

Child Labor in Lebanon

Context in Lebanon

Main cause of Child Labor;

- Poverty / lack of income
- Children that are working are often the main/only – breadwinners in their families;

Child labor existed in Lebanon prior to the Syria crisis;

Increase in numbers of children engaged in labor in recent years;

- Children are toiling long hours for low wages-
- Exposed to violence, exploitation and abuse
- Deprived of education.

Numbers of children working in Lebanon:

The Ministry of Labor's estimate was 180,000 (in 2013);

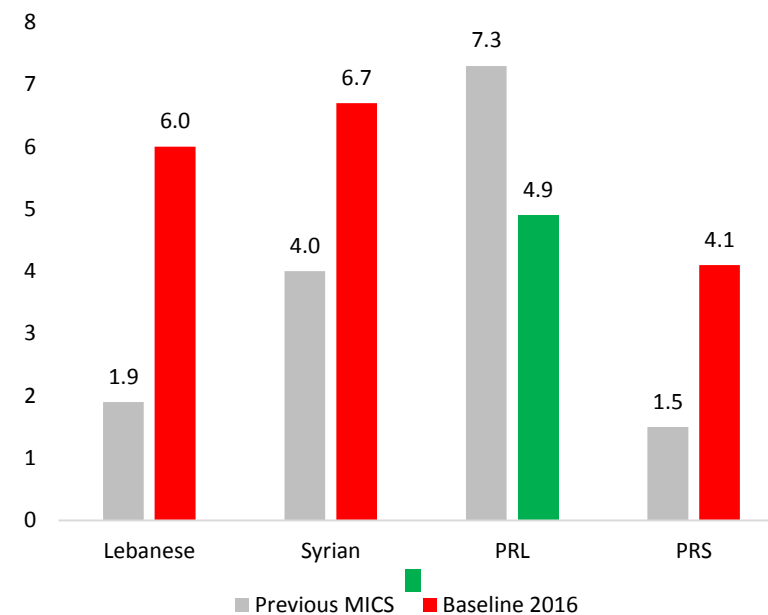
- Figure is likely higher now due to protracted crisis

2016 House hold survey conducted by MOSA and UNICEF,

- Lebanese children; number engaged in child labor 3 times higher than in 2009.
- Syrian children; number has increased by over 50%

MOSA and UNICEF Household survey 2016 - Child Labor results

| | Previous MICS* | Baseline 2016 | Trend |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------|
| Lebanese | 1.9 | 6.0 | ✗ |
| Male | 2.7 | 9.6 | |
| Female | 0.9 | 2.3 | |
| Syrian | 4.0 | 6.7 | ✗ |
| Male | 5.0 | 8.4 | |
| Female | 3.0 | 4.9 | |
| PRL | 7.3 | 4.9 | ✓ |
| Male | 8.8 | 6.3 | |
| Female | 5.8 | 3.3 | |
| PRS | 1.5 | 4.1 | ✗ |
| Male | 1.7 | 6.4 | |
| Female | 1.2 | 2.1 | |



Numbers of children working in Lebanon:

- 3 out of 4 children working in the streets are from Syria.
- 67% of street working children worked up to 10 hours per day
- Estimated 2/3's of Syrian refugee children out-of-school are working instead of going to school

Evidence-based information collection on children working in Agriculture

- National assessment to estimate the numbers of children working in Agriculture
FAO and UNICEF
Completion date (October 2017);
- Qualitative assessment on the supply component of Child Labor in Agriculture by Syrian refugees
Conducted by AUB; MoL, ILO, FAO and UNICEF supporting
Completion date (September 2017);

Collective actions to combat Child Labour

MoL, MOSA and partners prioritise reducing **the worst forms of child labor;**

- bonded labor or compulsory labor
- hazardous work
- child recruitment into armed forces/ gangs
- children working on the streets.
- agricultural labor

Key Sector Priority for LCRP 2016 -2020

Collective actions to combat Child Labour

Individual level

- **PSS programs** /Group support / Life skills and learning opportunities

Activity Info; 5.2.2: # of boys and girls experiencing child labor **4220**

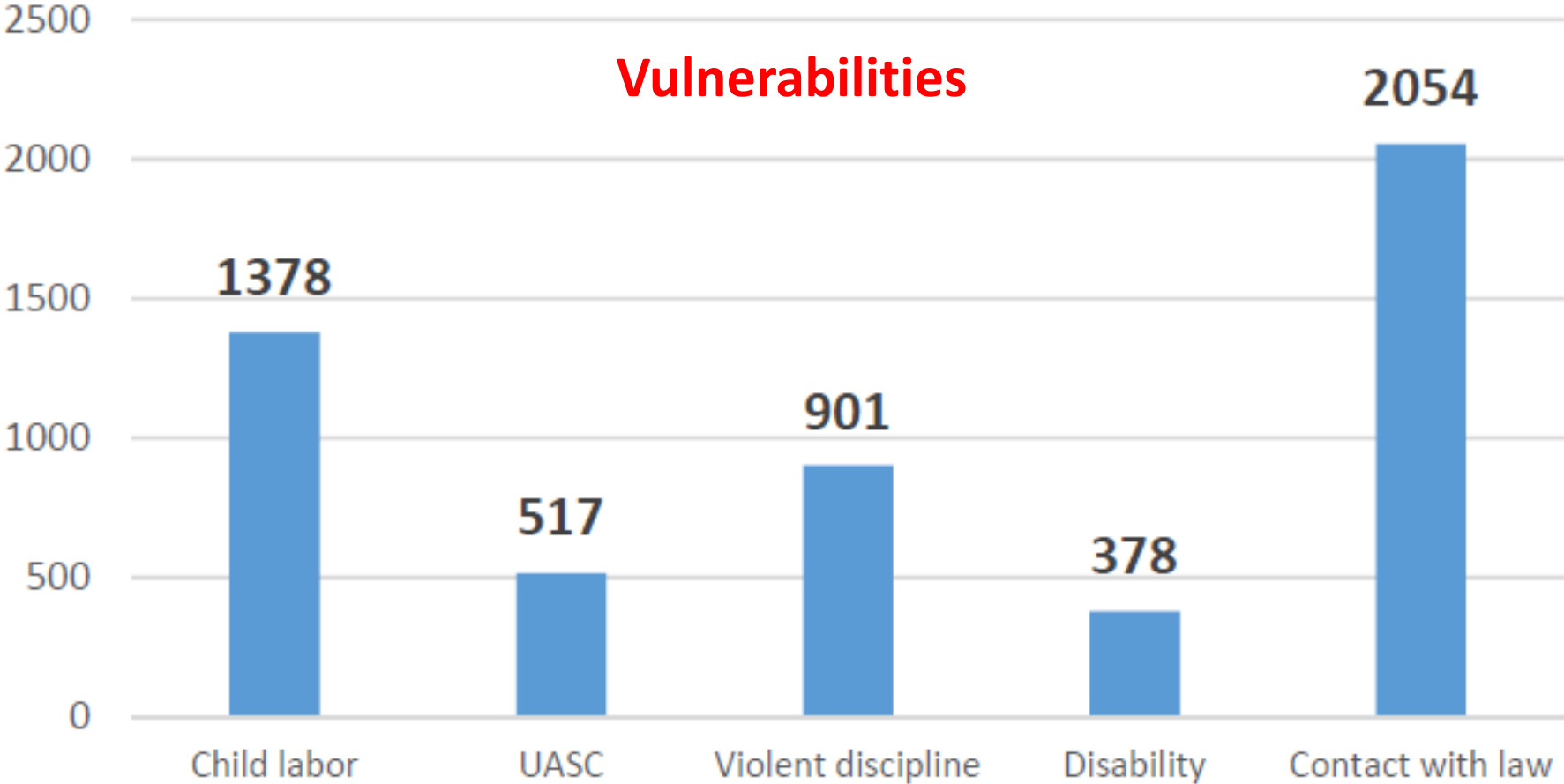
- **Case management** (high / medium risk)
physical abuse/violence/exploitation/emotional abuse/neglect
- Referral to relevant services; specialized service, cash assistance; Education – formal, non formal, vocational

Inter- Sector level –Cross sector coordination and referral
cash assistance, livelihoods, education, SGBV

Activity Info Data

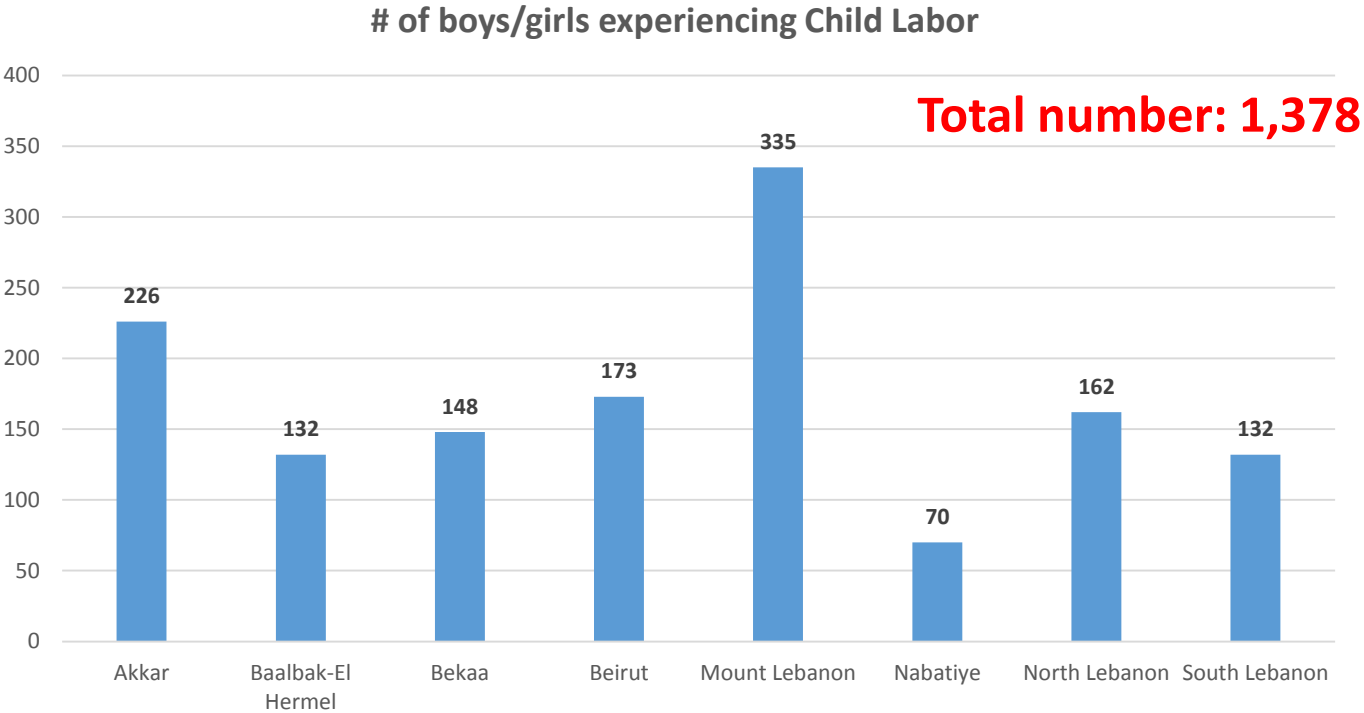
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Community level

Sensitization / out reach programs/ Prevention / awareness and advocacy with;

- Caregivers
- Municipalities
- Employers, Farmers

(eg Back to School campaign)

Child Labor Sensitization Activity Info data:

Total # of caregivers accessing CP prevention (Jan-June 2017): **27,620**

5.3.3: # of caregivers accessing Child Labor sessions ; **1090**

5.3.4: # of boys and girls accessing Child Labor sessions ; **4302**

Collective actions to combat Child Labor

Government Level

- Ministry of Labor is the lead government agency in Lebanon on child labor
- The National Action Plan to Eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor. (updated version 2016 -2020 awaiting endorsement)
- National Steering Committee against Child Labor in Lebanon (NSC) – include Ministries of Labor, Education, Agriculture, Social affairs
- Working plans with 4 Ministers to improve / scale up essential vocational and educational services for youth and adolescents aged 15+ in the field of Agriculture;

IRC Video on Street children

- <https://www.rescue-uk.org/article/street-classroom-getting-syrian-kids-back-learning-lebanon>