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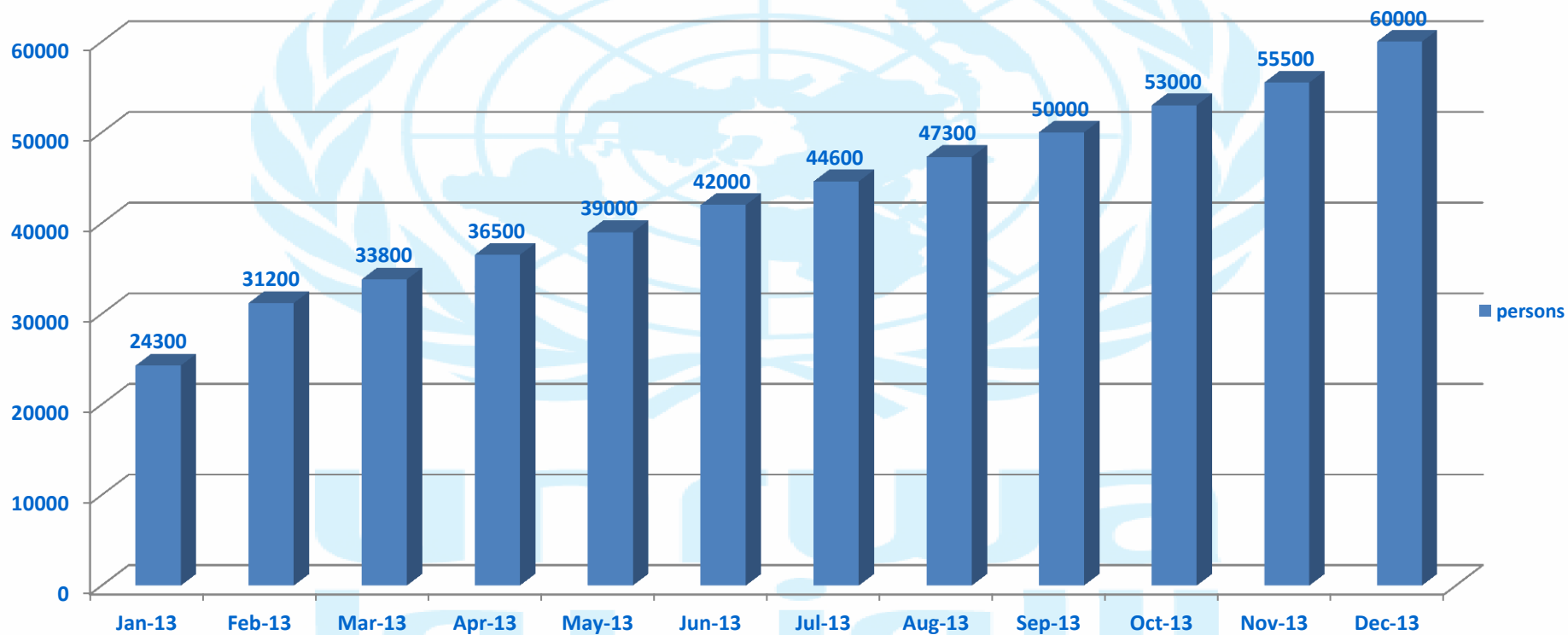
وكالة الأمم المتحدة لإغاثة وتشغيل  
اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في الشرق الأدنى

The number of Palestine Refugees from Syria is estimated at 37,000 persons and is expected to reach 60,000 by end of December 2013

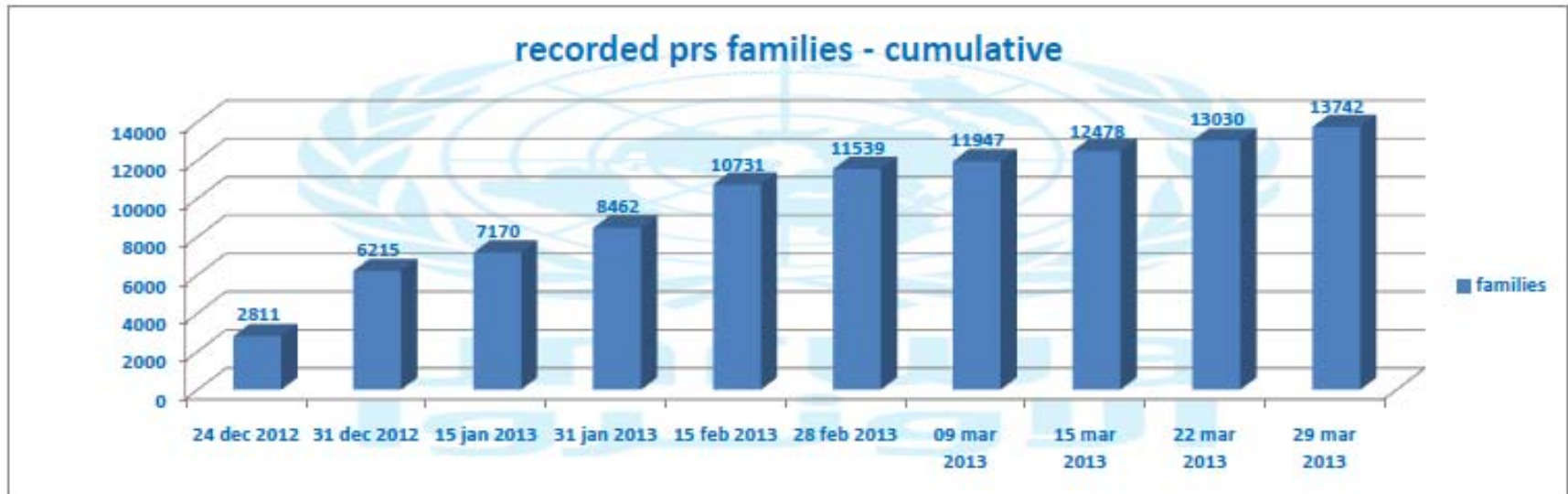
# Origin of displacement & perspectives

- The majority of the PRS were living inside camps in Syria (79%), out of which 77% are coming from Yarmouk camp
- 35% of PRS reported that they fled due to the destruction of their homes
- The majority of the families expressed their willingness to go back to Syria after a ceasefire.

# Projected influx 2013



# RECORDED PRS – CUMULATIVE



**Important remark:** these figures represent 80% of the overall number of PRS recorded in the database. Figures are verified and adjusted at regular intervals upon distributions.

# RECORDED PRS – CAMPS & GATHERINGS

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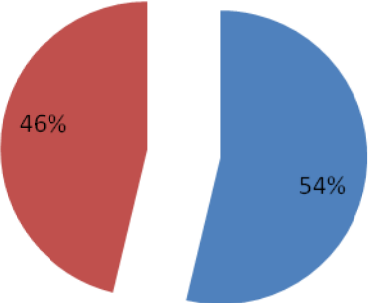
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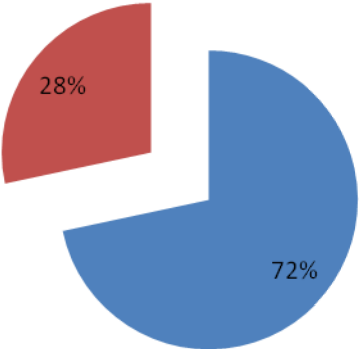
# Distribution of PRS in Camps per Area

## Saida

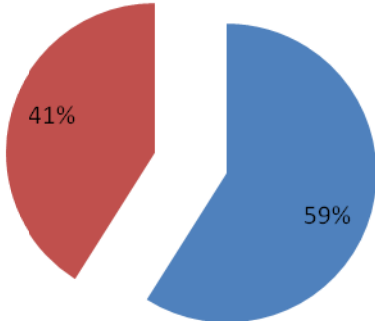
■ Inside camp ■ Outside camp



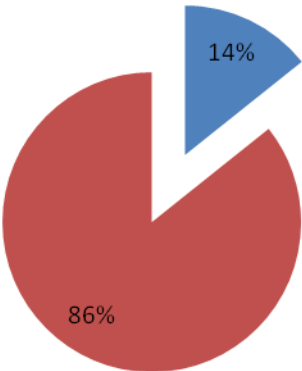
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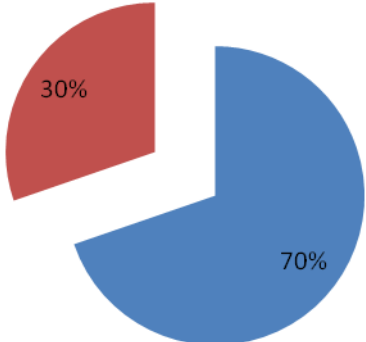
## Tyre



## Beqaa



## North



# PRS Intervention Strategy

## Objectives:

- Address all PRS **new comers** with immediate NFI assistance, recording for further assistance and informing on entitlements in Lebanon.
- Deliver housing & food assistance, education and health services to all **PRS in-country**
- Insure that all PRS **already in country** receive NFI assistance



## Newcomers

- UNRWA aims at **recording** all PRS new-comers within 2 weeks of arrival
- UNRWA aims at **informing** all new-comers about their rights, entitlements and points of contact across the country.
- UNRWA is in coordination with partners will assist new comers in **NFI through a network of Extended Distribution Points** (EDP) at the area level

# Strategy and Task Division 2/3

## In Country

In country PRS population needs will be addressed through cash and voucher assistance (**food and housing**) and access to UNRWA existing services (**health, education and environmental health**).

UNWRA will be the main responder and will encourage partners to complement its activities in Health, education and Environmental health.

Note that the level of assistance will be pending on availability of funds

## Backlog

UNRWA will facilitate the work of the partners by sharing population data (access to the database), information management and coordination at national and area level.

UNRWA encourages partners to continue focusing on PRS that have not yet received assistance by:

- Providing NFI assistance based on vulnerability (as some have already partial / ad hoc assistance)
- Referring individual and families to UNRWA for recording and further access to “regular” assistance

# Protection, Legal Status and Advice 1/2

PRS arriving in Lebanon are encouraged to approach UNRWA installations to provide the Agency with their details.

PRS who are not recorded with UNRWA in Lebanon will not be able to benefit from UNRWA services and distributions.

AREA	AVERAGE RECORDING TIME FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES FROM SYRIA IN LEBANON IN DAYS		
	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13
BEIRUT	26	42	25
BEQAA	15	21	9
SAIDA	19	23	14
TRIPOLI	18	27	14
TYRE	13	16	12

# Protection, Legal Status and Advice 2/2

PRS continue to be issued with seven day transit visas on arrival in Lebanon (25,000LL which, valid for 15 days).

UNRWA has been informed that PRS can subsequently obtain a visa for a period of three months free of charge.

PRS with expired visas can return to Syria without being subject to fines at the border.

The United Nations (including UNRWA) continues to advocate with the Lebanese Government for equal treatment of all refugees at the border.

UNRWA currently has a protection officer based in Beqa'a monitoring the border and ensuring access.

# PRS ongoing intervention – Food & Shelter

**UNRWA is currently distributing assistance to an estimated 12,000 families / 40,000 persons**

## **Food assistance**

LBP 30,000

## **Housing assistance**

Small family (1 to 3)      LBP 160,000

Large family (4+)          LBP 220,000

## **Planning figures**

Saida 3,600 families / 12,000 persons

Bega'a 2,400 families / 8,000 persons

CLA 2,400 families / 8,000 persons

North 1,800 families / 6,000 persons

Tyre 1,800 families / 6000 persons

Available funds will enable UNRWA to implement one more distribution.

# PRS ongoing intervention – Health

With support from donors and partners UNRWA continues to deliver medical consultations through its 28 health centers.

**Primary health** UNRWA 100% (through UNRWA facilities)

**Secondary health** 100% of the cost for life saving & emergencies (in referral to external facilities)

**Tertiary health** UNRWA generally covers 50% while partners are covering nearly 40%

In addition to the rest of the Palestinian population in Lebanon, 5,921 PRS families have received services as of the end of March 2013

# PRS ongoing intervention – Shelter

**UNRWA shelter's response is twofold:**

**Housing assistance** (to all recorded families)

Small family (1 to 3)      LBP 160,000

Large family (4+)          LBP 220,000

Three distribution have taken place since December 2013

**Rehabilitation of collective centers**

7 centers rehabilitated: 5 in Saida housing 48+ families and 2 in Tyre housing 22 families

18 requests under review: 1 in CLA, 11 in Saida and 6 in Tyre.



# PRS ongoing intervention – education

The number of PRS attending UNRWA schools has **increased to 3,267** PRS students. (2,608 students are attending special classes and 659 regular classes).

This increase have led the UNRWA to employ 182 additional teachers.

UNRWA has responded to the **education, recreation and psychosocial needs** of PRS children of schooling age with **special classes** focusing on Arabic, English and arithmetic as well as recreational activities

The mid-year exams that took place mid-March all across Lebanon have been a success. Most of the PRS students have passed these exams and received high scores.

**Lack of shelters and increasing PRS population could put the schools at risk.**

# PRS ongoing intervention – EHH

**UNRWA** continues to provide clean water and sanitation services in the camps.

## Gaps

### Gatherings:

UNRWA's mandate only covers the camps and encourages partners to cover the needs in the gatherings.

### Camps:

The increased PRS and Syrian population in the camps has increased the strain to the Environmental health services.

### Camps & Gatherings

It is foreseen that the up coming summer will add an additional strain on the available sanitation services and might reduce the availability of clean water.

# Coordination

Coordination at the national level is ongoing.

A gap in the response capacity has been identified for the Central Lebanon Area as there are very few partners working in this area while 19% of the PRS population in Lebanon live there.

UNRWA is participating in the Regional Response Plan 5 (RPR5) lead by UNHCR.

Due to limited human resources and the multiplicity of humanitarian and non-humanitarian actors coordination at the area level, is still a challenge.



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