LEBANON: RRP5 Update - August 2013

PUBLIC HEALTH



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5









58,400 Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)



NEEDS

The Lebanese health care system including UNRWA and NGO supported clinics are severely stretched as rising numbers of refugees weigh heavily on public health services.

Many refugees are already in need of health care when they arrive in Lebanon. Others develop health care needs during their stay; often exacerbated by poor living conditions.

While Syrian refugees and Lebanese returnees have access to the public and private health care system in Lebanon, many cannot afford the fees for these services and transportation to health facilities. Some NGOs offer primary health care services free of charge, but the number of beneficiaries covered is limited.

Existing primary health care centres lack capacity to meet the needs. The current supply of medicines for acute and chronic diseases is insufficient to cover the rising demand, while prevention and control of disease outbreak in view of crowded living conditions, poor water and sanitation, presents a challenge.

Secondary and tertiary health care in Lebanon is expensive and the majority of refugees are not able to cover the cost of hospitalization. Additional support is urgently needed to ensure that at least life-saving interventions are covered.

OBJECTIVE

Improve health of the targeted population by control of epidemics, supporting access to primary health care (PHC) and referral care

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS

• Control of epidemics

- Access to referral health care for deliveries and life saving
- Support to access primary health care
 Referral to rehabilitative services

KEY AUGUST DEVELOPMENTS

- Over 15,700 children vaccinated at UNHCR registration centers in collaboration with MopH and UNICEF.
- Mental Health Psycho-Social Services evaluation ongoing
- Rapid assessment on delivery services to analyze reasons for high rate of C- sections and the low coverage of pre-natal care
- Identification of malnutrition cases and follow up Increased focus on preventive measures

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248,000 (19,500) individuals assisted with primary health care



80,000 (8,500) individuals participated in health education



49,700 (2,700) individuals assisted with secondary health care

