



Inter-Agency Support to Vulnerable Lebanese Communities and Public Institutions under the RRP6



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Key Messages

Lebanese communities and public institutions are receiving support through humanitarian funding under the sixth Regional Response Plan (RRP6) in the health, education, social services and protection, water and sanitation, and social cohesion and livelihoods sectors.

The Ministries of Education, Health, Interiors and Social Affairs, Municipalities and their regional offices have been supported through staffing, training, equipment, and rehabilitation of facilities.

The poorest Lebanese communities are being targeted: out of 1,561 localities in Lebanon, humanitarian actors are working in 225 localities where 66 percent of Lebanese live under USD 4 per day. In the 90 most vulnerable localities, half of the Lebanese poor reside.

Impact of the Syrian Crisis

The Lebanese population has made tremendous efforts to host and cater for the needs of Syrian refugees. With over one million registered Syrian refugees now living in Lebanon, many host communities require support to manage the additional number of residents, who put added pressure on an already fragile infrastructure.

The RRP6 places significant emphasis on support to Lebanese communities and on enhancing the capacity of government institutions. Some 25 percent of the funding appealed for, equalling USD 399 million, is dedicated to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese. These interventions in primary healthcare, education, social protection, and poverty reduction have an immediate impact on the well-being of Lebanese citizens.

This factsheet sets out how the RRP contributes to Lebanese host communities and public institutions across all sectors. Information is provided on results achieved by sector from January until May 2014.

Link between Humanitarian and Development Plans

A number of interventions in the RRP6 response to date contribute to the Government's National Stabilization Roadmap objectives. The link with the Roadmap and other national plans ensures that humanitarian investments are sustainable and deliver both immediate and long-term results for vulnerable Lebanese.

Highlights

25%

Percentage of the total RRP6 appeal required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

\$399 million

Total amount in USD required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese in 2014

1.5 million

Number of Lebanese affected by the Syrian crisis

136

The number of community support projects that have ensured delivery of basic services to vulnerable Lebanese

120

Public Healthcare Centres (PHCs) supported through medical equipment, essential medicines, assessments, and human resources

Protection, Child Protection and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

Objective

Protection: To empower communities and service providers to respond to the protection needs of vulnerable persons.

Child Protection and Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV): To ensure vulnerable children and women are protected from violence and exploitation through strengthened public service systems.

Response

All protection services are fully available to vulnerable Lebanese children, women and men. Case management systems are being developed and strengthened within the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Lebanese social workers and other specialized staff are capacitated to support children and women at risk, or victims, of violence.

Results

Support is being provided to 27 Social Development Centres (SDCs) of the Ministry of Social Affairs throughout Lebanon. These national institutions have been operational before the humanitarian crisis, and will continue to operate after the crisis.

Some 11 percent of children provided with specialized services are Lebanese. More than 10,000 Lebanese children have participated in psychosocial activities. Over 210 Lebanese service providers have been trained on child protection and referral pathways.

Future Plan

Some 57 SDCs in the most vulnerable localities will be supported by the end of 2014. These SDCs will provide a minimum package of psychosocial support services to vulnerable children and their caregivers, as well as women.

25%

Percentage of the total RRP6 appeal for Protection, Child Protection and SGBV required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

\$46 m

Amount of RRP6 Protection, Child Protection and SGBV appeal required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese



Activity	Number of Benefitting Vulnerable Lebanese (Jan.—May 2014)
Children receiving psychosocial support	10,781
Caregivers receiving psychosocial support	1,323
Community members sensitized on GBV services and referral pathways	20,483
Community based interventions and empowerment activities provided by SDCs	2,500

Food Security and Agriculture

Objective

To ensure adequate food consumption and to restore agricultural livelihoods of Lebanese returnees and rural communities.

Response

Over 700,000 registered Syrian refugees are receiving USD 30 per month for food assistance. Every month more than 35,000 refugees are added as new beneficiaries. The monthly amount is made available through an e-card and must be spent in local shops. Today there are more than 340 shops and this will be further expanded to about 1,000 shops in coming months.

In July 2014, under the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP), vulnerable Lebanese will be included in the list of beneficiaries in an initial three-year programme. By the end of 2014, 36,000 vulnerable Lebanese will benefit from monthly food assistance.

A blanket livestock vaccination programme has so far reached over 70 percent of livestock in Lebanon. In addition, 1,124 MT of concentrated livestock feed have been distributed to vulnerable small-scale livestock herders in North Lebanon and Akkar. Lebanese veterinary professionals and live-stock keeping communities were trained on Trans-boundary Animal Diseases (TADs) surveillance and control systems.

4%
Percentage of the total RRP6 appeal for Food required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

\$16 m
Amount of RRP6 Food appeal required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

Results

For the first five months of 2014, close to USD 100 million in direct transfers was injected into the Lebanese economy, for food purchased by refugees in local shops - almost USD 220 million since January 2013. The table summarizes the direct impact on the local economy of food assistance from January – May 2014.

An evaluation of the direct and indirect economic impact of the food assistance programme in Lebanon will be made available soon. Initial results show that shop owners have been able to make additional investment benefiting the local economy since joining the programme. For example, from January to March 2014, 40 percent of shopkeepers interviewed reported hiring extra staff and close to 39 percent reported using new suppliers and introducing new commodities within their shops.

Month	Number of beneficiaries (Syrian refugees)	Amount redeemed (USD)
January 2014	550,076	\$ 16.5 million
February 2014	586,026	\$ 17.7 million
March 2014	640,797	\$ 19.2 million
April 2014	675,793	\$ 20.2 million
May 2014	715,210	\$ 21.5 million

Future Plan

Together with the World Bank and the Lebanese Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) and thanks to humanitarian funding, the Food Security partners will extend their food assistance, through the e-card modality to 36,000 extremely vulnerable Lebanese individuals by 2014, under the NPTP. This is a provisional figure which will be subject to subsequent vulnerability assessment results and funding.

Education

Objective

To provide access to quality education for Lebanese and Syrian children and to strengthen the national education systems, policies and monitoring.

Response

Lebanese children amount to around 30 percent of all students benefiting from access to learning programmes supported by the Education partners. Support has been provided through assistance in enrolment in public schools and non-formal education programmes, school supplies, and fee alleviation.

Access to formal learning has been expanded through the creation of a two-shift system in 79 schools in Lebanon. To accommodate the increase in student population, public schools have hired additional Lebanese teachers. Non-formal education programmes, which were created to help bridge the gap for children out of school, have prepared children to enter the public education system. The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) staff and teachers were trained to enhance the quality of teaching.

Results

As the 2013/2014 school year comes to an end, 206,435 children have accessed formal and non-formal education programmes of which 26,500 (17 percent) are Lebanese. The school fees for this group accumulate to USD 2,584,480. Further, USD 275,000 has been invested in school supplies for Lebanese children. Between January and May 2014, some 2,000 teachers and education personnel have been trained on active learning, classroom management and positive discipline.

Eighty-two schools have undergone rehabilitation of physical infrastructure (investment of USD 2.5 million). School supplies and textbooks have been distributed to Lebanese children in schools where Syrians attend, and human resources and material support, including vehicles and computers, have been provided to the MEHE offices across the country.

Activity	Number of Benefitting Vulnerable Lebanese (Jan.—May 2014)
Children enrolled in formal education	22,281
Children enrolled in non-formal education opportunities	4,219
Children who received psychosocial support in education	3,406
Children who received school supplies	10,962
Schools rehabilitated	82
Teachers trained	1,943

33%

Percentage of the total RRP6 appeal for Education required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

\$82 m

Amount of RRP6 Education appeal required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese



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Future Plan

In 2014, all children in some 570 targeted public schools will benefit from school supplies. In addition, over 200 schools will benefit from light rehabilitation of learning environments through improvement of water and sanitation facilities.

The Education Proposal – Reaching All Children with Education in Lebanon, which lays out the Education Strategy for the next three years, was officially launched by the Minister of Education in June 2014. The programme seeks to ensure that vulnerable school-aged children affected by the Syria crisis are able to access quality formal and non-formal learning opportunities in safe and protective environments. An average of 413,000 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese school-aged children are expected to benefit from learning opportunities as part of this strategy per year.

Health

Objective

To ensure essential health support to all vulnerable Lebanese, Syrian and Palestine refugees from Syria.

Response

In close cooperation with the Ministry of Public Health, support provided to national health care system including staffing, training, equipment, rehabilitation of health care facilities, and procurement of supplies.

Results

Over 120 Public Healthcare Centres (PHCs) have been supported.

Vulnerable Lebanese receive assistance in paying fees as do Syrian refugees, and over 66 hospitals compensated for on a fee for service basis for treatment of refugees.

Nineteen mobile medical units provide health services to remote communities for acute healthcare of refugees and Lebanese.

Epidemic diseases surveillance system improved for timely detection of diseases and national immunization programmes strengthened with management, supplies and vaccines including support to the national tuberculosis programme and its

Activity	Number of Benefitting Vulnerable Lebanese (Jan.—May 2014)
Healthcare providers trained	164
Primary and secondary health facilities equipped and rehabilitated	46
Children vaccinated against polio, measles and rubella	630,000
Patients assisted including emergency	7,000

facilities. All children under 5 years benefit from nation-wide immunization campaigns against polio, measles and rubella (630,000 Lebanese children in April 2013 alone), as well as Vitamin A supplementation.

Primary and secondary health care workers trained to detect, treat and prevent malnutrition to the benefit of all communities.

Over USD 1 million pharmaceuticals and supplies purchased.

45%

Percentage of the total RRP6 appeal for Health required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

\$108 m

Amount of RRP6 Health appeal required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

Future Plan

National polio immunization campaign for all children under 5 to re-commence in last quarter of 2014. Increased activities to strengthen the capacity of the national health system over a period of 18 months (March 2014 – September 2015) including significant human resource capacity building of health sector workers.



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Shelter

Objective

To provide housing solutions for vulnerable refugees and improve shelter conditions in settlements.

Response

Shelter interventions have assisted hundreds of thousands of refugees but importantly have also benefited Lebanese in the following three ways:

- Cash for shelter whereby house owners in Lebanon receive the payment to cover rent;
- Rehabilitation of private apartments and houses to accommodate refugees;
- Rehabilitation of large public or private buildings that are used as collective centres.

Results

A recent shelter survey showed that 82% of all refugees pay rent, with an average payment of USD 200 per month. Over USD 32 million are therefore injected into the Lebanese economy every month. In addition, in the first five months of 2014, an additional USD 13 million have been invested directly into host communities as part of the shelter response. It is expected that in 2014 over USD 30 million will directly impact Lebanese communities in providing shelter solutions for refugees.

Indicator	Number of Benefitting Vulnerable Lebanese (Jan.—May 2014)	Amount invested in USD (Jan.—May 2014)
Cash for shelter	20,420	\$ 3.1 million
Rehabilitation of houses	4,990	\$ 5.3 million
Rehabilitation of Private Collective Centres	395	\$ 3.6 million
Rehabilitation of Public Collective Centres	N/A	\$ 427,000
TOTAL	--	\$ 12.6 million

Future Plan

The shelter strategy will continue to prioritize assistance to those in the most insecure dwellings for shelter support and those that benefit hosting communities.

12%

Percentage of the total RRP6 appeal for Shelter required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

\$16 m

Amount of RRP6 Shelter appeal required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

Basic Needs: Non Food Items (NFIs) and Cash Assistance

Objective

To provide the necessary seasonal non-food items (NFIs) including basic and domestic items and access to energy sufficient to survive winter without adverse effects.

Response and Results

As part of the winter humanitarian response, 30,000 Lebanese received NFIs including high thermal blankets and stoves. In addition, 27,000 Lebanese received cash for fuel or fuel vouchers for the equivalent of more than USD 2.5 million.

An indirect benefit to Lebanon is the USD 42 million transferred to refugees to buy fuel from Lebanese vendors during the winter months of 2013/2014.

7%

Percentage of the total RRP6 appeal for Basic Needs/NFIs required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

\$12 m

Amount of RRP6 Basic Needs/NFIs appeal required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

Social Cohesion and Livelihoods

Objective

To support the most affected municipalities to reduce the stress on the provision of basic social services and improve self-reliance and livelihoods.

Response

Under the RRP, quick impact and short-term community support projects are implemented to support vulnerable Lebanese communities hosting high numbers of Syrian refugees. These projects aim to fill critical service gaps for populations most affected by the Syrian crisis and are implemented across all sectors. For example, municipalities are provided with waste collection trucks and bins and primary schools benefit from hygiene kits.

Programmes are also being implemented to support municipalities in the development and implementation of projects developed as part of municipal action plans with the objective to improve the overall service delivery. For example, potable water and waste water networks are being expanded and markets rehabilitated.

In addition, in the area of social cohesion, partners are working with municipality and community members to assist them to mitigate emerging tensions and prevent conflicts. This is done by setting up local conflict mitigation mechanisms and training of local community members.

Finally, Lebanese are targeted for livelihood projects including some cash for work and skills training.

Results

From January until May 2014 US\$ 8.7 million has been invested in 136 community support projects in over 164 cadastres. This means that a large number of the 242 cadastres identified as most vulnerable have already benefitted from a community support project in 2014. Participatory planning and conflict mitigation mechanisms have been set up in 30 communities.

Four livelihood centres have been established in Akkar, Bekaa, Mount Lebanon and Tripoli, which are open to Lebanese for skills development and information about jobs.

Future Plan

The social cohesion and livelihoods response will continue with its current four-pronged approach in the next six months, building on the results achieved:

- Projects supporting communities and municipalities will continue to be implemented and will be increasingly based on participatory approaches, engaging the community at large to ensure that the projects address the immediate needs of host communities and main sources of tension;
- Innovative livelihood activities will be scaled up, with a particular focus on increasing the proportion of host community beneficiaries of livelihoods activities with a focus on women and youth;
- Partners with expertise in advancing social cohesion will bring Lebanese and Syrian communities and local authorities together in dialogue and support them with means to mediate conflict;
- Media, teachers, youth and local leaders and other agents of change will be called upon and prepared to actively combat the misperception fuelling hostilities – a particular focus will be put on the role of youth and media.

53% Percentage of the total RRP6 appeal for Social Cohesion and Livelihoods required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

\$63 m Amount of RRP6 Social Cohesion and Livelihoods appeal required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

Activity	Number of Benefitting Vulnerable Lebanese (Jan.—May 2014)
Social cohesion, municipal and community support	
Community support projects completed	136 projects, targeting 164 cadastres
Communities with functioning conflict mitigation and participatory planning mechanisms	30
Livelihoods	
Increased income generation, employment opportunities and market creation	1,276
Vocational or life skills support	2,548

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Objective

To strengthen national systems and provide the most vulnerable population with sufficient safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities.

Response and Results

Existing service delivery for the Lebanese community has been enhanced to benefit Lebanese and Syrian populations. Activities include: i) improving effectiveness of existing water production, treatment and distribution systems; ii) developing new water sources and supply systems, and; iii) extending water supply to new areas in need. Water storage is also being provided through rehabilitation and construction of reservoirs.

Sanitation is being improved through repairs and upgrading of sewerage networks and connecting households to these systems. The provision of trucks for collecting and transferring wastewater and the direct disposal of this from septic tanks to existing treatment facilities ensures an improved sanitary environment.

For solid waste management, training in hygiene promotion has been provided as well as household bins in refugee hosting communities. Appropriate collection points agreed in coordination with the municipal body responsible. Municipalities have been supported through the provision of waste collection trucks and other machinery for collection, compacting and carting.

The activities above are being implemented in partnership with the Water Establishments and the Ministry of Energy and Water and are in line with the National Water and Wastewater strategies. Results for the first five months of the year are displayed in the table.

Activity	Number of Benefitting Vulnerable Lebanese (Jan.—May 2014)
Solid waste disposal	42,669
Improved access to safe and clean water	214,650
Improved access to wastewater facilities	50,625
Community support projects	56

Future Plan

Ongoing interventions as per the above with an increase emphasis on sustainable projects. Key aspects of future activities are:

- enhancing water efficiency at the household level;
- increasing the level of safe water treatment and quality monitoring;
- promoting awareness of water scarcity and appropriate response;
- mitigating disposal of wastewater into the environment/public areas;
- working with Water Establishments and municipalities to boost capacity and resources for wastewater management;
- promoting good hygiene practices through multiple communication methods (hygiene promoters, schools, women’s groups, youth groups, mass media campaigns) while increasing beneficiary participation and decision-making through community-led behaviour change methods;
- ensuring integrated health, education, and WASH disease monitoring and awareness campaigns in collaboration with the government authorities; and,
- in line with the planned polio immunization campaigns, hygiene promotion messaging for children and communities.

30%

Percentage of the total RRP6 appeal for WASH required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

\$55 m

Amount of RRP6 WASH appeal required to meet the needs of vulnerable Lebanese

Disclaimer: This factsheet shows the major elements of the RRP that are contributing to Lebanese host communities and institutions however the RRP is currently funded at 23 percent.