

Inter-agency update on the situation in Arsal

and surrounding areas



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35,000

Resident
Population of Arsal



42,000

Registered Refugees



5,000

Awaiting
registration

Background

Armed clashes, reportedly of lower intensity than earlier, continued to affect both Lebanese Arsali and refugees. Access to the town remains restricted and humanitarian activities are mostly suspended pending stabilization of the situation.

Humanitarian situation

Medical

Roads continued to be blocked, preventing the transport of severe medical cases outside Arsal. Health care centres are running low on medication and medical supplies. PHC/Mobile Medical Unit activities are mostly suspended, with only one PHC open to receive patients. MMU will be dispatched in the Bekaa in locations hosting displaced.

Food

Over the last two days, a few food shops and a bakery were opened for a couple of hours. However, with movements within Arsal still curtailed by the prevailing security situation, access remains limited and reports indicate that food stocks and baby supplies are running low.

Water and infrastructure

Electricity was reportedly still cut, preventing the pumping of water. However, two water truckers delivered water during the morning of 6 August to various homes and collective shelters.

Displacement

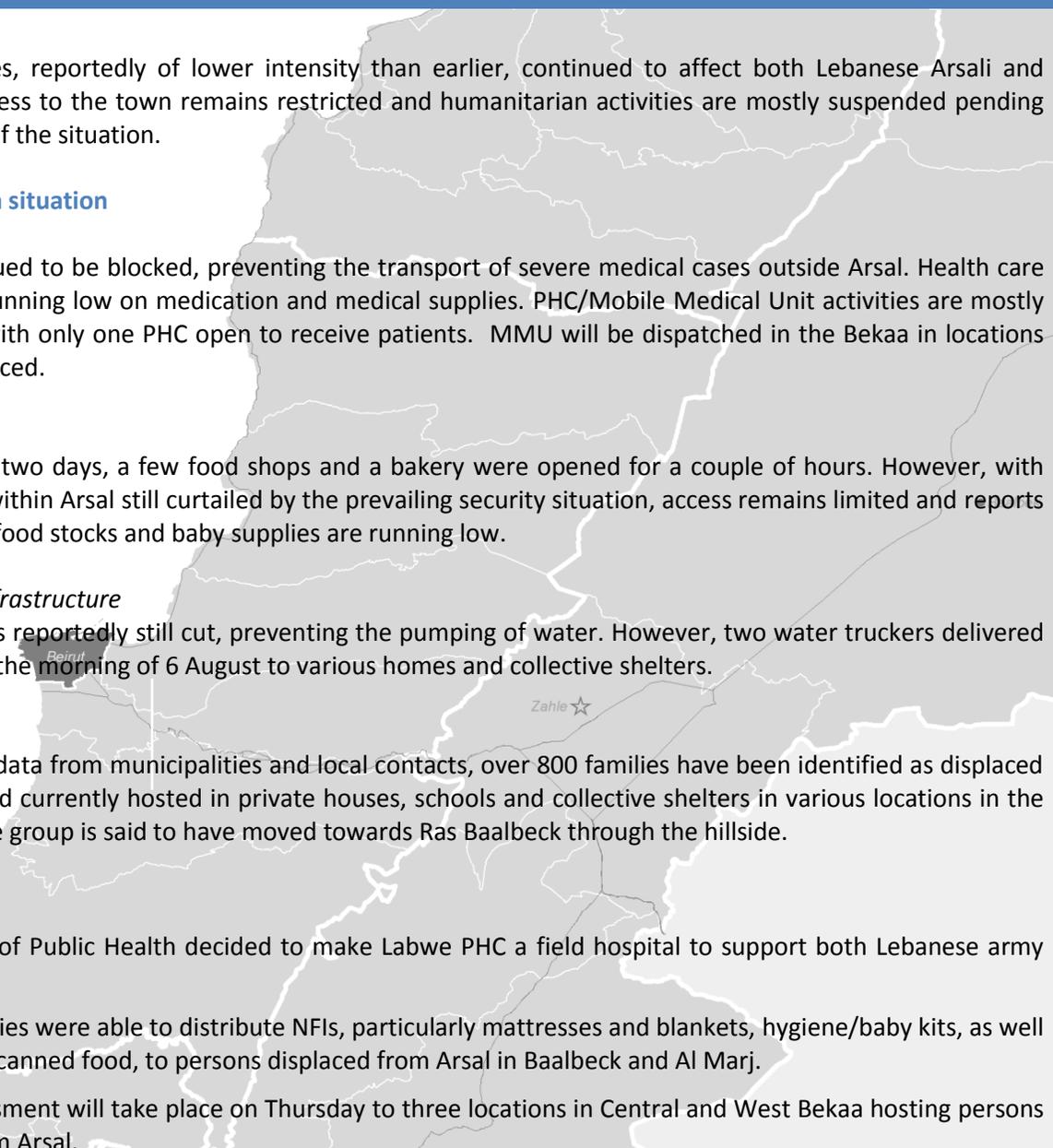
According to data from municipalities and local contacts, over 800 families have been identified as displaced from Arsal and currently hosted in private houses, schools and collective shelters in various locations in the Bekaa. A large group is said to have moved towards Ras Baalbeck through the hillside.

Response

The Minister of Public Health decided to make Labwe PHC a field hospital to support both Lebanese army and civilians.

Several agencies were able to distribute NFIs, particularly mattresses and blankets, hygiene/baby kits, as well as bread and canned food, to persons displaced from Arsal in Baalbeck and Al Marj.

A rapid assessment will take place on Thursday to three locations in Central and West Bekaa hosting persons displaced from Arsal.



Tents burning down in an informal settlement in Arsal after a shell landed nearby