

SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



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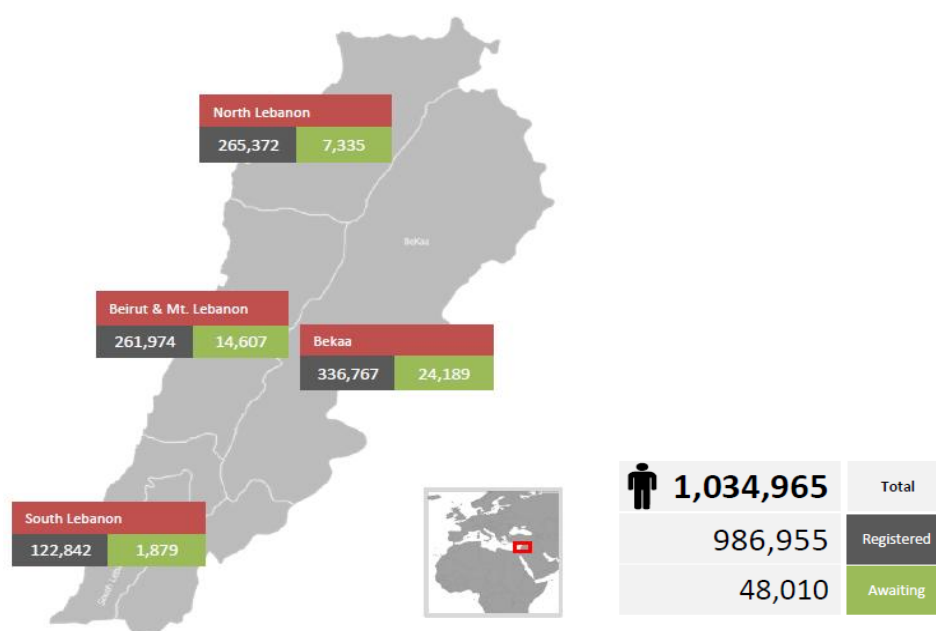
Agencies and the Government of Lebanon requested US\$1.89 billion in the latest inter-agency funding appeal. US\$246.7 million have so far been received – 13 per cent, as of 21 March.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- 23,000 individuals benefited from food assistance;
- 10,500 individuals received primary and secondary healthcare services;
- 10,700 individuals received blankets, mattresses, fuel and other household items;
- 12,300 individuals benefited from health awareness sessions;
- 5,500 benefited from shelter support;
- Some 1,900 refugees benefited from social and mental health consultations;
- 7,800 persons registered with UNHCR.

PROTECTION, REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

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Over 7,800 refugees registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 1,034,000 (986,000 people registered and 48,000 awaiting registration).

PROTECTION

On April 22, a convoy, including the Lebanese Red Cross, the High Relief Commission (HRC), Union of Relief and Development Association (URDA) and Dar Al Fatwa, was escorted by the LAF to Ras El Haref, and proceeded on its own to Tfail. The distribution targeted some 800 families, both Lebanese and Syrians, who were properly recorded.

Over 1,200 food parcels, 4,000 hygiene kits, 6,000 litres of diesel for the village generator, core relief items (blankets, mattresses) and medical supplies (including first aid kits, vaccination) were distributed inside the village.

The official road to Tfail remains closed, thus limiting humanitarian access. UNHCR is in discussion with local partners and the Ministry of Social Affairs to seek means possible to assess needs and provide assistance to the population in Tfail.

Additionally, local authorities in Aarsal reported the arrival of some refugee families from Tfail to Aarsal, many of whom were reported to have moved back to Aarsal El-Ward in Syria. Agencies continue to provide assistance to refugees in Aarsal, including those who were previously in Tfail and have moved there.

Also this week, more than 3,300 Lebanese and Syrians benefited from recreational and psychosocial support activities in the various child friendly spaces and community centres run by CLMC, DRC in partnership with UNICEF and UNHCR nationwide.

Some 140 refugees in Al-Koura, north Lebanon benefited from legal counseling and awareness sessions on birth registration and residency renewal provided by International Relief and Development in collaboration with OXFAM and UNHCR.

A graduation ceremony was held at the Forum of Handicapped centre in Tripoli for 249 individuals who completed handcraft and life skills training sessions.



Graduates of the handcraft training at the Forum of the Handicapped community centre, in Tripoli, north Lebanon © DRC

Twenty Internal Security Force (ISF) officers from different police stations across Koura and Batroun, north Lebanon were provided with awareness sessions on prevention and response to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and human rights. Similarly in Koura, north Lebanon, twenty Lebanese Armed Forces officers attended training on international refugee protection, the legal context of Syrian refugees in Lebanon, SGBV, and child protection.

FOOD SECURITY

More than 16,224 individuals benefited from food assistance provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) through electronic cards reloaded with the amount of US\$ 30 or through the distribution of food parcels. Additionally, a total of 6,350 unregistered refugees received food cash assistance.

Some 1,200 Lebanese and Syrian vulnerable individuals living in unfinished buildings and car garages in Akkar continued to receive 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

More than 10,700 newly arrived refugees received blankets, mattresses, kitchen sets and other household items distributed by DRC, CLMC, URDA and UNHCR.

On hundred solar lamps were distributed and tested in three informal tented settlements in south Lebanon this week as part of a pilot project run by CISP and UNHCR. In an attempt to save cost and energy, solar lamps will be replicated in all informal settlements in the south.

SHELTER

Over 5,500 refugees received shelter support through cash assistance distributed by DRC and UNHCR. Additionally, a collective shelter was identified by DRC this week in Tyre, south Lebanon and will soon be housing 40 vulnerable refugees.

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Similarly in Mount Lebanon, some 40 refugees residing in four villages in Iqlim Al-Kharoub are now benefiting from improved shelter conditions with the completion of rehabilitation works on five houses led by the Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF) this week. The rehabilitation of seven additional houses which are expected to shelter around 60 refugees in Aley and Chouf also began this week.

Also this week, two new informal settlements were identified in Keserwane district, bringing the total number of identified informal settlements in Mount Lebanon to 17. Water, sanitation and hygiene interventions in addition to shelter support settlements are ongoing.

EDUCATION

Over 2,700 out-of-school children attended Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and remedial classes in addition to psycho-social and recreational activities provided by Amel Association, Service civil international (SCI) and CLMC.

Some 800 refugee children enrolled in public schools across the country benefited from the distribution of bags, stationary in addition to school and transportation fees from CLMC.

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 Amel Association, Makhzoumi Foundation, International Medical Corps (IMC) and UNHCR in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) through mobile or center-based clinics. Additionally, some 1,013 individuals were hospitalized this week, including 443 deliveries, provided by UNHCR through GlobeMed.

A further 12,300 individuals benefited from awareness sessions provided by ACF, UNFPA, LFPAD, IMC, CLMC, the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and UNHCR. Sessions covered Nutritional Awareness, Reproductive Health, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), gender based violence, early marriage and pre and post-natal care.

Some 1,291 refugees benefited from social and mental health consultations provided by IMC, through its outreach and center-based services.

Also this week, IOCC screened around 980 children across the country for malnutrition. Children identified with malnutrition were referred to the appropriate services for treatment and follow-up.

WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

Some 1,000 individuals benefitted from hygiene promotion sessions in addition to the distribution of hygiene, baby kits, water filters and cleaning Kits provided by DRC, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI), INTERSOS and ACF in Qobayat and various villages in south Lebanon. Awareness sessions focused on water related diseases, personal hygiene and waste management.

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