced through the subnational Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG). The tool is multi-sectoral and includes a question on whether a specific sectoral assessment is needed. After completing the assessment, the RNA partner will notify the specific sector if a sectoral assessment is needed. If you are an RNA partner, you are kindly requested to activate the ERNA based on the geosplit to collect data in the IDP collective sites in your area of operation. The ERNA User Guide is available [here](#) for instructions on downloading and collecting data. The public ERNA Dashboard is available [here](#), please login with the following credentials: Username: LBN_view Password: LBNview321.

Collective Sites – Daily Interventions Tool & Dashboard

The Collective Sites - Daily Interventions Tracking Tool on [ActivityInfo](#) has been developed by the Inter-Sector in coordination with the Government of Lebanon (GoL) and data is directly linked to the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) database. Access has been granted to all [ActivityInfo](#) users for 2024, and additional access can be granted to new partners/users by sector IMs. It is designed to capture daily interventions by partners supporting Internal IDPs across various CSs. Partners providing support across the various CSs are kindly requested to enter the data on a daily basis before 12 PM each day. Sector coordination teams will validate the data and utilize it to develop daily sitreps and to contribute to the statements issued by the GoL every day at 4:00 PM. The Collective Sites - Daily Interventions Dashboard monitors the daily interventions on emergency response activities that are reported on the Collective Sites - Daily Interventions Tracking Tool on [ActivityInfo](#). The Daily Interventions Dashboard is available [here](#) and updated list of CSs is available [here](#).

Self-Settled Sites – Tracking Tool

The Self-Settled Sites tracking tool enables partners to report on self-settled locations where IDPs are gathering in public open spaces, privately or publicly owned buildings without proper agreements from owners or authorities. It remains imperative that these people can be relocated to other shelters and safer places. For now, partners are providing short-term, essential assistance only, alongside referrals, and sharing information about available hot lines to check availability of space in GOL sites, to people in these locations. The Self-Settled Sites tracking tool is available [here](#) and the corresponding dashboard is available [here](#).

RCCE Emergency Contacts – MoPH Health Hotline, Emergency Shelter Hotlines by Area, MOSA Focal Points for Shelters

The UNICEF Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) team has compiled updated emergency contacts for those affected by the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon. These resources can be accessed as follows: the MoPH Hotline for Emergency Response and the Hotlines for Shelter by Area is available [here](#); the two new lists for emergency shelters from the DRM are available [here](#), please refer to both while DRM monitors occupancy; the official list of shelters, statement number 11, shared by DRM, is available [here](#); the list of focal points (FPs) from the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) is available [here](#), MoSA has announced an upscaled emergency response and has appointed the listed FPs for Social Development Centers (SDCs) and CSs. These FPs are requested to report immediately to their respective centers and actively engage in coordination with local authorities and the DRM response team, reporting back to the MoSA Emergency team.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Resource Guide: Frontline Worker Support and Self-Care

The Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) resource guide was put together by WHO and the National Mental Health Program at MoPH to support frontline workers by offering self-care tools that address the psychological fatigue, burnout, and emotional stress they face due to working in emergency contexts. It includes a series of self-care videos available [here](#); a self-help podcast offering practical exercises to cope with emotional stress available [here](#); the national emotional support and suicide prevention lifeline in collaboration with Embrace (available 24/7): 1564; the 4Ws platform offering a list of MHPSS services in Lebanon available [here](#); and a confidential and free psychological support program; available via app or website [here](#). Participants receive weekly support over the phone from trained personnel for five weeks. Frontline workers are encouraged to utilize these resources to their fullest extent and distribute them widely among teams and beneficiaries. The MHPSS Resource Guide is available [here](#).

Infant and Young Child Feeding Hotline Flyer

The Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Hotline Flyer has been developed through the collaborative efforts of the MoPH and the Nutrition sector, featuring contact numbers for the IYCF hotline. This initiative addresses the current emergency and significant displacement that has disrupted optimal infant and young child feeding practices. The hotline provides free support services for caregivers of young children (0-23 months), focusing on optimal nutrition to promote, protect, and support IYCF practices during emergencies when access to nutritious diets and services is severely impacted. Caregivers, including pregnant and lactating women experiencing breastfeeding challenges, those requesting formula milk, or those struggling to access age-appropriate feeding options, can be referred to the national IYCF hotline. Nutrition sector partners can mobilize IYCF specialists to provide the necessary assistance. The Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Hotline Flyer is available [here](#).

Lebanon Gender Alert

The Gender Alert has been issued by UN Women in light of the escalating conflict in Lebanon and the ongoing humanitarian response. It focuses on the disproportionate impact on women and girls in Lebanon, particularly in vulnerable groups such as women-headed households and women with disabilities. This alert highlights key sectors where women and girls are facing challenges, including Food Security and Agriculture, Shelter, WaSH, Health (incl. mental health), Protection, and Gender-Based Violence (GBV). Based on a combination of data from national surveys, databases, consultations with women, and UN Women's field monitoring, the Gender Alert emphasizes the urgent need for the humanitarian community to uphold the rights of women and girls affected by the humanitarian crisis by prioritizing the most at-risk groups, supporting women-led organizations, and ensuring women's active participation in decision-making for response planning, implementation, and monitoring. The Lebanon Gender Alert is available [here](#).

Gender-Based Violence Key Messages and Services Leaflet

The Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Key Messages and Service leaflet has been developed by the GBV Working Group in response to the current emergency. The leaflet includes key GBV awareness messages; names and hotlines of two agreed-upon emergency response GBV partners per area, selected with support from the sub-national GBV coordinators; a QR code linking to all GBV case management agencies listed and validated in the GBV Referral Pathways and across Lebanon; the national level 24/7 hotline operated by Kafa, which serves survivors of GBV and those at risk, covering all areas; and information about the National Call Center (NCC) and the UNHCR Help Page, which offers extensive support functions. Sectors and partners are encouraged to disseminate this information on available GBV services so it can reach women, girls, and others affected by GBV through various programs, including in-kind distributions. The Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Key Messages and Service leaflet is available [here](#).

Prevention of Separation Leaflet

The Prevention of Separation Leaflet has been developed by the Child Protection sector to ensure the safety and well-being of families and children in the current emergency context. It emphasizes that humanitarian services and assistance are provided by specialized entities for free, and no one has the right to ask beneficiaries for any compensation to receive these services. The leaflet provides essential tips for guardians, including ensuring that children can identify themselves and their guardians, keeping contact information readily available, and remaining close to trusted adults during displacement. It also includes practical advice for children, guidance on how to act if you find a missing child, and agency contact hotline numbers. By equipping families with these critical tools, the leaflet aims to minimize the risks of separation and enhance the safety of vulnerable individuals. The Prevention of Separation Leaflet is available [here](#).

Conflict Sensitivity and Monitoring & Evaluation Toolbox

The new Conflict Sensitivity and Monitoring & Evaluation Toolbox has been developed by UNDP to provide partners under the Lebanon Response Plan with practical tips for conducting conflict-sensitive M&E within the unique context of Lebanon and guidance on how to monitor and evaluate the application of conflict sensitivity. The Conflict Sensitivity Guidance Note and Toolbox series is produced as part of UNDP's Conflict Sensitivity mainstreaming work in Lebanon. The toolbox has been developed through a consultative process with partners and experts working on M&E and social stability, drawing on real-life examples from Lebanon. As the crisis unfolds in a highly tense environment with existing volatile communal relations, the risk of tensions and incidents grows higher despite emerging acts of solidarity. Within this context, it is important that partners prioritize conflict-sensitive approaches, including integrating conflict-sensitivity considerations in monitoring and evaluation practices. The toolbox is available here in both [English](#) and [Arabic](#).

Further Situation Reports & Updates

The IOM DTM Mobility Snapshot Round 49 is available [here](#).

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers General Secretariat of the Supreme Defense Council Situation Report #6 is available here in [Arabic](#) and [English](#).

The UNHCR Lebanon Emergency Flash Update 27 September 2024 is available [here](#).

The WHO Lebanon Health Emergency Response Situation Report #1 is available [here](#).

The UNRWA Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #3 is available [here](#).

The UNICEF Lebanon Humanitarian Flash Update #5 is available [here](#).

The Food Security and Agriculture Sector Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #7 is available [here](#).

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