



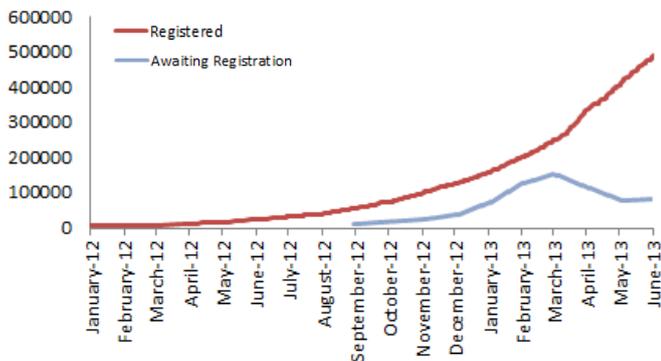
## DRC LEBANON BACKGROUND

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is a humanitarian, non-governmental, non-profit organization working in Lebanon since 2004. In May 2011, DRC responded to a call from UNHCR, when the Syrian crisis started and the first Syrian refugees came into Lebanon. DRC believes that no refugee must be in want of help to find protection and durable solutions. Hence the emergency response aims to provide immediate relief and protection to displaced refugees and their vulnerable hosts in an impartial, inclusive and neutral manner, adhering to the Code of Conduct of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Syrian crisis continues to provoke an ever increasing displacement across the border into Lebanon. According to the UNHCR, more than 569,000 Syrian refugees are now receiving protection and assistance from the Lebanese government, the UN and NGO's. With no end to the crisis in sight, the number of Syrian refugees entering Lebanon is expected to rise to one million by the end of the year, posing a significant challenge to hosting communities around Lebanon. DRC and its partners continue to provide essential services to meet the needs of refugees and locals.

DRC's emergency strategy focuses on three main geographical areas as shown in the map and four core sectors of intervention : **Distribution of Food and Non-food Items (NFI), Shelter, Protection and Livelihoods.**

## NUMBER OF SYRIAN REFUGEES BY DATE



## WHAT WE DO

### Distribution of Food and NFIs

As UNHCR's largest partner in distribution, **DRC provides assistance to up to 200,000 individuals** per month through regular distributions to registered refugees. In 2013, DRC has distributed food vouchers, food parcels, personal hygiene kits, baby kits, blankets, fuel coupons, mattresses and jerry cans. In May, 169,865 individuals received such food and non-food item assistance, an increase from 98,525 individuals per month at the end of 2012. DRC also provides distribution assistance to unregistered refugees including Syrian minorities and newcomers.

## AREAS OF OPERATION IN LEBANON

**North Lebanon:** Akkar, Tripoli

**Bekaa:** North, Central and West Bekaa

**South of Lebanon:** Tyre, Nabatieh, Bint Jbeil and Marjayoun

## STAFF ON MISSION

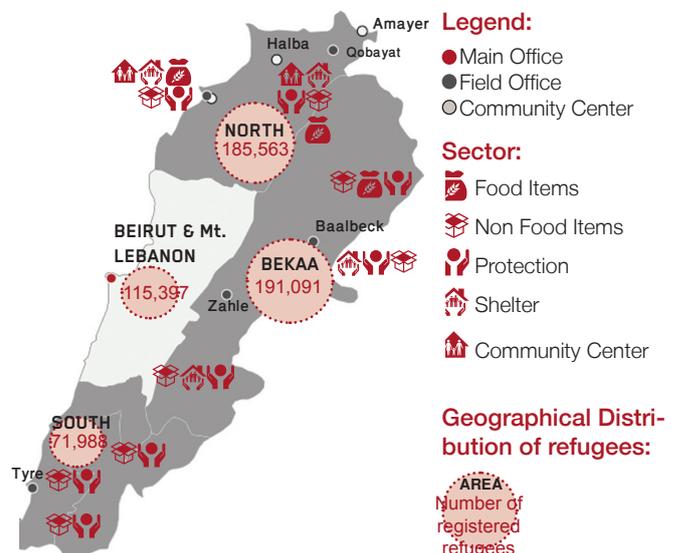
**North Lebanon** (office bases in Qubayat and Tripoli): 153

**The Bekaa** (office bases in Zahle and Baalbak): 93

**The South** (office base in Tyre): 8

**Country Office** in Beirut: 48

**National Staff:** 276; **International Staff:** 26



## Protection Services

Protection remains central to DRC's emergency program. As the leading agency on emergency response with newly arrived refugees in Lebanon, **DRC assists up to 25,000 newcomers every month**, approximately a third of all new arrivals in Lebanon. Between January and May, the number of newly arrived households receiving NFI and food assistance per week increased from 470 to approximately 1,150.



South Lebanon, February 2013. In addition to food assistance, DRC provides vulnerable refugees with non-food items, clothes, and winterization packages

In the same time frame, **4,462 individuals with special needs** have been identified, referred and/or assisted through special support such as case management, provision of material support, provision of psychosocial counseling, emotional support and coordination with shelter services. Also, **the cash for rent program has helped 1022 of the most vulnerable households** (5110 individuals). These activities have been strengthened through the establishment and management of community centers in strategic locations around the country.

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## Livelihoods

DRC takes a cross-cutting, inclusive and geographic approach to livelihood through a combination of actions that target vulnerable populations. Such activities include vocational trainings, job/apprenticeship placement, cash for work, and small scale community development projects. Four community centers are now operating in North Lebanon and Bekaa. These centers provide activities such as skills training - sewing, hairdressing and beauty therapy, nursing, as well as counseling, psychological support, recreational activities for children, and medical services.

**1547 people have participated in targeted training through community centers since January 2013**

**1489 people have attended awareness sessions since January 2013**



North Lebanon, April 2013. Community centers offer trainings that help vulnerable populations develop skills for livelihood activities, such as designing and crafting accessories.

## Community Support Projects in Hosting Communities

Community Impact Projects (CIPs) are small, rapidly implemented projects intended to help support Lebanese hosting communities and displaced Syrians through rapid interventions. These projects take advantage of development opportunities and help strengthen the absorption capacity of target areas, while meeting urgent community needs. DRC has responded to the needs of the Syrian refugees by completing 35 CIPs in Northern Lebanon and Bekaa. DRC supported dispensaries with equipment, constructed playgrounds for children, provided electric generators and supported agriculture cooperatives. DRC is identifying new projects in consultation with municipalities, local NGOs and other stakeholders.



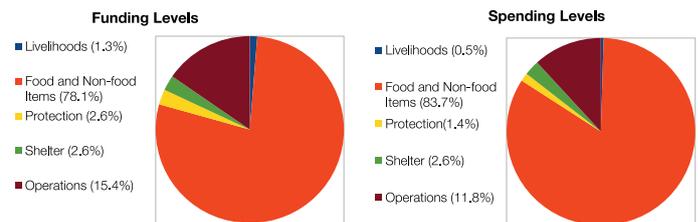
Bekaa, May 2013. Box shelters are designed by DRC staff and built by refugees and members of the host communities.

## Shelter

Refugees with little to no savings struggle to pay high rental costs. DRC provides a range of shelter solutions to the current housing crisis facing the refugee and host community populations. Since January 2013, DRC has rehabilitated **27 collective shelters and provided 87 box shelters** to individual housing units. DRC also works to rehabilitate host family houses. To respond to the increasing shelter needs in West and Central Bekaa, 158 additional locations for shelter boxes have been identified in that area since January.

## Budget Update - Mid June 2013

**Current Funding Level: 70 million USD**  
**Current Spending Level: 45 million USD**



## DRC PARTNERS WITH

**Government of Lebanon and Local authorities:** High Relief Committee (HRC), the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), and Municipal Offices

**UN Agencies:** UNHCR, WFP

**Donor agencies:** ECHO, DANIDA, BPRM, SDC

**Local and International NGOs in Lebanon: 19 Local Partners.**

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