

HIGHLIGHTS

The preliminary findings of Vasyr 2015, as well as the data from the household profiling exercise continue to highlight the increasing difficulties of Syrian refugees in meeting their basic needs. To complement the risk of increased vulnerability due to an approaching winter, the sector has completed and started to implement the winter support plan, along with endorsing packages and a methodology as per the 2014's lessons learnt and recommendations.

Cash has been chosen as a main modality for assistance in the upcoming winter plan. Households will be targeted based on food eligibility, economic vulnerability, and exposure to cold. The cash for winter programme represent an extra boost to families as it is considered a 'top-up' to the regular ongoing multi-purpose cash programme. Approximately 165,000 Syrian refugee households will be receiving winter cash - \$100 or \$147 depending on altitude - from November to February. Overall, more than 250,000 poor families from different cohorts will benefit from cash, core relief items distribution, and shelter weatherproofing.

Between September and October, the basic assistance sector undertook a revision of the cash eligibility formula as it was unable to fully capture the fast increase in economic vulnerability reflected by VASyR 2015; severely vulnerable households went up from 26% to 52% compared to last year. As such, the cash eligibility formula was revised and operationalized in October 2015 to ensure higher efficiency and increased accuracy in identification methods. In addition, parameters such as shelter conditions and expenditures on food were added as significant predictors of poverty.

As a result of the application of the new formula, the number of eligible households increased from 38% to 54% - which is a more comparable rate as per the level of vulnerability identified in the 2015 VASyR. An additional 10,000 households will be enrolled in the regular multi-purpose cash programme as of November as well. Until the end of October, more than 100,000 families had their vulnerability profiled and 57,335 (26,472 severely and 30,863 highly) were identified to require financial support. 23,268 families received multi-purpose cash assistance in October and additional 10,000 will receive assistance as of November.

FUNDING

(in Million \$)

Original requirement	289
Revised requirement	299
Received*	114

*As of end September

PEOPLE

In Need/Target

1.3 m (People in Need)

889,500 (People Targeted)

Refugees	500,00
Vulnerable Lebanese	389,500

PARTNERS

33 in Lebanon

count of partners per area of operation

Beirut & Mt Lebanon	15
Bekaa	13
Tripoli + S	11
Akkar	10
South	10



PROGRESS AGAINST 2015 TARGETS

Month of October progress

Progress (in %)

Category	Jan-Sep	October	Target
# of households profiled (vulnerability)*	104,698		120,000
# of households receiving multi-sector/purpose cash transfers	23,980		93,595
Total USD amount distributed as multi-sector/purpose cash	\$37,373,395		143,199,432
# of in-kind CRI kits distributed to newcomers and families in need	31,113		38,940
# of households receiving seasonal cash	75,931		88,486
Total USD amount distributed as seasonal cash	\$15,740,860		23,914,825
# of households who received fuel vouchers	35,581		17,420
# of High Thermal blankets distributed	280,801		232,645

Seasonal

BASIC ASSISTANCE - FACTS AND FIGURES

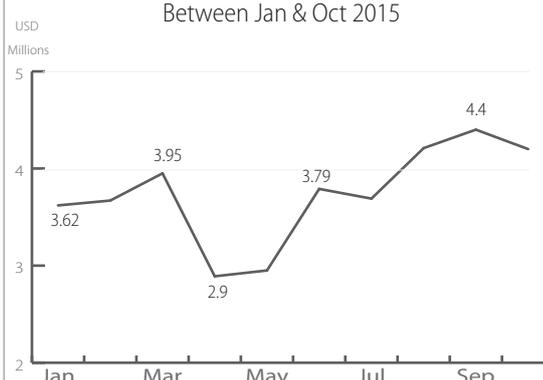
Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB): **114\$/Capita/Month**

Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB): **87\$/Capita/Month**

Syrian refugee households living under MEB: (source VaSyr 2015) **70%**

Syrian refugee households living under SMEB: (source VaSyr 2015) **50%**

\$37.3 Million Distributed as Multi-Purpose Cash Between Jan & Oct 2015



Month	Amount (Millions USD)
Jan	3.62
Mar	3.95
May	2.9
Jul	3.79
Sep	4.4