# What's New?

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The monthly *What's New? LRP Update* newsletter provides a consolidated overview of the latest strategic, operational, and analytical updates related to the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP). It brings together key planning documents, funding updates, assessments, dashboards, and situation reports to ensure partners have timely access to critical information. The newsletter aims to support coordinated planning, evidence-based decision-making, and continued alignment across stakeholders and response partners under the LRP framework.

### Inter-Agency Response Update #1: 31 October 2026

The first edition of the Inter-Agency Response Update provides an overview of the evolving humanitarian situation, response efforts, and coordination priorities under the 2026 Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) Addendum. It highlights continued displacement, with over 304,500 people remaining outside their areas of origin, alongside persistent protection risks, damaged infrastructure and restricted humanitarian access, particularly in south Lebanon. The update also outlines ongoing efforts to support displaced households inside and outside collective shelters, facilitate safe and dignified returns, maintain essential services and strengthen winter preparedness. It further examines operational challenges and coordination efforts to address emerging needs amid funding and access constraints. This Inter-Agency Response Update is available here.

### LRP and Flash Appeal Funding Update – Q3 (Jan – Sep) 2026

$625.96 million was made available by September 2026 to partners for interventions under the LRP including funding directly received and carry-over/multi-year funding contributions made previously for 2025. This equates to 39 per cent of the LRP appeal that was set for the year ($1.62 billion). Moreover, $65.34 million was made available by September 2026 to partners for interventions under the LRP Addendum including funding directly received and carry-over/multi-year funding contributions made previously for 2025. This equates to 17 per cent of the Flash Appeal that was set for the period of September to December 2026 ($384.68 million). The funding update is developed by analyzing and consolidating the figures shared by the LRP partners through the Lebanon Aid Tracking System at the end of each quarter. The LRP Funding Update for the first half of 2026, including a summary per sector is available here.

### LRP Overview and Scope – Q3 (Jan – Sep) 2026

The LRP Overview and Scope document outlines the population targets, funding status, and strategic objectives of the response.
It provides a comprehensive overview of targeting approaches, prioritization of interventions within sector strategies, and geographical coverage.
This document is essential for guiding coordinated humanitarian actions and optimizing resource allocation to meet urgent needs.
The LRP Overview and Scope for Q3 2026 is available here.

### LRP Sector Results – 'At a Glance' Summaries – Q3 (Jan – Sep) 2026

The 'At a Glance' summarizes progress made by sector partners under the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) from January to September 2026. It includes reporting on populations reached versus targets set, funding, and key achievements. LRP sectors' 'At a Glance' for Q3 2026 are available here: Multipurpose Cash Assistance; Education; Food Security & Agriculture; Health; Nutrition; Livelihoods; Logistics & Telecomms; Protection; Shelter; Social Stability; WASH.

### Lebanon Mobility Snapshot Round 118 – 1 October 2026

This report is based on IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Mobility Tracking exercise and is complemented by data from national systems, including the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) and the Disaster Risk Management (DRM), to support data triangulation and validation. As of 29 September 2026, IOM's DTM identified 329,686 internally displaced persons (IDPs) across Lebanon, noting that 877,203 IDPs are reported to have returned. Data was collected remotely through IOM's network of key informants, including municipality officials, mukhtars, community representatives, and neighbourhood focal points. Population figures for collective sites were sourced from the DRM dashboard. The latest Mobility Snapshot Round 118 is available here.

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### UNHCR-Facilitated Return of Displaced Syrians, Lebanon – 31 September 2026

This overview was prepared by UNHCR to provide an update on the Facilitated Return of Displaced Syrians in Lebanon. Since 1 January 2025, 694,392 Syrian individuals known to UNHCR have been inactivated from UNHCR's database due to confirmed and presumed returns to Syria. Among them, 96,840 individuals (14%) were facilitated to return by UNHCR: 79,548 under the voluntary repatriation programme and 17,292 under the Return due to Force Majeure (RFM) programme. The RFM programme was implemented between 1 April and 30 June 2026 in response to the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon to provide humanitarian assistance to displaced Syrians returning to Syria without a viable alternative. The latest dashboard for UNHCR-Facilitated Return of Displaced Syrians is available here.

### Tensions Monitoring System (TMS): Tensions Pulse Reports

In continuation of its monitoring and analysis support, the Tensions Monitoring System (TMS), established in 2017 through a collaboration between UNDP, UNHCR, the Ministry of Social Affairs, and the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities in Lebanon, is currently releasing the Tensions Pulse in a weekly format, aiming to equip decision makers and humanitarian actors with timely, evidence-driven insights to support informed planning and response adaptation. It features a Tensions Dashboard, Online Narratives section, Map of Geographical Hotspots, and a "What to Watch" segment outlining emerging issues to monitor closely. The TMS Tensions Pulse reports are available here.

### Refugee Assistance Information System (RAIS) Cumulative Assistance Summary – January to September 2026

RAIS is a centralized Inter-Agency platform helping humanitarian actors identify people known to UNHCR, coordinate referrals, and track assistance and responses at the individual and household levels. By bringing together information on needs, referrals, and assistance, RAIS also supports monitoring and planning. This report provides a monthly breakdown of cash-based and in-kind assistance reported in RAIS by 21 organizations from January to September 2026. It covers 40 assistance types, with $100.6M disbursed in cash and 65,357 CRI & in-kind items distributed. Figures are shown by organization, assistance type, and month, with funding sources listed for each organization. Case figures are case-instances, not unique beneficiaries. The RAIS Cumulative Assistance Summary is available here.

### Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon (VASyR) – 2026

VASyR analyses a representative sample of displaced Syrian households in Lebanon to provide a multi-sectoral update of the situation of this population. Conducted annually, 2026 marks the fourteenth year of this assessment. This year's findings show that the situation of displaced Syrians continues to worsen as Lebanon faces a compounded socio-economic and health crisis. With the currency depreciation, price spikes, and subsidy removals, nine out of 10 displaced Syrian households could not afford essential goods and services that ensure minimum living standards, despite increasing humanitarian support. Findings & tabulations are available on the Lebanon Information Hub VASyR Webpage and are being used to inform 2027 LRP needs analysis, PiN, severity calculations, and targeting.

### Gender-Based Violence Information Management Systems (GBVIMS) Comparative Analysis – June to August 2026

The GBVIMS Comparative Narrative Analysis sheds light on the acute vulnerabilities of adolescent girls and the critical service gaps in hard-to-reach (H2R) areas of South Lebanon. With sexual assault accounting for over half of reported incidents among girls, alongside high rates of psychological abuse, the findings highlight the need for dedicated safe spaces, youth-friendly outreach, and targeted risk mitigation. Low GBV reporting in conflict-affected H2R areas, including Bint Jbeil, Marjayoun, and Hasbaya, reflects barriers to safe disclosure and lack of available specialized services rather than low prevalence. The analysis recommends flexible, mobile services integrating GBV case management, psychosocial support, and safe referral pathways to reach isolated populations. The GBVIMS Comparative Narrative Analysis is available here.

### National Nutrition and Food Environment Report in Lebanese Public Schools – October 2026

This National Nutrition and Food Environment Report was developed by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) with support from WFP and UNICEF, provides a comprehensive assessment of students' nutritional status, dietary habits, physical activity, and school food environments. Based on data collected from 528 public schools and 6,712 students between May and July 2024, the findings reveal significant nutritional challenges. The assessment also highlights limited dietary diversity, widespread availability of unhealthy foods in school kiosks, and inadequate opportunities for physical activity. It recommends expanding school meal programmes, strengthening nutrition education, improving school food environments, and promoting healthier lifestyles through coordinated interventions. The report is available here.

### The Impact of the War of Lebanon's Education Sector – 30 September 2026

This assessment of the impact of the 2026 escalation on Lebanon's education sector is published by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE). It examines the impact of the 2026 escalation on Lebanon's education sector, including disruptions to learning, displacement, damage to educational infrastructure, and the well-being of learners and education personnel. The findings highlight widespread challenges to educational access and continuity, alongside significant damage to schools. The report also documents MEHE's emergency response and outlines recovery priorities, including restoring learning, rehabilitating facilities, strengthening protection and psychosocial support, and promoting inclusive education. The report is available here.

### Further Situation Reports and Updates

The UNHCR Middle East Situation: Lebanon Operational Update (August 2026) is available here.
The Cash Working Group Emergency Situation Report #5 (August 2026) is available here.
The Health Sector Emergency Situation Report #24 (28 September 2026) is available here.
The Food Sector Dashboard Hub (January – June 2026) is available here.
The Protection Sector Emergency Situation Report #16 (2 March – 31 August 2026) is available here.
The Logistics and Telecommunications Cluster Lebanon Escalation Situation Report #10 (September 2026) is available here.