

**Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report  
Lebanon  
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**Highlights**

- Enrolment in schools is progressing well. To date, 4,136 refugee children are enrolled in schools, 1,479 of which are supported by UNICEF.
- As winter is approaches, UNICEF is preparing to winterize WASH interventions.
- According to UNICEF's partners in the field, it is becoming more and more common for Syrian refugee girls over the age of 15 to get married in Lebanon as a "protective measure".

**Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:**

<b>Estimated Affected Population</b> <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR, 4 October 2012)</i>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	60,089	28,242	31,847
<b>Children Affected (Under 18)</b>	30,645	15,623	15,022
<b>Children Under Five</b>	11,417	6,009	5,408

A total of 60,089 Syrians are currently registered with UNHCR, with an additional 23,540 awaiting registration. More than 50 per cent of the registered refugees are children under 18. It is estimated that there are over **100,000** refugees throughout the country, including **6,575** recently arrived Palestinians from Syria. As many refugees are living with host families in the poorest areas of the country, UNICEF's emergency response also covers host communities.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** UNICEF met with UNRWA to discuss a request for additional vaccines for UNRWA clinics to cover Palestinian children from Syria. A follow-up meeting will be held next week to discuss specific strategies for the 'back to school' campaign in the Palestinian camps. This week UNICEF began distributing recreational kits, early childhood development kits and hygiene kits (adult and baby) to Palestinian refugees from Syria in camps.

**Programme response:**

**WASH:** Water delivery through the voucher system is continuing and as of the end September, 82.5 percent of vouchers distributed in Aarsal had been used. In north Bekaa, 39 1,000-litre water tanks have been distributed. The first water sector meeting was held in Chekka, northern Lebanon, last week; meetings will continue fortnightly. As winter approaches, UNICEF has begun planning for winterisation and flood proofing of WASH interventions.

<b>Estimated #/% coverage (80%)</b>	<b>UNICEF &amp; operational partners</b>		
	<b>UNICEF Target</b>	<b>Cumulative results ( #)</b>	<b>%age of Target Achieved</b>
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	54,000	5,588	10.3%
UNICEF Current Operational Partners: ACF (Bekaa)			

**Child Protection:** According to UNICEF partners, it is becoming increasingly common for Syrian refugee girls over the age of 15 to marry in Lebanon as a "protective measure". There have been many reports of Syrian boys (mostly over 13, though as young as seven) working in agriculture, barber shops and stone quarries, and some reports of girls working in agriculture. There have also been reports that some Syrian refugee boys, aged 13-14 years, were allegedly detained and tortured in Syria. Some families are saying that they are no longer able to support children separated from their usual caregivers and families. All these protection concerns are likely to increase as access to resources, both for refugees and host families, become more strained. Lack of awareness among Syrian refugee women

about birth registration requirements in Lebanon has been identified by UNICEF as another major protection concern.

UNICEF and UNHCR co-led the first Child Protection Thematic Working Group in Chekka. UNICEF, Save the Children and UNHCR are working together to improve referral pathways and deliver case management training for key front line workers. UNICEF met with three new agencies to discuss expansion of PSS services. There are on-going discussions with International Medical Corps (IMC) to provide parenting programmes and Psychological First Aid (PFA) training. An agreement with Save the Children has been approved, which will double the number of Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) provided in Wadi Khaled, northern Lebanon. A MOU was agreed upon with Lebanon Mine Action Centre (LMAC), with the endorsement of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), which will allow UNICEF to engage in Mine Risk Education activities at the national level. UNICEF also participated in a field mission with UNHCR to assess birth registration practices among Syrian refugees. UNICEF is working with other humanitarian agencies to codify the Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) for Lebanon in preparation for a planned GBVIMS Training of Trainers. Potential partners have been identified for providing specialised GBV psychosocial and security (shelter) services for GBV survivors and persons at-risk.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results ( #)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results ( #)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning	18,500*	3,780**	20%	33,480**	N/A	N/A
UNICEF Operational Partners: Save the Children, THD, War Child, Association Culturelle du Hermel, Mercy Corps, Amel Association						

(\*) This is the target included in the RRP3 under the indicator "Number of children and youth having access to safe spaces and related support activities"; in addition, as part of the PSS interventions, UNICEF plans to reach an estimated 7,500 children indirectly through parenting programmes.

(\*\*) This represents 90% of the child population in the age group 5-17 years - main target for the current CFS programme

**Education:** Enrolment in schools is progressing well, with 4,136 refugee children enrolled in schools to date, 1,479 of which are supported by UNICEF. Following the reluctance of some school directors to enroll refugees in school, the Ministry of Education will continue work to sensitize school directors. UNICEF is finalising a distribution plan aiming at providing schools with educational supplies, as a lack of available school books in the market is limiting enrolment.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results ( #)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results ( #)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	18,300	1,479	N/A	34700	N/A	N/A
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	6,300	2,050	32.53	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children and adolescents benefitting from non-formal and informal educational services	6,300	2,050	32.53	10,450	N/A	N/A
UNICEF Operational Partners: Iqra' Association, Save the Children International, Amel Association.						

**Health:** UNICEF is coordinating field visits with the Ministry of Health (MoH) to monitor progress and gaps in the ongoing initiative to strengthen routine vaccination at primary health care level. Based on this assessment, UNICEF will develop a joint work plan with the MoH.

**Nutrition:** The collection of data for the nutritional survey has been completed. The sample comprised 500 families, including 353 children under five and 480 children over five. The results show that there is currently no emergency regarding nutrition in the affected areas. In the coming months, UNICEF will establish a monitoring system and a new assessment will be conducted over the winter.

UNICEF and WFP are planning to set up a nutrition surveillance system and a nutrition screening system at primary health care centre level.

UNICEF is in the process of finalizing a joint statement for Young and Infant Child Feeding (YICF) practices in collaboration with other UN agencies, MOH and the NGO IOCC to halt the distribution of breast milk substitutes.

**Communications for Development (C4D):** Agreements are currently under discussion with NGOs for the implementation of C4D campaigns on the basis of Facts for Life.

**Human Resources:**

	<b>Number staff</b>
Country Office staff	19 (3 internationals and 16 nationals)
Temporary staff	11 (3 internationals and 8 nationals)
Surge	2
Standby partners	6
Under recruitment	One international WASH and one international logistics/supply. Two drivers, one for the north and one for Bekka
Standby partners: NRC, Irish Aid, RedR	

Next Situation Report: **11 October 2012**

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