



NFI Distribution in Bekaa Valley, Lebanon © 2012 IOM



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Psychosocial Workshops:

Main themes targeted during the workshops:

- Integration, interaction, and communication; confidence/trust building; getting to know oneself and 'others'; mutual and group support
- Corporal and verbal expressions (personal and social) of the experiences of violence/discrimination, problems, pain and suffering
- Perception of oneself; fear/anxiety; searching alternatives and solutions; leadership

Main activities include:

- Cooperative games; trust building exercises; participatory reflection and debate techniques
- Drawing
- Corporal expression; symbolic and adapted games

Emergency Non-food items (NFIs)

Accessing basic non-food personal care items is challenging for both displaced Syrians and Lebanese returnees as host communities' resources are increasingly overstretched.

To address this need, IOM has distributed over **9,618** NFIs to both groups in Bekaa (Baalbeck and Hermel districts) and Wadi Khaled as of 8 Nov. The NFIs include rechargeable lamps, diaper bags, winter kits, house cleaning kits and hygiene kits.

Emergency Shelter

IOM supplies emergency shelter support items to improve the living conditions of displaced Syrians and Lebanese returnees in overcrowded and precarious shelters. The assistance is based on regular in-depth shelter needs assessments.

As of 8 Nov., IOM has distributed **2,105** shelter construction support kits, which include materials designed for sealing off existing precarious shelters.

NFI and Shelter Kits	
Item	Beneficiaries
Rechargeable lamps	11,699
Diaper bags	141
House cleaning kits	1,667
Household shelter support items	13,026
Hygiene kits	5,140
Winter kits	26,687
Total	58,360

Psychosocial Support

On 24 September 2012, IOM and other UN agencies launched the Aamayer Social Development Centre in North Lebanon. At least 100 children a month benefit from the centre's Special Needs Department, which IOM rehabilitated and equipped to facilitate specialized psychosocial activities for children with special needs.

On 5 November, IOM organized its third psychosocial forum in Baalbeck district for displaced Syrians and Lebanese returnees at the DARI Recreational and Counseling Centre for Families.



Mapping and Profiling of Lebanese Returnees

IOM is currently mapping and profiling newly arriving Lebanese returnees to update the database established in August 2012, which was based on in-depth IOM needs assessments of 990 Lebanese returnee families. Moreover, IOM co-chairs the Lebanese returnees Task Force, along with the Lebanese Government's Higher Relief Commission (HRC) to establish a national response plan for Lebanese returnees. It is expected that HRC, IOM and WFP will soon sign an agreement on providing targeted assistance to the most vulnerable Lebanese returnee families.

