

LEBANON: RRP5 Update - December 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

Access to the health care system in Lebanon remains a challenge for the majority of those Syrian refugees and Lebanese returnees who cannot afford the fees. Some NGOs offer primary health care services free of charge, but the number of beneficiaries covered is limited. Other partners assist refugees with treatment costs; however many refugees are unable to afford the co-payment due to rising levels of poverty.

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. Given poor immunization rates in some areas of Syria, the recent outbreak of polio there presents a risk to Lebanon as the influx continues. There is a need to implement national polio vaccination campaigns and strengthen the routine vaccination programme.

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 ensure that at least life-saving interventions are covered.

There is a growing demand for mental health services and agencies providing these services are unable to cope, especially with clients based outside major towns and cities.

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 DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

- 97.5% of all children under 5 years of age residing in Lebanon irrespective of nationality were reached in the second round of the Polio vaccination campaign
- The inter-agency nutrition survey of Syrian Refugees was completed and the first draft report circulated for comments.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

Reporting month figures in brackets if relevant



487,788 (20,616) individuals assisted with primary health care

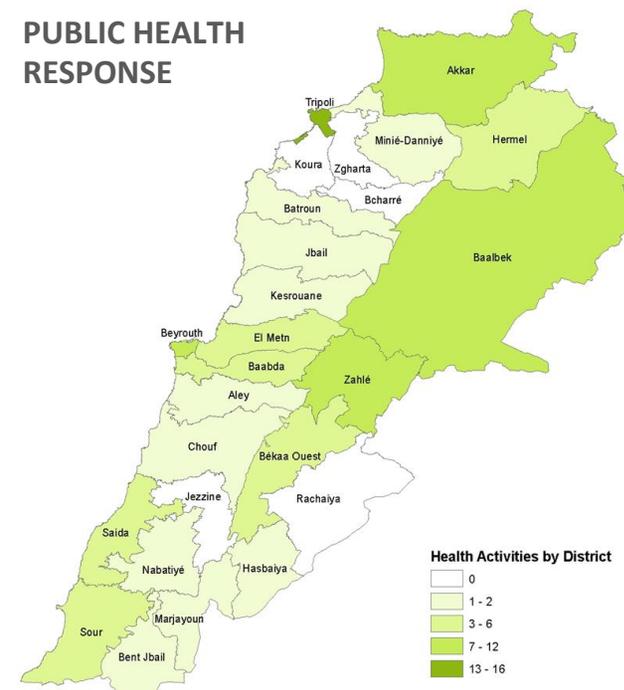


397,502 (19,000) individuals participated in health education



41,663 (3,502) individuals assisted with secondary health care

PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE



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