

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE WORKING GROUP

Q3-2023 DASHBOARD

Inter-Agency Coordination Unit: Lebanon

Overview

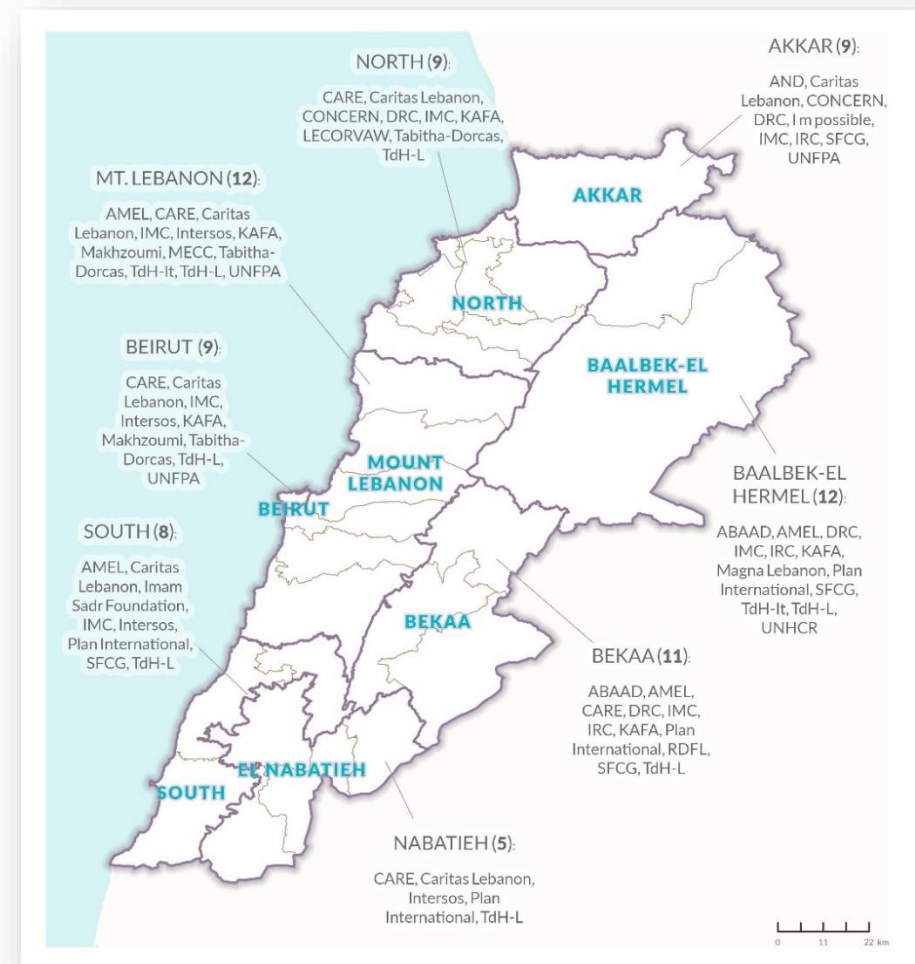
The Gender-based Violence Working Group (GBV WG), operating under the Protection Sector, is co-chaired by the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), UNFPA and UNHCR. Its aim is to ensure effective GBV prevention, response and risk mitigation programs are implemented by all GBV actors in Lebanon. Through monthly GBV coordination meetings, the GBV WG regularly assesses and analyzes information and data on the legal and socioeconomic environment in Lebanon to understand and address GBV risks, consequences and ultimately the root causes of GBV in the country informing the sector’s response strategies and advocacy actions.

PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES OF THE GBV WG:

- 1) Provide quality and effective GBV case management services addressing the risks and needs of GBV survivors in all their diversity and linking them to specialized services including clinical management of rape (CMR)/health services, MHPSS, legal aid, safe shelter as well as financial assistance or livelihood opportunities aiming to protect and empower survivors of GBV.
- 2) Develop and implement GBV prevention interventions to foster longer-term attitude changes in the society, such as gender norms of males and females in the society.
- 3) Mitigate and prevent GBV from occurring across the response through GBV risk mitigation actions in all sectors.

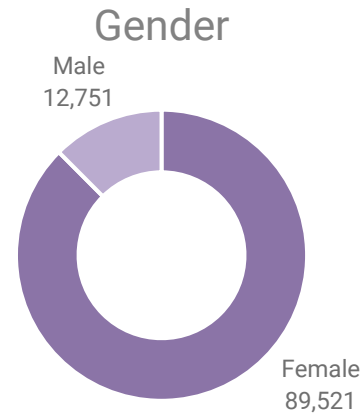
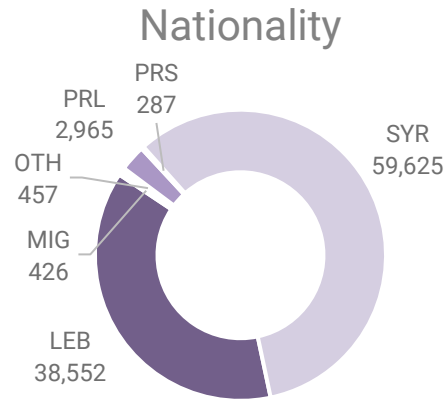
What is GBV?

GBV is an umbrella term for any harmful act that is perpetrated against a person’s will and that is based on socially ascribed (i.e. gender) differences between males and females and can be of physical, sexual or emotional nature. GBV is a grave human rights violation that has a detrimental impact on the wellbeing, safety, and health of those exposed. Displacement, conflict, and crises often aggravate root causes of GBV, including power dynamics between men and women.



KEY FIGURES

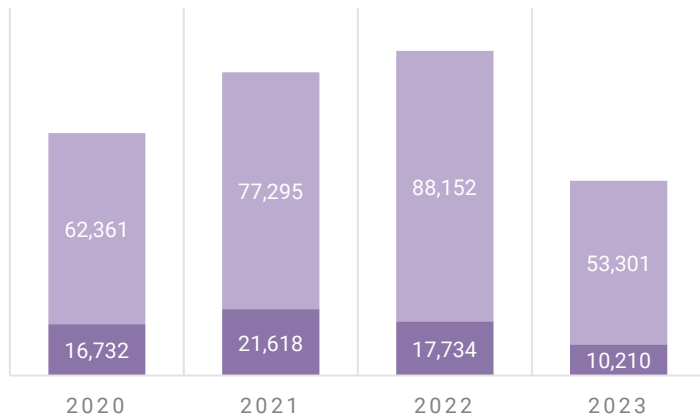
People Reached: **102,312** | Partner Organizations: **25** | GBV WG Funding: **\$21.5 M** *as of 7th November 2023 (ERP + LCRP)



OVERALL

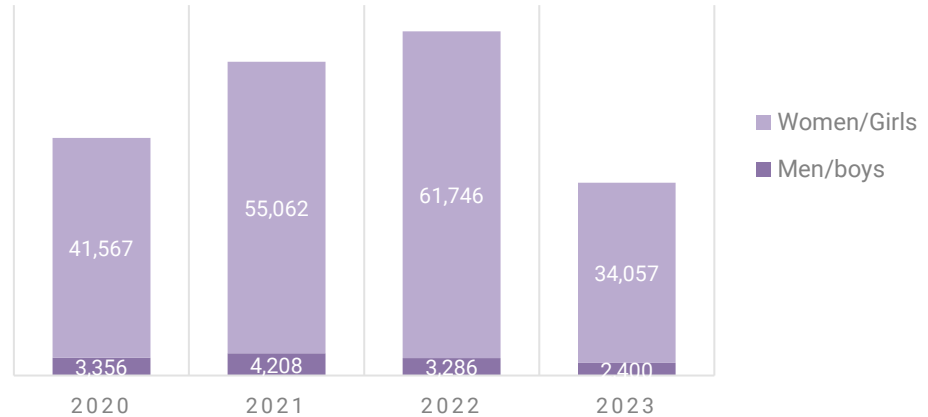
GBV Prevention

Includes awareness raising on GBV, longer-term attitude change initiatives, recreational, livelihood and other programs aiming at empowerment and resilience building for survivors and those at risk of GBV



GBV Response

Includes GBV case management services, legal aid for GBV-specific concerns, focused and non-focused psychosocial support as well as safe shelter options



PREVENTION/RESPONSE

LEB: Lebanese, **MIG:** Migrant, **OTH:** Other Nationalities, **PRL:** Palestinian Refugees from Lebanon, **PRS:** Palestinian Refugees from Syria, **SYR:** Displaced persons from Syria

Note: Figures (except for funding) represent the combined reach of both Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP) activities.



GBV WG Funding Gaps:



The LCRP Has a Funding Gap of \$27.4 Million

Only receiving 40.4% of their needs-based appeal

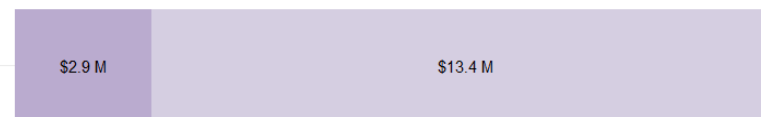


Legend: Appeal (light purple), Received + Carry Over from 2022 (dark purple)

Reporting as of November 7, 2023

The ERP Has a Funding Gap of \$10.5 Million

Only receiving 21.6% of their needs-based appeal



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Reporting as of November 7, 2023

CHALLENGES

- Shrinking space for GBV and gender actors characterized by an increased negative public rhetoric resulting in programmatic challenges for gender and GBV programs.
 - Media attacks and threats on centers providing reproductive health services and other recreational and PSS activities for women and girls.
 - Community leaders and religious actors putting pressure on organizations providing gender and GBV services, activities being suspended or implemented through amended modalities and State actors requesting partners not to use words 'gender' and 'GBV'.
- Increased risks of sexual exploitation and abuse against women and girls working in the agricultural field and against female HHs by landlords.
- GBV risks reported in temporary shelters used by women, men and children who fled the conflict-affected areas in Ein El Hilweh Camp with GBV risk mitigation measures implemented by UNRWA inside their collective shelters.
- Disruption of GBV actors' interventions inside and outside EEH camp including activities implemented in community centers in Saida.
- Limited availability and access to the law enforcement and justice sector impacting survivors' ability to effectively report gender-based violence incidents preventing perpetrators of GBV from being held accountable for crimes committed.

KEY GAPS AND ASKS

- Multi-year and unearmarked funding for response, prevention, and pro-active community-based protection programs to ensure access to life-saving services and to strengthen resilience and longer-term behavior change addressing root causes of GBV.
- Prioritize and strengthen integrated and specialized mental health and psychosocial services to respond to increasing mental health concerns, including access to safe shelter for survivors with disability or with mental health and psychosocial needs.
- Continued need to invest in the health response to GBV including sexual and reproductive health services, strengthen referrals to the health sectors and continue efforts to bridge existing gaps in clinical management of rape.
- Create economic opportunities for women and girls including expanding on cash assistance.
- Guarantee all funded humanitarian sectors fulfil their responsibility to mainstream GBV risk mitigation with a focus on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Child Safeguarding.
- Advocacy with key stakeholders including state authorities on the importance of GBV prevention and response activities including lifesaving services for GBV survivors and the need to maintain a safe operational space for GBV actors and staff.



Resources:

GBV Working Group Portal: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/working-group/23?sv=4&geo=71>

GBV Working Group Drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ibIBctXd8Y_LdhfIVvBi3VSKahwdTfo7