What's New?

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The monthly *What's New? LRP Update* newsletter provides a consolidated overview of the latest strategic, operational, and analytical updates related to the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP). It brings together key planning documents, funding updates, assessments, dashboards, and situation reports to ensure partners have timely access to critical information. The newsletter aims to support coordinated planning, evidence-based decision-making, and continued alignment across stakeholders and response partners under the LRP framework.

LRP and Flash Appeal Funding Update – Mid-Year 2026

$622.58 million was made available by June 2026 to partners for interventions under the LRP including funding directly received and carry-over/multi-year funding contributions made previously for 2025. This equates to 38 per cent of the LRP appeal that was set for the year ($1.62 billion). Moreover, $198.22 million was made available by June 2026 to partners for interventions under the Flash Appeal including funding directly received and carry-over/multi-year funding contributions made previously for 2025. This equates to 31 per cent of the Flash Appeal that was set for the period of March to August 2026 ($639.86 million). The funding update is developed by analyzing and consolidating the figures shared by the LRP partners through the Lebanon Aid Tracking System at the end of each quarter. The LRP Mid-Year Funding Update for the first half of 2026, including a summary per sector is available here.

LRP Overview and Scope – Mid-Year 2026

The LRP Overview and Scope document outlines the population targets, funding status, and strategic objectives of the response.
It provides a comprehensive overview of targeting approaches, prioritization of interventions within sector strategies, and geographical coverage.
This document is essential for guiding coordinated humanitarian actions and optimizing resource allocation to meet urgent needs.
The LRP Mid-Year Overview and Scope for the first half of 2026 is available here.

LRP Support to Lebanese Dashboard – Mid-Year 2026

The LRP Support to Lebanese dashboard provides examples of assistance to vulnerable Lebanese provided across sectors under the LRP. The LRP 2026 targeted 684,670 vulnerable Lebanese, 655,671 displaced Syrians, 95,024 Palestine Refugees in Lebanon, 11,766 Palestinian Refugees from Syria, and 70,613 Migrants. In recent years, support to Lebanese has increased across sectors in response to growing needs. This dashboard summarizes examples of assistance provided to vulnerable Lebanese under the LRP sectors, highlighting the collective efforts to ease pressures and strengthen national systems. The LRP Mid-Year Dashboard on Support to Lebanese is available here in Arabic and English.

Flash Update on Escalation of Hostilities in Lebanon #51 – As of 24 August 2026

This Flash Update reports that the humanitarian situation in Lebanon remains volatile, with continued military activity, prolonged displacement, and challenging return conditions sustaining significant humanitarian and protection needs. As of 24 August, the Ministry of Public Health reports at least 4.3 K people were killed and 12.3 K were injured. Moreover, 817,458 people reported returning to their areas of origin, while 348,898 people remain displaced, including 21,000 displaced inside 209 collective shelters. The Flash Appeal stands at 52 per cent funded, making it challenging to sustain humanitarian assistance. Humanitarian partners continue to prioritize the delivery of a coordinated, multi-sector response across Lebanon while prioritizing de-escalation and cessation of hostilities, as well as the protection of civilians. The latest Flash Update is available here.

Lebanon Mobility Snapshot Round 113 – 20 August 2026

This report is based on IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Mobility Tracking exercise and is complemented by data from national systems, including the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) and the Disaster Risk Management (DRM), to support data triangulation and validation. As of 19 August 2026, IOM's DTM identified 348,898 internally displaced persons (IDPs) across Lebanon, noting that 817,458 IDPs are reported to have returned. Data was collected remotely through IOM's network of key informants, including municipality officials, mukhtars, community representatives, and neighbourhood focal points. Population figures for collective sites were sourced from the DRM dashboard. The latest Mobility Snapshot Round 113 is available here.

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UNHCR-Facilitated Return of Displaced Syrians, Lebanon – 31 July 2026

This overview was prepared by UNHCR to provide an update on the Facilitated Return of Displaced Syrians in Lebanon. Since 1 January 2025, 672,699 Syrian individuals known to UNHCR have been inactivated from UNHCR's database due to confirmed and presumed returns to Syria. Among them, 83,880 individuals (12%) were facilitated to return by UNHCR: 66,588 under the voluntary return programme and 17,292 under the return due to force majeure programme since 1 April 2026. In response to the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon, UNHCR launched the return due to force majeure (RFM) programme on 1 April 2026, based on a humanitarian imperative to alleviate harm and support refugees who were left with no viable alternative other than to return to Syria. The latest dashboard for UNHCR-Facilitated Return of Displaced Syrians is available here.

Tensions Monitoring System (TMS): Tensions Pulse Reports

In continuation of its monitoring support, the Tensions Monitoring System (TMS), established in 2017 through a collaboration between UNDP, UNHCR, the Ministry of Social Affairs, and the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities in Lebanon, is releasing the Tensions Pulse every other day and in a weekly format. The Tensions Pulse aims to equip decision makers and humanitarian actors with timely, evidence-driven insights to support informed planning and response adaptation. It features a Tensions Dashboard, Online Narratives section, Map of Geographical Hotspots, and a "What to Watch" segment outlining emerging issues to monitor closely. The TMS Tensions Pulse reports are available here.

Updated Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Referral Pathways – Q2 2026

The GBV Working Group has updated the GBV referral pathways to ensure that GBV life-saving services remain accessible during this period of high mobility. Given the various barriers women and girls at risk of GBV and GBV survivors may face in accessing support, increasing safe entry points to services remains critical to ensuring an effective GBV response. All sector partners are encouraged to actively use these pathways in support of the Centrality of Protection, and to ensure that vulnerable women and girls at risk, as well as GBV survivors, are safely and effectively linked to appropriate services. For humanitarian partners' use, the updated GBV referral pathways for are available here in English and Arabic.

UNHCR Protection Monitoring Report: Displaced Syrian in Lebanon – Q2 2026

This Protection Monitoring Report was prepared by UNHCR, covering April–June 2026. It highlights the compounding impact of the recent escalation of hostilities, displacement and continued socioeconomic pressures on displaced Syrians across Lebanon. The report draws on 2,506 household surveys covering 12,250 individuals, complemented by key informant interviews and other protection monitoring data. The findings provide an overview of key protection trends and evolving vulnerabilities, including challenges related to legal residency, displacement, access to basic services and livelihoods, shelter, healthcare, child protection and psychosocial well-being. The Protection Monitoring Report for Q2 2026 is available here.

Further Situation Reports and Updates

The UNHCR Middle East Situation: Lebanon Emergency Flash Update #15 (1– 31 July 2026) is available here.
The Cash Working Group Emergency Situation Report #4 (1– 31 July 2026) is available here.
The Health Sector Emergency Situation Report #21 (17 August 2026) is available here.
The Protection Sector Emergency Situation Report #15 (2 March – 7 August 2026) is available here.
The WaSH Sector Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #73 (30 July 2026) is available here.
The Logistics and Telecommunications Cluster Lebanon Escalation Situation Report #8 (1 – 31 July 2026) is available here.
The Lebanon Food Security and Agriculture Sector Newsletter #14 as of (31 July 2026) is available here.