



#### Flash Update on Escalation of Hostilities #49

One week after the ceasefire agreement was announced on 27 November 2024, Lebanon continues to grapple with an increasingly complex humanitarian situation. Civilians are confronting damaged homes and infrastructure, disrupted services, ongoing insecurity, unexploded ordnance (UXO) risks and access restrictions, including warnings against return to many areas. According to the IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), as of 4 December, 786,443 people displaced within Lebanon were reported as being back in their cadasters of origin, while 201,820 people remain displaced outside their cadasters of origin. The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) reported that the conflict has claimed 4,047 lives, including 290 children and 790 women, with 16,638 injured since 8 October 2023. The latest Flash Update #49 is available [here](#) and the corresponding At a Glance document is available [here](#).

#### Lebanon: Building Destruction and Debris Quantities Assessment - South & Nabatiyeh Governorates

A remote assessment by UN-Habitat Lebanon, the University of Balamand, and CREEMO (Saint Joseph University) analyzed satellite imagery to estimate building destruction and debris quantities in seven districts across South and Nabatiyeh governorates, affected by the conflict since October 2023. Using pre-conflict and recent imagery from September 2023 and 5 November 2024, respectively, the study detected areas with total and partial building destruction, calculating the number of such buildings as well as their percentages out of pre-conflict building counts. It also estimated the number of totally and partially destroyed units in these buildings and the quantity of debris generated from them. In addition, it presented cadastral-level analysis for these figures. This assessment is part of similar assessments in different conflict-affected areas in Lebanon, with forthcoming assessments expected for other governorates. The Building Destruction and Debris Quantities Assessment, including its methodological details and caveats, is available [here](#).

#### Lebanon: Displacement Impact and Rapid Needs Assessment (DIRNA) Factsheet - Mount Lebanon Governorate

The assessment was launched by REACH, and supported by IOM and LHF, to address critical information gaps on the impact of conflict-induced displacement in Lebanon since October 2023. As of November 24, 2024, the IOM reported that over 899,725 internally displaced persons (IDPs) have been affected, with 78% having sought refuge outside government-run collective sites, placing immense pressure on host communities and essential services. Following the ceasefire announced on November 27, some displaced populations have begun to return. However, although the factsheet presents data collected prior to the ceasefire, it remains a relevant resource, offering a comprehensive snapshot of ongoing needs in displacement-affected areas and highlighting persistent service accessibility challenges. The DIRNA Factsheet for the Mount Lebanon Governorate is available [here](#). Additionally, REACH, in collaboration with Solidarité International (SI), will soon publish the findings of the Rapid Humanitarian Situation Monitoring (RHSM).

#### Thematic Report on Assessment of Damages in Lebanon – Bint Jbeil

The first thematic report in a series assessing damages across Lebanon, with estimates of rehabilitation costs, has been released by the Lebanon Crisis Analytics team (LCAT) at Mercy Corps. This report focuses on Bint Jbeil, a district covering approximately one-third of the area south and east of the Litani River, heavily impacted by ongoing shelling and ground operations. Using satellite imagery analysis and damage estimation models, the report highlights destruction across four towns, identifying civilian infrastructure losses, including schools, municipal buildings, and pharmacies. At least 43.2% of the buildings in the district—spanning approximately 400 square kilometers—have been damaged or destroyed, with reconstruction costs projected at USD 900 million. The Report on Assessment of Damages in Lebanon for Bint Jbeil is available [here](#). The LCAT will be publishing two additional reports covering assessment of damages in the South of Lebanon and then across Lebanon with rehabilitation estimates in December 2024.

#### Referral Trends Report – Q3 2023

The referral trends report provides a comprehensive overview of partner referral reporting and aims to identify referral trends and bottlenecks. These results have been produced following rigorous follow-up with partners and thorough data cleaning, ensuring they accurately reflect quarterly reporting findings. Referral trends integrate insights from RAIS, RIMS, and other referral management systems, which are captured and presented in ActivityInfo. The charts are designed for sector presentations to share progress updates, encourage informed discussions among actors, and enhance the overall response to referrals. The Referral Trends Report for Q3 2023 is available [here](#).

#### Mercy Corps: Cash in Armed Conflict – A Cash Feasibility Assessment in Lebanon

The Cash in Armed Conflict report by Mercy Corps presents findings from the rapid feasibility assessment of cash assistance conducted in October 2024 in Lebanon. Using the cash and voucher assistance pre-conditions framework, it evaluates the feasibility of cash assistance as a response modality to meet the basic needs of displaced populations living outside collective shelters. The assessment employed primary data from a household survey conducted with affected populations in the Bekaa Valley and in south Lebanon, as well as key informant interviews with financial service providers. It shows that Cash is not only feasible but remains the preferred modality of the affected population outside collective shelters as a rapid, dignified, and efficient way to receive assistance. The Cash in Armed Conflict report is available [here](#).

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### **UN Women: Multi-Sector Needs Assessment 2023 Gender Snapshot**

The Multi-Sector Needs Assessment 2023 Gender Snapshots, developed by UN Women, are based on household surveys conducted by REACH in July - October 2023. They provide insights into gender-specific challenges faced by Lebanese households, live-out migrant households, and Palestinian refugee households in Lebanon. These challenges span key areas, including basic needs, food security, livelihoods, health, and protection. The three Gender Snapshots are available [here](#).

### **Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Webpage**

The RCCE webpage, set up by UNICEF, provides essential tools and knowledge for partners, practitioners, front-line workers, and first responders in Lebanon. It covers key messages, IEC materials, and training and social listening tools to support community engagement and to better connect communities with available services. All resources on the page are publicly accessible and free to share, download, reprint, and use, as they were also cleared by Government counterparts. This initiative aims to empower individuals and organizations working to support communities through crisis response and engagement efforts. The RCCE Webpage is available [here](#).

### **Further Situation Reports & Updates**

The IOM DTM Mobility Snapshot Round 66 is available [here](#).

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers and General Secretariat of the Supreme Defense Council Weekly Situation Report #49 is available [here](#).

The UNHCR Lebanon Emergency Flash Update #18 is available [here](#).

The WHO Lebanon Health Emergency Response Situation Report #11 is available [here](#).

The UNRWA Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #15 is available [here](#).

The UNICEF Lebanon Humanitarian Situation Report #9 is available [here](#).

The WFP Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #10 is available [here](#).

The IOM Emergency Response Situation Report #4 is available [here](#).

The Food Security and Agriculture Cluster Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #17 is available [here](#).