

SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



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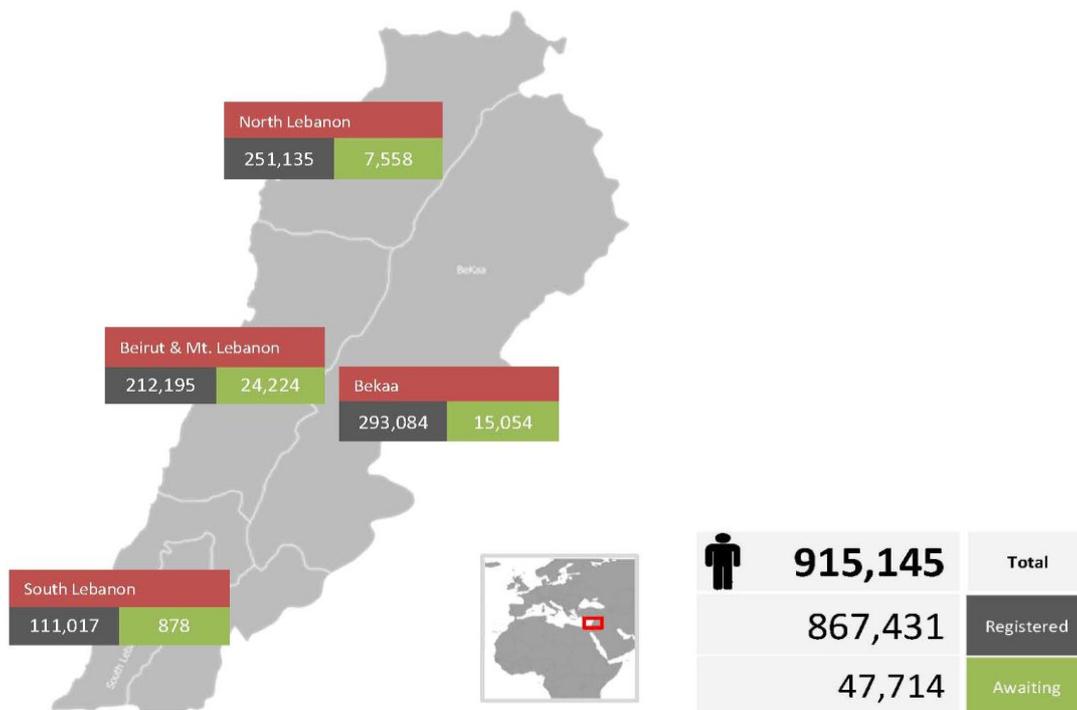


LEBANON

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- Some 73,000 refugee children are attending 524 public schools and semi-private schools, as well as 79 public schools providing second shifts;
- Over 10,000 individuals benefitted from the distribution of non-food items;
- 10,890 refugees participated in health awareness sessions;
- More than 10,400 individuals benefitted from various types of shelter support;
- Some 6,800 individuals received access to primary healthcare services;
- 200 Syrian students graduated from local Accelerated Learning Programs (ALPs);
- 13,000 persons registered with UNHCR this week.

PROTECTION, REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS



13,000 people registered with UNHCR Lebanon this week

Over 13,000 persons registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to 915,000 (867,400 people registered and 47,700 awaiting registration).

UNHCR scheduled 340 on-site registration appointments to refugees in Aarsal, East Bekaa, to facilitate the registration process. The exercise was also an opportunity to gauge protection concerns and provide support to refugees in need.

PROTECTION

Mobile legal clinics covering six districts in the North with high concentrations of refugees began operating this week, providing free legal consultations and raising awareness on refugee rights and obligations. This is part of a continued effort by UNHCR and the International Relief Development (IRD) to provide legal counseling and advice to Syrian refugees nationwide.

In the Bekaa, the civil society organization KAFA opened a women's centre in Al Marj where counseling and legal advice will be provided to vulnerable women survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

Action Aid trained 25 refugee women and men in Baalbeck on the best ways to conduct needs assessments within their communities. Agencies continue to work with Refugee Outreach Volunteers (ROVs) to improve access to refugees, better assess their needs and provide a tailored response.

In Tripoli, UNHCR agreed with a centre for emergency care for child abuse and neglect, Nour Al Hamit, to accommodate rooms for urgent refugee children cases in need of temporary care until a more permanent solution is identified for them.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROJECTS

Over 344,000 individuals from both the Syrian refugee and the local hosting communities stand to benefit from the provision of two snow ploughs to two municipalities (to be used by surrounding municipalities as well) provided by UNHCR and Terre des Hommes in Mount Lebanon.

Also, some 1,800 Syrian and Lebanese students in two public schools in Chhim and Aramoun will benefit from the provision of two generators. These will help improve their learning environment especially during second shifts.

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FOOD SECURITY

WFP and Save the Children distributed 482 food parcels to some 2,410 newly-arrived refugees in Akkar. Islamic Relief Worldwide and WFP distributed 2,203 food parcels to newly arrived families in the South Lebanon and Mount Lebanon.

World Vision International assisted 402 people through their e-card programme in southern Lebanon, injecting close to US\$ 12,000 into the local economy.

As part of contingency planning, WFP and partners refilled their food parcels stocks. Some 20,000 food parcels are currently available at different suppliers' warehouses. WFP, UNHCR and OCHA are also looking at expanding the prepositioning of food in more warehouses across Lebanon.

DISTRIBUTION

A total of 9,076 registered Syrian refugee families and another 1,279 new comers were assisted with kitchen kits, baby kits, hygiene and dignity kits (kits designed to improve women protection, containing whistles, head scarves, women's hygiene kits, torch lights, etc), winterization kits including stoves, as well as house kits including blankets and mattresses in Tripoli, the Bekaa and the South. Relief items were distributed by the DRC, World Vision, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Charity (CLMC), and UNHCR.

SHELTER

This week, over 10,405 refugees benefitted from various types of shelter support nationwide. Assistance included the distribution of cash for rent and cash for host families, the rehabilitation of collective shelters, weatherproofing activities, support to informal tented settlements and the distribution of sealing off kits.

Medair noted a further increase in the number of informal tented settlements in central and west Bekaa, namely of smaller settlements of less than ten tents each. UNHCR and Medair are currently investigating this increase to determine its causes and an approach forward.

Over 4,600 food parcels were distributed this week

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200 Syrian children graduated from accelerated learning programmes

EDUCATION

The school enrolment for the 2013-2014 school year has come to an end. To date, UNICEF, in partnership with Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC) has enrolled 44,515 children in 524 public schools and semi-private schools. UNHCR, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education (MEHE) has introduced second school shifts in 79 schools so far, benefiting 27,553 refugee students.

Over 170 children attended Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) classes provided by World Vision this week, while a group of 200 children registered with Iqra' association to attend a new round of ALPs. On February 6, the older round of ALPs provided by Iqra' concluded with the graduation another 200 students approximately.

Two extra classrooms were completed at the Kalamoun Public School for Boys, enabling 50 more refugee students to enroll in the school.

HEALTH

Over 6,840 individuals received primary health care services provided by UNHCR, Amel Association, and International Medical Corps (IMC) in the Bekaa, Beirut and the South. Another 3,132 refugees benefited from primary healthcare consultations provided through mobile clinics. The leading cause for primary health care consultations remains respiratory diseases, which is currently affecting 32.6 per cent of all people who have approached health centres in the past week.

A further 10,890 people participated in health awareness sessions on a number of health issues including family planning, and pre- and post natal care. During assessment visits to many informal settlements, many refugees affected with chickenpox were identified. Awareness sessions stressed the importance of isolating pregnant women and their newborn children to avoid the communicable disease from being transferred from mother to child.

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WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

Over 1,000 refugee families residing in Aarsal continued to benefit from water tanks and emergency water supply installations by Intersos.

A further 16,582 Syrian and Lebanese individuals in Qobayat benefited from the water, hygiene and sanitation related community projects that were completed this week. These included enhancing water transmission lines, installing sewage networks, and providing rain water drainage canals.

Some 17,000 Syrian and Lebanese individuals benefited from WASH activities

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