

## Institutional and Community Support Update

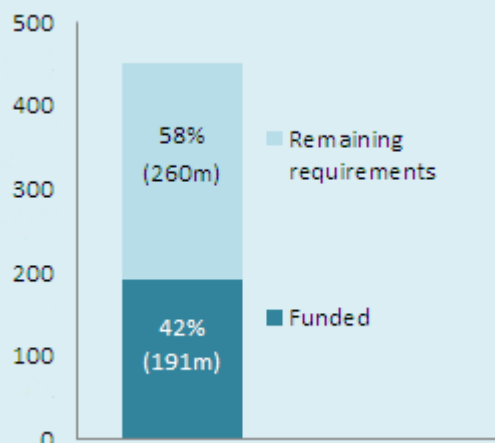
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Support to public hospitals in delivering baby friendly services in Bekaa @ UNHCR



### Funding

UNHCR total requirements: USD **451m**



### August developments

#### Institutional support

- UNHCR and WHO provided new staff and conducted training to support the MOPH's primary health care centres and its communicable disease prevention and response capacity. This is part of UNHCR's largest institutional support programme launched in early July, which aims to promote stability in Lebanon through institutional support to the public health sector.

#### Community support programme

- Five water and waste management projects in Qobayat were completed.
- UNHCR supported Taanayel Public Hospital by rehabilitating urgently needed facilities and provision of medical equipment. The enhanced equipment and facilities supported the hospital to cope with increasing number of patients. It receives and treats all Lebanese and Syrian patients and records the highest numbers of Syrian refugees in the Bekaa. Over 450 deliveries occur on a monthly basis, over 50% of which are Syrian refugees.

### Overview

The Lebanese population has made tremendous efforts to host and cater for the needs of Syrian refugees over the last three years. Currently, over one million registered Syrian refugees are living in more than 1,750 locations, and some towns have more refugees than resident Lebanese. Host communities require institutional and capacity support to manage larger numbers of residents.

UNHCR reserves 15 per cent of its humanitarian budget for institutional support to public institutions and projects that build capacity of local communities providing assistance to refugees. Since 2011, UNHCR Lebanon has been increasing this support for institutions and communities to cope with the influx of refugees. These interventions are intended to mitigate the impact of the refugee presence on host communities and promote social cohesion so that Syrians in need of protection continue to be welcome in Lebanon

## Goals of Institutional Support

UNHCR is currently providing support to those Government institutions that are most impacted by the refugee influx: the Ministries of Public Health (MOPH), Education (MEHE), Social Affairs (MOSA), and Interior and Municipalities (MOIM). Examples of support include the provision of staff, training, materials and equipment which assist with the expansion of services, particularly in health, education and services offered by Social Development Centres.

## Goals of community support

Community support plays a concrete role in direct support to vulnerable Lebanese communities hosting high numbers of refugees. The programme is designed to fund quick impact and short-term community projects which aim to fill critical service gaps in these communities.

Community Support Projects (CSPs) aim at improving the living conditions of both refugees and host communities and cover a wide range of for improving food processing and packaging.

CSPs involve active participation from the community to ensure that they are in line with community priorities. So far, a total of USD 44.6 million has been allocated in 2014 for both institutional support and CSPs.



## 2013 Expenditures and 2014 budget

UNHCR institutional and community support	2013 Expenditures	2014 Budget
<b>Institutional support</b> Health, education and social development activities (staffing, medicine, material, equipment, training, IT equipment, generators)	7.5	35.2
<b>Community based projects</b> (water, sanitation and waste management facilities, community centres)	13.5	9.4
Total USD	21 million	44.6 million

## UNHCR implementing partners

Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Alert, International Relief and Development (IRD), Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale (PU-AMI), Social, Humanitarian, Economical Intervention For Local Development (SHEILD), International Orthodox Christian Charities, USA (IOCC-USA), Right to Play, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN-HABITAT, Cooperative Housing Foundation International (CHF), Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Tech. et au Dévelopmt. (ACTED), Concern Worldwide, Terre Des Hommes Italy, CARITAS, International Medical Corps (IMC), Oxfam GB, War Child Holland (WCH), Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI), Save the Children International, Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli (CISP), WHO, UNICEF, International Alert.