

SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



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Agencies and the Government of Lebanon had requested US\$1.89 billion in the inter-agency funding appeal.

The mid-year review in June resulted in a downward revision of these requirements to US\$ 1.68 billion. US\$ 611.5 million - 36 per cent - has been received as of 23 September.

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- 859,835 people received food assistance through electronic card modality;
- 11,375 consultations were conducted for primary and secondary healthcare services;
- 5,765 individuals received 1,092 weather-proofing kits in anticipation of the winter season;
- 1,191,780 registered Syrian refugees and waiting registration as of 24 September 2014.

PROTECTION

Over 140 women participated in skills development and vocational trainings, conducted by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) at the women's resource centre in Saida on agriculture and English literacy. These trainings are part of women empowerment initiatives that aim to prevent and reduce the risk of gender-based violence (GBV).

DRC's child protection mobile team and GBV outreach team continued to assess different informal settlements in Northern Bekaa in order to identify children and refugee women at risk.

FOOD SECURITY

In September 2014, 859,835 people had access to food assistance through the World Food Programme (WFP) e-card modality while another 5,263 new arrivals from Syria received food parcels.

Due to funding shortfalls, WFP's targeted assistance to registered refugees will be reduced starting October 1st from US\$30 to US\$20 per person per month. The food parcel assistance will also be reduced to a limited caseload. WFP continues to call for further support to increase its food assistance in the coming months as these cuts will severely affect refugees.

SHELTER

In order to prepare and equip Syrian refugees for the coming winter season, humanitarian partners continued to distribute shelter kits including repair and sealing off kits. 2,385 individuals in the Bekaa received 450 from Save the Children. In addition, 3,380 people received 642 kits from Medair.

532 newly arrived families received bedding supplies, kitchen sets, and hygiene and baby kits from DRC.

HEALTH

The third routine round of immunization including against polio was completed in over 165 locations considered to be at risk.

In coordination with the Ministry of Public Health, humanitarian partners conducted 10,000 primary health care consultations. Around 1,375 people were admitted to hospitals.

In the week 15-21 Sept, 292 Syrian refugee women in different areas in Lebanon received counselling on infant and young child feeding (IYCF) from IOCC. An additional 162 women participated in awareness sessions on IYCF.

1,590 social and mental health consultations were provided in five different governorates through home visits and centre-based services by International Medical Corps (IMC).

Launching the mother and child healthcare initiative

As part of a 20 million euro Instrument for Stability (IfS) Project “*Conflict Reduction through Improving Healthcare Services for the vulnerable population in Lebanon*”, funded by the European Union, the Ministry of Public Health launched a “Mother and Child Health Care Initiative” on September 19 which aims to provide quality primary healthcare services to hundreds of mothers and children throughout Lebanon.

This initiative is managed by UNHCR and implemented by the World Health Organization (WHO) with the participation of UNICEF, International Relief and Development, and International Alert. This project will capacitate four primary healthcare centers in Rashaya to provide full healthcare services to non-insured pregnant women and vaccination for children up to 18 months.

WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

Close to 200 students benefited from access to safe water and toilets in a public school in Jbeil.

Construction works by UNHCR and ACTED on six water reservoirs in Iklim El Kharoub, Mount Lebanon are ahead of schedule with progress at 75 per cent. This project will benefit 50,000 Lebanese and Syrians once completed in November 2014.

ACF and Intersos trucked 5,814 m³ of water to Aarsal and west Bekaa benefiting host communities and refugees.

Fatima's Story



Fatima, 15 years old, fits her artificial limb in her shelter at an informal settlement in North Lebanon. UNHCR / A. McConnell

In January 2011, Fatima was on her way to Homs in Syria with her father and brother when a bomb fell nearby. The next thing she remembers is waking up in a hospital. "I couldn't see anything", she said. "My right leg was not there, there was nothing there."

Two months later, Fatima told her father that she wanted to walk so he got her crutches. Four months later, she fled to North Lebanon

with her family. The young teenager got her first prosthetic leg in Lebanon. Nonetheless, Fatima felt very down for a while.

“I saw my friends and relatives playing and moving around while I had a prosthetic limb and I still couldn't move,” explained Fatima. “My family gave me a lot of support which helped me slowly to accept my fate,” she adds.

Today, Fatima is part of an educational program where she is learning English and Mathematics. “For now I just want to continue my studies,” she said.

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