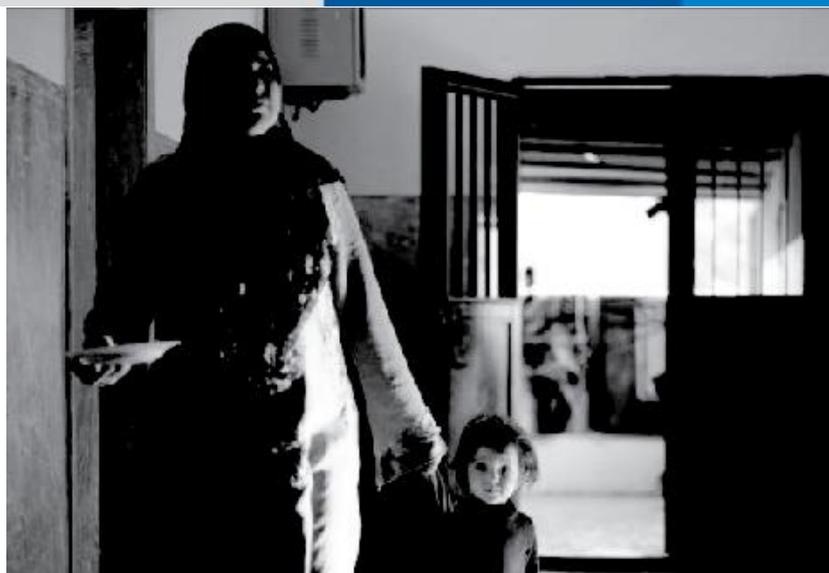


SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



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FUNDING

32 % funded

\$1.7 billion requested
as of 27 September

68 % funded

\$530 million
received as
of 27 September



LEBANON

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- More than 121, 000 individuals received food vouchers;
- 88,000 refugees received hygiene and baby kits;
- 5,500 individuals received mattresses, bed sheets, diapers and other household items;
- 4,900 individuals received mobile and centre-based primary healthcare services;
- 1,500 newly arrived refugees in the Bekaa were supported with food and non-food;
- 448 patients were admitted to the hospitals;
- 8,400 refugees were registered with UNHCR.

REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS



793,690 TOTAL

700,353 Registered
Refugees

93,337 Awaiting
registration

**Over 8,400 persons
registered with
UNHCR this week**

Overall registration activities this week were relatively slow due to Eid celebrations. Over 8,400 persons registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 793,000 (over 700,000 people registered and 93,000 awaiting registration).

Some 200 refugees were provided with transportation from different villages in Mount Lebanon to the Beirut registration centre by UNHCR and Terre des Hommes (TdH). This is part of a nationwide initiative aimed at facilitating registration for vulnerable refugees who reside in remote areas.

Waiting periods for registration in south Lebanon has been successfully eliminated. Refugees residing in the South will now be registered immediately upon arrival.

106 refugee volunteers reaching out to their communities and reporting back to UNHCR on pressing concerns

PROTECTION

Social cohesion projects are ongoing nationwide to prevent tensions and foster tolerance between refugee and local communities. This week, UNHCR and Right to Play launched a basketball workshop targeting 60 Lebanese and refugee youth incorporating training on positive communication skills and tolerance. Trained youth will then relay acquired skills to over 1,200 Lebanese and Syrian children aged 8-17 through similar workshops to be provided by the end of the year.

Additionally, local authorities including mayors, mukhtars and other leaders from both refugee and hosting communities across 11 severely affected areas are participating in training on conflict mediation. These leaders are forming committees aimed to address emerging community tensions and respond to conflicts.

Refugee volunteers continue to play an essential role in reaching out to their communities and reporting back to UNHCR on pressing protection concerns that require action. There are currently 106 refugees nationwide volunteering under this project. UNHCR is working on further developing this project; in 2014, there should be one refugee volunteer for each group of 1,500 Syrian refugees.

11,146 children and 4,774 vulnerable men and women were provided with psychosocial support and counseling by UNICEF's implementing partners. An additional 2,713 parents and caregivers benefitted from specialized mental health support.

This week, 586 Syrian and Lebanese children participated in recreational activities provided by World Vision in several villages in the Bekaa and north Lebanon.

Some US\$82 million have been injected into the local economy through the food coupon system

FOOD SECURITY

More than 121,000 individuals received World Food Programme food vouchers and food parcels this week, 378 of whom received electronic cards (e-cards). Food vouchers and parcels were distributed by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), World Vision, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI), Action Contre la Faim (ACF) and Save the Children.

By September 2013, WFP had contracted 247 local shops in Lebanon and injected about \$82 million dollars into the Lebanese economy. This represents more than a million vouchers and over 1,400 tonnes of food parcels distributed to Syrian refugees.

Also this week, over 1,500 newly arrived refugees in the Bekaa were supported with food and non-food items provided by WFP, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and Handicap International.

DISTRIBUTION

Over 5,500 individuals received mattresses, bed sheets, diapers and other household items from UNHCR and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC).

With the advent of winter, agencies are prioritizing assistance to refugees living in sub-standard accommodation including 450 informal tented settlements

SHELTER

Winterization activities continued across Lebanon this week as agencies brace for what seems will be a very harsh winter. For instance, field assessments of Informal Tented Settlements (ITS) in the Bekaa have increased and over 246 ITS have so far been assessed mainly in central Bekaa. Agencies have in turn started to prioritize the distribution of weatherproofing kits in these areas.

In south Lebanon, 30 refugee families residing in the caza of Jezzine faced risk of eviction this week. The families had rented shops from local landlords and used them as temporary housing.

Mediation with authorities led to a postponement of the eviction. Meanwhile, agencies continue to search for solutions that would benefit both the refugee and the hosting community.

EDUCATION

Although schools were closed this week due to Eid celebrations, some 1,200 children attended remedial classes provided by UNHCR and Amel Association.

Meanwhile, students continue to receive Back-to-Learning (BTL) packages as part of a nationwide campaign. To date, over 11,000 out-of-school children have so far received (BTL) packages which include school fees, bags and uniforms provided by UNICEF and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC). This campaign which was launched in September, aims at encouraging students to enrol in formal education.

Over 5,000 refugees accessed primary and secondary healthcare services this week

HEALTH

Over 4,900 individuals received mobile and centre-based primary healthcare services. Consultations, treatments, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests were provided by UNHCR, Amel Association, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI) and International Medical Corps (IMC).

Some 448 patients were admitted to the hospitals in the North, the Bekaa and the South, including 46 emergency cases. In addition, some 653 individuals benefited from clinical and social consultations provided by IMC.

Also this week, a total of 5,435 individuals received health information through awareness sessions provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, IMC, PU-AMI and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC).

WASH

More than 88,000 refugees received hygiene and baby kits provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC), SHIELD, World Vision and Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI). Additionally, over 3,700 individuals benefited from access to safe water and other sanitation facilities provided by UNICEF and PU-AMI.

MEDAIR finalized its assessment on flooding in the Bekaa. Initial findings indicated that out of the 104 informal tented settlements included in the study, 41 were identified as possible high-risk, 47 medium-risk and 16 low-risk. Suggested solutions include cleaning riverbeds and existing canals to prevent overflow, in addition to widening and deepening existing ditches and creating dirt blocks around them.

Also in the Bekaa, some 273 water tanks and 207 water filters were distributed and 82 latrines were installed by World Vision International (WVI) among the villages of Kab Elias, Bar Elias, Jeb Jeninne, Al-Marej and Qaraoun.

DONORS

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