

LEBANON: RRP5 Update - November 2013

PUBLIC HEALTH



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



548,000

Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)



150,000

Persons unwilling to register



5,000

Lebanese returnees



58,400

Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)



369 million

USD required (GoL Included)

NEEDS

Rising numbers of refugees are weighing heavily on public health services as well as UNRWA and NGO supported clinics. Many refugees are already in need of health care when they arrive in Lebanon. Others develop health care needs during their stay, often exacerbated by poor living conditions.

While Syrian refugees and Lebanese returnees have access to the public and private health care system in Lebanon, many cannot afford the fees for these services and transportation to health facilities. Some NGOs offer primary health care services free of charge, but the number of beneficiaries covered is limited. Other partners provide assist refugees with treatment costs, however due to rising levels of poverty many refugees are unable to afford the co-payment.

Existing primary health care centres lack capacity to meet the needs. The current supply of medicines for acute and chronic diseases is insufficient to cover the rising demand, while prevention and control of disease outbreak in view of crowded living conditions, poor water and sanitation, presents a challenge. Recent confirmed cases of polio in Syria raise considerable public health concern, given poor immunization rates in some areas.

Secondary and tertiary health care in Lebanon is expensive and the majority of refugees are not able to cover the cost of hospitalization. Additional support is urgently needed to

OBJECTIVE

Improve health of the targeted population by control of epidemics, supporting access to primary health care (PHC) and referral care

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS

- 1 Control of epidemics
- 2 Support to access primary health care
- 3 Access to referral health care for deliveries and life saving interventions
- 4 Referral to rehabilitative services

KEY NOVEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

- Nutritional survey was completed in coordination with Public Health Working Group members and results are expected in December
- Second round of mass vaccination campaign against polio was completed
- Partners responded to urgent medical needs among refugees fleeing to Aarsal in mid-November, including through mobile medical units, support to local primary health centres and vaccinations against measles and polio

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

Reporting month figures in brackets if relevant



467,172 individuals assisted with primary health care

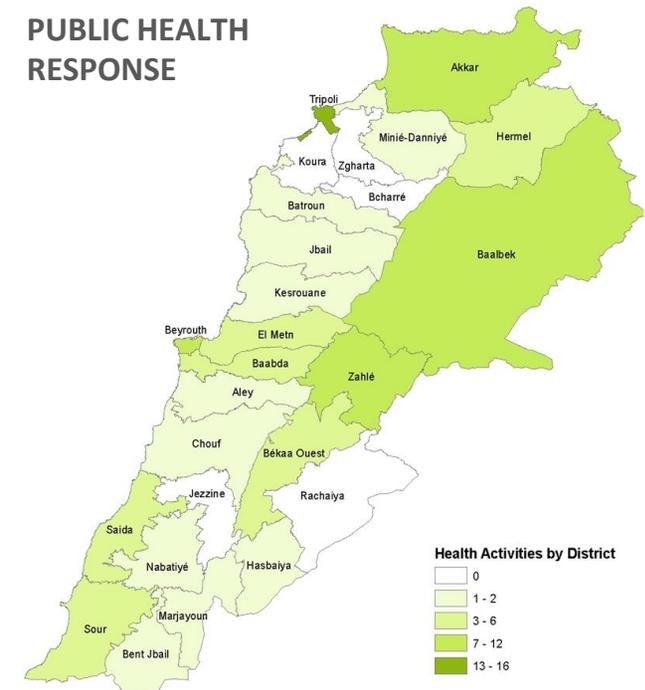


378,502 individuals participated in health education



38,161 individuals assisted with secondary health care

PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE



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