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Lebanon Inter-Agency Response: Syrian Refugees

June 28-July 5, 2013



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

- 86,609 refugees received WFP food vouchers;
- A total of 66,139 individuals benefited from the distribution of 12,265 hygiene kits and 4,814 baby kits this week;
- More than 800 individuals received various types of shelter support this week;
- This week, over 4,000 refugees received primary healthcare services;
- More than 1,400 refugee children benefited from summer Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs);
- Over 15,000 persons registered with UNHCR in June.

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013



Funding is also received in private donations from the following countries:
China, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, and Spain.

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REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

In the past week, over 15,000 persons registered with UNHCR bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 587,000 (over 503,000 people registered and 84,000 awaiting registration). Average waiting periods are now within 29 days – within the acceptable global standard.

Current distribution of the registered population is as follows:

North Lebanon: 178,000
Bekaa: 170,000
Beirut and Mount Lebanon: 92,000
South Lebanon: 62,000

Efforts to facilitate refugees' access to registration are ongoing in the South. This week, 85 refugee families residing in the Mount Rihan area, received transportation assistance to UNHCR's registration centre in Tyre. This effort was coordinated between UNHCR, SHIELD, local municipalities, Internal Security forces (ISF), Lebanese Armed forces (LAF) and the Lebanese Red Cross.

PROTECTION

Local municipalities in the Bekaa reported a slight reduction in the number of new arrivals this week. A total of 502 families were reported to have arrived to the Bekaa compared with 560 during the previous week.

This week, a new DRC protection desk was installed at the distribution site in Tripoli aimed at providing counseling to refugees with specific needs. Meanwhile, the protection desk in UNHCR's registration centre in the Bekaa continues to provide counseling to refugees with specific needs three times a week. Similarly, the Norwegian Refugee Council's (NRC) Information, Counseling and Legal Assistance programme (ICLA), conducted an awareness session to refugees on access to legal-aid at the Zahle registration centre with plans to have three similar sessions per week.

More than 960 Syrian and Lebanese nationals benefited from vocational training and recreational activities provided in the DRC community centres across the North and the Bekaa. Also, over 370 children benefited from activities conducted in Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) provided by World Vision.

SECURITY

Ongoing tensions in Tripoli in the North and Saida in the South continued to hinder refugee access to some community centres across country this week.

DISTRIBUTION

This week, 86,609 refugees received WFP food vouchers through World Vision and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). An additional 4,958 refugees were assisted with food parcels. In July, WFP aims to distribute 510,784 food vouchers and 56,415 food parcels to refugees nationwide.

In the Bekaa, close to 1,000 refugees individuals benefited from non-food items and food parcels distributed by Handicap International. Similarly in the Bekaa, Gruppo di Volontariato Civile (GVC) and Italian NGO AVSI distributed new-comer kits benefiting over 900 individuals.

EDUCATION

More than 1,400 refugee children benefited from summer Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and remedial classes provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, World Vision, Save the Children and Amel Association this week.

Similarly, UNICEF continues to provide children and adolescents with non-formal education services in schools and community centres nationwide. To date, over 14,000 refugees have benefited from this programme.

Last week, the Lebanese government announced that Syrian children without school accreditation documents would be allowed to sit for the grade nine and twelve official examinations. Unfortunately, many were not able to sit for the exams due to short notice and have started preparations for the second round expected to take place in mid-August.



HEALTH

This week, over 4,000 refugees received primary healthcare services including consultations, treatment, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests provided by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), UNHCR, International Medical Corps (IMC), Amel Association, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI) and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC). Additionally 560 patients received secondary healthcare provided by UNHCR and IMC.

In addition, more than 1,700 individuals received health awareness sessions provided by UNHCR, PU-AMI, Amel association and IMC. Topics included health, mental health, Gender Based Violence (GBV) and early marriage.

UNHCR, IMC and MOPH continue to ensure proper referral and care for leishmaniasis treatment. This week, four new cases of leishmaniasis were identified, 13 cases of lice and 27 cases of scabies. Transportation to the treatment centres continues to be a concern to refugees residing in rural areas. Agencies are therefore trying to expand the use of mobile clinics to try and reach out to the refugees in need.

In order to address a relatively high incidence of post-partum depression among refugee women, IMC continues to prioritize the provision of mental health care through its outreach and centre-based services across the country. Out of 144 clinical and social consultations provided this week, 32 were mental health cases. IMC is also launching a new mental health clinic in the North this month. Similarly, Handicap International (HI) has to date provided psychological counseling to 170 vulnerable refugees and their families.

SHELTER

Over 800 individuals received shelter support from cash for rent, cash for host families, weatherproofing, accommodation in collective shelters and assistance in informal tented settlements this week.

Over 30 potential collective shelter sites were also identified this week pending assessment and approval from the Lebanese government. Additionally, four government approved collective shelters were rehabilitated bringing the total nationwide to 45.

Rehabilitation work continues in the Ouzai collective shelter which today hosts over 700 refugees in Saida, South Lebanon. Refugees residing in tents outside the shelter are expected to move to the third and fourth floors of the complex in the coming weeks. Works on the 3rd and 4th floor should be finalized by UNHCR and PU-AMI by mid-July.

In the Bekaa this week, DRC completed the installation of ten shelter boxes (prefabricated wooden houses) and began the installation of 15 additional ones in west and central Bekaa. In North Lebanon, DRC are finalizing the rehabilitation of their Community Center in Mina, Tripoli.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

A total of 66,139 individuals benefited from the distribution of 12,265 hygiene kits and 4,814 baby kits this week by UNHCR, UNICEF, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), SHIELD, Makhzoumi Foundation, CISP, CLMC, World Vision, Action Contre la Faim (ACF). Other water, sanitation and hygiene activities included the distribution of 186 filters in Mount Lebanon.

Over 130 water tanks, more than 50 toilets and dozens of water buckets were distributed by World Vision to tented settlements across the Bekaa villages of Kfarzabad, Jeb Jennine and Al-Rfid . Similarly in the village of Qab Elias, 22 water buckets, 44 water tanks and 22 toilets were delivered and installed by UNICEF and World vision .

Works on the Mashta Hammoud water supply network in the North are ongoing. This week a 60 Kva generator was delivered and installed by UNHCR and PU-AMI.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE PORTAL

<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

UPDATES:

- Lebanon Contingency Plan (V.2)
- Lebanon Inter-agency Needs Assessment Inventory 04 July 2013
- CPiEWG minutes of meeting - 24 May 2013
- CPiEWG minutes of meeting - 22 April 2013
- Inter-agency Health and Nutrition Update 9-22 June
- Child protection 5W matrix analysis May 2013
- Child Protection statistical updates April 2013
- RRP5 Lebanon fact sheets and sector dashboard 18 June 2013
- Lebanon, AVSI Syria Crisis interventions June 2013
- Protection Working Group Minute -19 June 2013
- NFI Sector Coordination Group - Meeting Action Points - 10 June 2013
- Lebanon RH Mapping Matrix, June 2013
- Lebanon Minutes RHS WG, 10 June 2013
- Inter-Agency Regional Response - Syrian Refugees 20-26 June
- Lebanon, SGBV Prev& Response Coordination Key Contacts and Calendar, July 2013
- Lebanon Registration leaflet Arabic, July 2013
- Lebanon Registration leaflet English, July 2013
- Inter-Agency Monthly Update-June 2013

MAPS:

- Places of origin of Syrian Refugees registered with UNHCR in Lebanon 30 June 2013
- WASH - NORTH Implementation of Water and Sanitation Activities by Partners 4 July 2013
- WASH - Bekaa - Implementation of Water and Sanitation Activities by Partners 4 July 2013
- WASH - Lebanon - Implementation of Water and Sanitation Activities by Partners 4 July 2013
- UNHCR Lebanon, Shelter Partners Map 04.July.2013
- UNHCR Lebanon, Shelter Activities Map 04.July.2013

STATISTICS:

- Lebanon Registration Daily Stats 1- 3 July 2013