

## SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



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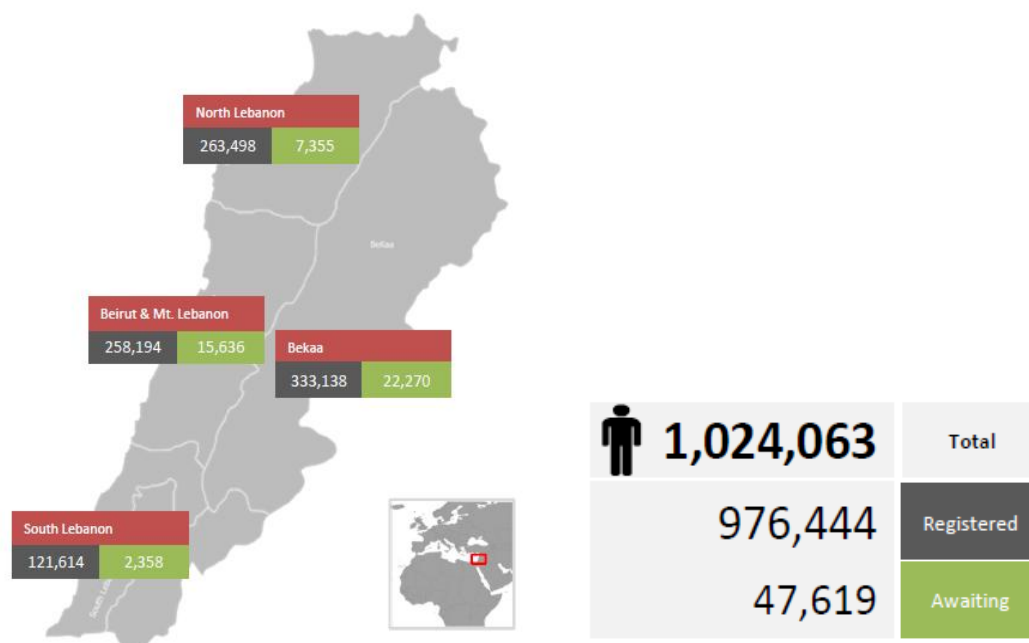
*Agencies and the Government of Lebanon requested US\$1.89 billion in the latest inter-agency funding appeal. US\$246.7 million have so far been received – 13 per cent, as of 21 March.*

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- 680,000 individuals have so far this month benefited from food assistance;
- 20,000 individuals received blankets, mattresses, fuel and other household items;
- 10,500 individuals received primary and secondary health care services;
- 15,000 individuals benefited from health awareness sessions;
- Some 1,500 refugees benefited from social and mental health consultations;
- Local authorities in south Lebanon and the Bekaa reported the arrival of some 500 individuals from Mazraat Beit Jin and Aasal Al-Ward;
- Some 10,000 persons registered with UNHCR.

## REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

*10,000 individuals  
registered with  
UNHCR Lebanon*



Over 10,000 refugees registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 1,024,000 (976,000 people registered and 47,000 awaiting registration).

## PROTECTION

Local authorities in the Bekaa reported the arrival of some 420 refugees from Aasal Al-Ward in Syria's Qalamoun area. New arrivals were dispersed to the existing informal settlements while local authorities and partners responded to the most pressing needs.

Access to Tfail remains unauthorized by the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) due to the security situation there and it is not possible to determine the number of Syrian refugees who reportedly recently fled Qalamoun area to seek refuge in Tfail. A joint UNDSS/UNHCR security assessment was undertaken to Maaraboun on 15 April and found that the situation remains calm, with no additional Lebanese families from Tfail having entered in recent days.

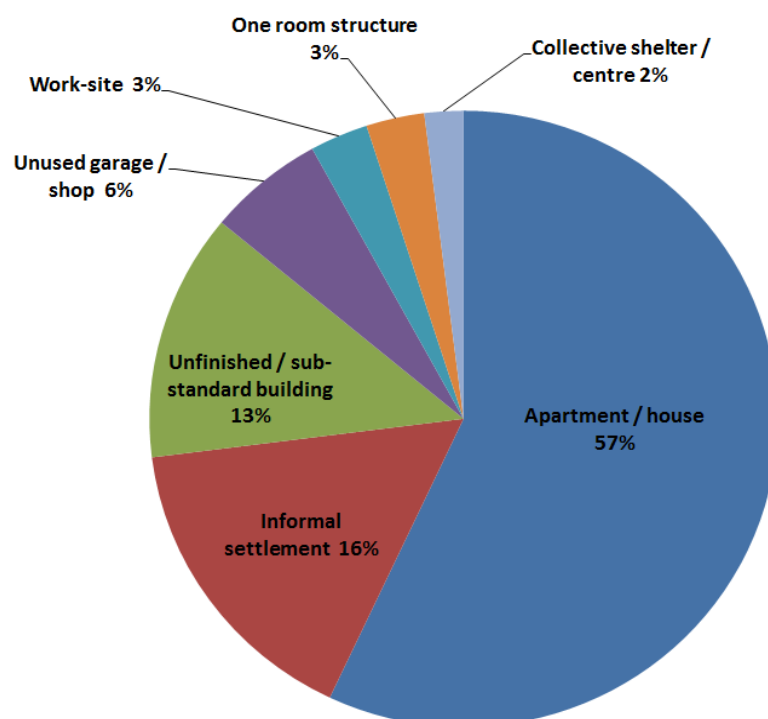
In Shebaa, south Lebanon, some 111 individuals were reported to have crossed on foot from Syria's Beit through "Jabal El Sheikh". All refugees were housed with relatives and in collective shelters.

Some 254 individuals left Lebanon to Germany this week under the German Humanitarian Admission Programme bringing the total number of vulnerable refugees who have departed to 2,268.

## SHELTER

Over 70 newly-arrived Syrian families in Aarsal benefited from shelter kits comprising of wood, iron monger, plastic sheeting and other shelters items from agencies covering the area.

As the shelter absorption capacity in Lebanon continues to wane, affordable shelter options have diminished and refugees are increasingly turning to improvised shelters. In March of 2014, UNHCR through the Statistics Lebanon Ltd., a research and polling company, conducted a phone survey with some 6,000 randomly picked Syrian refugees, aimed at assessing their shelter situation.



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Survey findings showed that 81% of refugees pay some sort of rent for their accommodation. Fifty-seven per cent of all refugees rent apartments, often sharing small basic lodgings with other refugee families in overcrowded conditions. Forty per cent live in fragile environments such as tents in informal settlements, garages, worksites and unfinished buildings.

In parallel, the proportion of refugees living in informal settlements increased from 12 to 15 per cent and the number of informal settlements more than doubled from over 400 in August to almost 1,000 today with average occupancy of 21 families each.

Given the increasingly number of refugees in fragile accommodation, the need for shelter assistance is expected to rise further.

UNHCR continues to discuss with the GOL the possibility of formal settlement options with a capacity for 10,000- 20,000 persons in secure locations. To date approval has been limited to three small settlements accommodating some 550 refugees.

## FOOD SECURITY

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A total of 678,886 individuals have so far this month received food assistance from the World Food Programme through e-cards or food parcels.

Some 715 newly arrived refugees received food parcels distributed by Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC).

Over 1,200 vulnerable individuals living in unfinished buildings and car garages in Akkar received hot meals and bread parcels distributed by IOCC. Families who benefited from this distribution have elderly or disabled members, pregnant, lactating women and/or children under 5 years of age.

## DISTRIBUTION

*20,000 individuals received blankets, mattresses, stoves and other household items*

Over 20,000 refugees of whom 5,800 are newly arrived refugees benefited from the distribution of blankets, mattresses, stoves and other household items provided by CLMC, Care, SHEILD, Makhoumi foundation and UNHCR.

Some 1,000 individuals in the Talabeya, the Bekaa received clothes donated by Qatari Foundation.

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## HEALTH

Over 9,500 individuals received primary health care services including consultations, treatments, referrals, medication, vaccination, antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning, child health care and diagnostic tests provided by UNHCR, Makhzoumi Foundation and International Medical Corps (IMC) in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) through mobile or center-based clinics. Additionally, some 1,097 individuals were hospitalized this week, including 481 deliveries, provided by UNHCR through GlobeMed.

A further 15,000 individuals benefited from awareness sessions provided by UNFPA, UNHCR, LFPAGE, IMC, CLMC and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Sessions covered Nutritional Awareness, Reproductive Health, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), gender based violence, early marriage and pre and post-natal care.

Some 1,544 refugees benefited from social and mental health consultations provided by IMC, through its outreach and center-based services.

At the Beirut registration centre, all children under 5 years of age are as of this week being screened for malnutrition. Children with a risk of malnutrition are being referred to treatment immediately.

## EDUCATION

Over 2,800 refugee children benefit from Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and remedial classes provided by Amel Association this week.

## WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

In Jezzine, south Lebanon this week, some 400 Syrian refugees and more than 6,000 Lebanese nationals are now benefiting from improved access to safe water with installation of a new water pump motor at the local water station by the International Committee for the Development of People (CISP).

In Beirut, some 900 refugees received hygiene kits distributed by Makhzoumi Foundation.

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