

UN Inter-Agency Update

on Syria Situation Response in Lebanon

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This update provides a snapshot of the inter-agency response to the influx of Syrians into Lebanon. The response is undertaken in full coordination with the Government of Lebanon.

Highlights of the week

Numbers

Over 27,000 displaced Syrians are receiving assistance and support throughout the country, of whom 22,740 are registered.

Protection and Security

Several border villages in the North reported hearing heavy shelling and shooting including the Boqaia and Moqaibla villages where 722 people (145 families) are registered.

Roadblocks in Tripoli and Wadi Khaled prevented a number of partner staff from reaching field locations, causing delays in scheduled activities. In Bire, registration was cancelled one day due to roadblocks.

This week, 17 wounded Syrians were admitted to hospitals.

North Lebanon

Registration and new arrivals

Approximately 650 people (130 families) crossed into Wadi Khaled due to heavy fighting in several Syrian villages, namely Tal Kalakh and Qussair. UNHCR and DRC provided Islamic Relief with non-food items to support the new arrivals.

Door-to-door registration in Tripoli continued where 50-60 households are registered per week; an additional 333 people (60 families) were registered in Akkar.

This brings total number of registered



displaced people in the North to 15,599.

Distribution

Distribution of food and non-food items began in Tripoli assisting 630 people (126 families).

UNHCR, the High Relief Commission (HRC) and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) continued centralized distribution in Bire at the Markaz el Saade center. A total of 483 people (116 families) received food, hygiene and baby kits.

In addition, the Machta Hammoud primary school facilitated distribution to residents from Machta Hammoud, Machta Hassan, Kharb Al Haiat and Al Ibra, assisting 665 people (137 families) with food, hygiene and baby kits.

Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC) distributed bed sheets, blankets and food vouchers to families in Tripoli.

UNFPA distributed sanitary napkins with the coordination of UNHCR and DRC.

Protection/Community Services

The security of displaced families living close to border areas has become of increased concern. A protection team has set up a plan to meet with those families to assess needs. Border villages have been impacted by recent fighting in Syria but UNHCR has not been able to easily access these families due to security.

Education

Save the Children (SCS) conducted five awareness sessions with parents and community members to discuss registration for the next school year and the various activities available to children this summer, including artistic workshops, summer school, drawing and

drama activities during the month of Ramadan.

SCS will also be launching educational activities with parents aimed at educating them on how to positively interact with their children and reduce violence at home.

The first series of recreational activities including games for children and education classes was held at the Rama community centre. Over 50 children from the displaced Syrian and Lebanese communities participated in these group activities.

Shelter

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) continued distributing shelter tool kits to host families enabling them to rehabilitate their homes: 60 beneficiaries have been identified of whom 25 received kits so far.

Shelter rehabilitation was completed in 14 host family homes in Akkar.

Rehabilitation work commenced in nine newly assessed houses.

Health

Free non-C-Section delivery for pregnant women will be provided by The International Medical Corps' (IMC) supported clinic, Makassed. Furthermore, the Makassed association is now providing free insulin medication for the displaced suffering from diabetes.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is providing chronic medication to the IMC supported Macha Primary Healthcare Center. Both the Macha and Makassed clinics received reproductive health kits from UNFPA.

Health participatory assessments conducted in Tripoli, Halba and Wadi Khaled by IMC revealed that many displaced Syrians are unaware of the medical services available to them. Health brochures will be disseminated to inform the displaced community of what medical services they can access and from where.

In addition, the Dar El Shifaa hospital in Tripoli conducted an awareness session on how to deal with grief. IMC also provided psychosocial support to displaced Syrians while conducting home visits.

Assistance in the Bekaa Valley

Registration

UNHCR continued registration in Jdeide, Bekaa, registering 1,755 individuals (368 families). The Jdeide area encompasses El Hermel where there is a concentration of displaced families. The Hermel municipality facilitated the transport of these families to the central UNHCR registration site.

This brings the total number of people registered in the whole of Bekaa to 6,176 (1,344 families).

Distribution

Distribution of food and hygiene kits helped 2,260 people (452 families) in central and west Bekaa, Aarsal and Al Sahel. Among those assisted, 535 people (107 families) are registered with UNHCR. Mattresses were distributed by DRC to 145 of the most vulnerable people (29 families) in Aarsal, Labwe, Al Ain, Baalbeck and west and central Bekaa.

DRC will also distribute food and hygiene kits to 500 local Lebanese (100 families) this weekend, through the Aarsal municipality.

The following table provides an overview of relief provided from June 2011 to date in north Lebanon and the Bekaa valley through HRC, UNHCR, Caritas Migrant Center, WFP, DRC, World Vision, UNICEF, ACF, Islamic Relief, IOCC, Layan, Muslim Aid, IMC and UNFPA.

Relief item	Quantity
Core relief items	17,872
Food kit	17,889
Hygiene kits	13,908
Clothing	1,124
Heating Fuel coupons	37,122
Baby kits	922

CLMC provided food kits, bed sheets, blankets, pillowcases and hygiene items to families in Zahle, Saadnayel, Bar Elias, Taalabaya and Baalbeck.

Quick Impact Projects (QIPs)

A second training on how to run a Cine Club was conducted with 17 Lebanese and displaced Syrian volunteers in Aarsal.

Health

CLMC mobile clinics assisted displaced throughout the Bekaa through medical consultations, nursing care services and provision of medications. To date, 112 services have been provided and 56 children assisted. The majority of diseases identified are bronchitis, gastrointestinal problems, hyperthermia, burns and allergic reaction symptoms. Medication prescribed by the pediatrician is immediately delivered via the mobile clinic.

Shelter

DRC is creating a rehabilitation plan for two shelters in Rashaya and Majdel Anjer with the potential of hosting 110 people (22 families). In addition, shelter mapping conducted by DRC assessed

where the displaced are living in the Bekaa and identified possible structures suitable for collective shelter.

For more information on Syrian displacement in Lebanon, please visit the Lebanon page on the webportal: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>. There you will find facts, figures, and 'who does what', as well as updates on food and non-food items distributed per area and by agency.