

SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



October 2013

#Syria



LEBANON

FUNDING

37 % funded

\$1.7 billion requested
\$626 million
received as
of 31 October

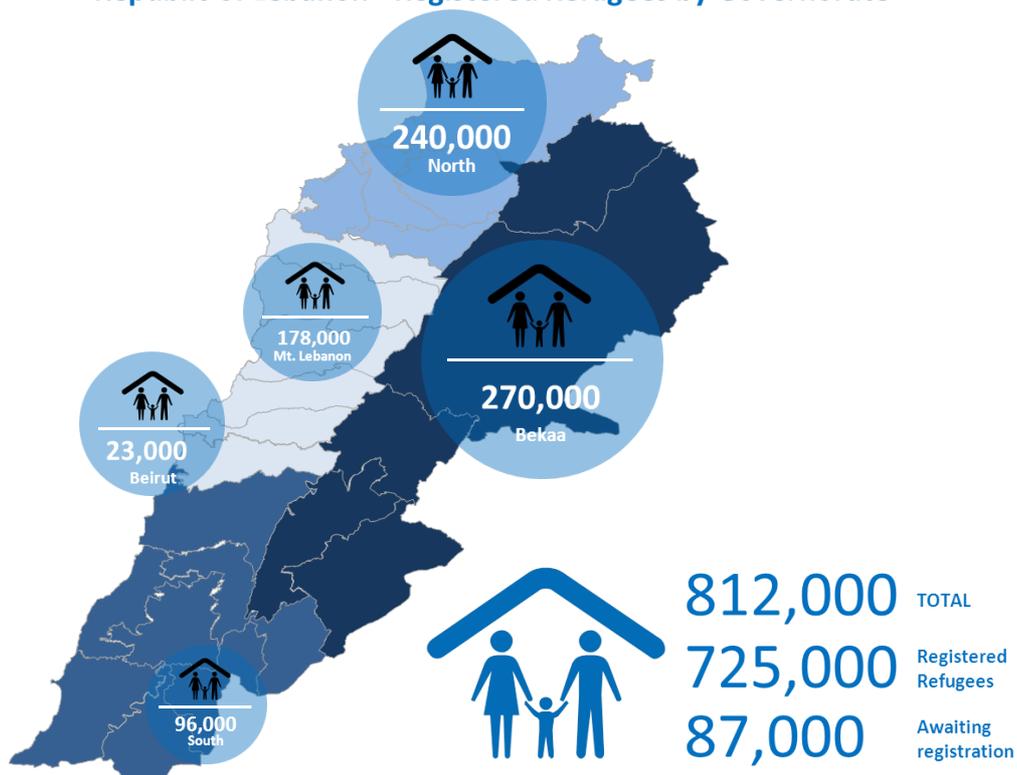
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- More than 533,109 individuals received food vouchers;
- 438,000 refugees received hygiene and baby kits;
- 44,000 individuals received psychosocial support;
- 27,400 individuals received mobile and centre-based primary healthcare services;
- Over 23,000 individuals received mattresses, bed sheets, diapers and other household items;
- Over 7,900 individuals benefited from health awareness sessions;
- 3,095 patients were admitted to the hospitals;
- 52,000 refugees were registered with UNHCR this month.

REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

Over 52,000 persons registered with UNHCR this month

Republic of Lebanon - Registered Refugees by Governorate



Over 52,000 persons registered with UNHCR this month, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 800,000 (over 725,000 people registered and 87,000 awaiting registration).

**44,000 individuals
received psychosocial
support**

PROTECTION

More than 44,000 children, vulnerable men and women, especially those at risk of gender-based violence, received psychosocial support and intervention by UNICEF and partners this month.

Over 106 refugee volunteers have so far been identified to help reach out to their communities and report back to UNHCR on pressing protection concerns. The identification of further volunteers is ongoing in a way that would ensure one refugee volunteer for each group of 1,500 refugees.

Another 281 Syrian refugees departed to Germany from Lebanon as part of the German Humanitarian Admissions Programme (HAP) this month. This brings the total number of refugees departing to Germany on this programme to 388. Through this programme, 5,000 Syrian refugees will have temporary residence in Germany until they are able to return home in safety and dignity or until they find other durable solutions. The next flight is expected to take off in mid-November.

SOCIAL COHESION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Efforts to prevent tensions and raise tolerance between refugee and local communities continued this month. UNHCR and Right to Play launched a “Basketball for Development” training targeting 60 Lebanese and refugee youth in Beirut and Akkar 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.

The aim of this project, run by UNHCR and Right to Play, is to promote social cohesion and peaceful coexistence between refugees and local communities through sports.

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

FOOD SECURITY

More than 533,109 individuals received World Food Programme (WFP) food parcels and food vouchers distributed by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), World Vision International, Action Contre la Faim (ACF), Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI), Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC) GVC-Italia, Solidarités International, Handicap International, Islamic Relief and SHEILD.

WFP, UNHCR, and other agencies continue to work together to monitor the food targeting process and have started to conduct outreach and verification visits throughout Lebanon to ensure that families who need the assistance are receiving it. In total, WFP partners will conduct over 27,000 household visits within the coming two months.

Also this month, a total of 118,820 individuals residing in Beirut, Mount Lebanon and the south, received the new electronic cards (e-cards) in place of the usual paper vouchers. A similar transition is due to take place in the Bekaa in November and in north Lebanon in December.

Similarly, some 1800 refugees residing in Mount Lebanon received food vouchers provided by Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA) and Mouvement Social. Also, AMURT distributed 714 boxes of food to some 1,400 Syrian refugee households in the upper Chouf district of Mount Lebanon.

DISTRIBUTION

Over 23,000 individuals received mattresses, bed sheets, diapers and other household items from UNHCR, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA), Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC) and Makhzoumi Foundation.

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118,000 received e-cards this month

23,000 received non-food items

SHELTER

Since the outset of the crisis, over 185,000 individuals have received various types of shelter support including the rehabilitation of informal tented settlements, collective shelters, and other shelter structures, in addition to the provision of cash to vulnerable families who are not able to pay for their rent.

In the Bekaa, specialized teams identified and assessed over 258 tented settlements, 23 of which were deemed at risk of flooding. The mapping of alternative solutions is a priority among agencies providing shelter support as temperatures begin to drop. Meanwhile, materials and tools to seal off shelters from winter elements have been widely distributed. These include plastic sheeting, timber, external doors and/or door coverings.

UNHCR and UNHABITAT continue to look for alternative shelter solutions for vulnerable refugees. So far, more than 89 houses have been identified and will be ready to accommodate 125 families next month.

EDUCATION

Over 8,974 Syrian and Lebanese children benefited from Accelerated Learning Programmes and Remedial Classes provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, Terres des Hommes (TdH), Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA), Relief International, Amel Association and War Child Holland (WCH).

The enrolment of Syrian children in public schools is on-going. Afternoon shifts are expected to be launched in mid-November in over 50 schools nationwide. Lists of refugee student names are being prepared, while the selection of teachers and deployment of staff is in process. UNHCR and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) continue to identify more schools. The aim is to register the most out of the 280,000 Syrian children who are currently of school age.

8,900 Syrian and Lebanese children attended ALPs and Remedial classes

19,700 children in vulnerable communities benefited from Back-to-Learning campaign

More than 30,000 refugees accessed primary and secondary healthcare services in October

Meanwhile, students continue to receive Back-to-Learning (BTL) packages as part of a nationwide campaign. Since the beginning of the current school year, over 19,700 out-of-school Syrian and vulnerable Lebanese children have 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 enroll in formal education.

HEALTH

More than 27,400 individuals benefited from mobile and centre-based primary healthcare services. Consultations, treatments, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests were provided by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), UNHCR, UNICEF, International Medical Corps (IMC), BEYOND, Amel Association, Save the Children, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI), and Makhzoumi Foundation. An additional 3,095 individuals were admitted to hospitals nationwide by UNHCR and IMC.

Also this month, more than 34,000 individuals benefited from health awareness sessions. Sessions highlighting personal hygiene, food safety, diarrhea prevention, reproductive health, early marriage etc. were provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, Solidarites International IMC, PU-AMI and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). In addition, some 2,500 individuals benefited from clinical and social consultations provided by UNHCR and IMC.

A further 16,000 refugee children were vaccinated against measles and polio by UNICEF and BEYOND at UNHCR registration centres across the country. Due to recent reports of polio among children in Syria, agencies in Lebanon prioritized immunization activities, the only effective way to prevent polio. A campaign will be launched by the MOPH on the 8th November. Children irrespective of their nationality or geographical location will be vaccinated. UNICEF, WHO, UNHCR, UNRWA, and NGOs are working closely with the Ministry to ensure that Lebanese as well as Syrian, Palestinian and Iraqi refugees are vaccinated, including all Syrian children entering Lebanon through official border crossings.

WASH

More than 438,000 refugees received hygiene and baby kits provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC), Makhzoumi Foundation, Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA), SHIELD, ACTED, World Vision and Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI).

Over 7,800 individuals were provided with access to safe water and sanitation provided by UNICEF, PU-AMI, Solidarites International, World Vision, GVC and Oxfam.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) winterization planning continued this month as Lebanon braces for a harsh winter. 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 included 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 493 water tanks and 646 water filters were distributed and 160 latrines were installed by World Vision International (WVI) among the villages of Kab Elias, Bar Elias, Jeb Jeninne, Al-Marej and Qaraoun. Similarly in Mount Lebanon, 1,800 water pumps were installed by ACTED.

**438,000 received
hygiene and baby
kits**

**7,800 benefited
from access to safe
water**

DONORS

USA, Kuwait, EU, Japan, UK, Germany, Australia, Norway, Canada, Denmark, Netherlands, Russia, France, Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Italy, Ireland, Austria, Republic of Korea, Spain, Luxemburg, Estonia, Czech Republic, Iceland, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania.

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