LEBANON: RRP5 Update - October 2013

SHELTER



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5













NEEDS

Access to adequate shelter continues to be a major concern in Lebanon. The combination of increasing numbers of refugees, their dwindling finances and lack of sufficient shelter options has resulted in increased resort to informal settlements (IS) and to other substandard dwellings in garages, and worksites. Over 28% of the refugees live in uncertain and hazardous conditions.

With the winter season coming, a high number of refugees are at risk of deterioration in wellbeing unless weather-proofing activities are undertaken to provide protection against the elements. Site improvements are urgently required in upto 400 informal settlements (IS) to decongest living arrangements and provide minimum drainage routes.

Refugees have reported threats of eviction as they struggle to pay rent, requiring expanded provision of cash assistance to address vulnerable cases. Eviction concerns also apply to informal settlements, as refugees often pay rent to settle on private land, or because settlements are not authorized by municipalities and/or provoke local community concerns.

Partners are working with local authorities to establish 'formal' tented settlements (FTS). Progress in establishing in FTS is slow due to the limited number of authorized locations but

OBJECTIVE

Adequate shelter solutions are available for refugees from Syria and other displaced persons

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS (as per RRP5)

Emergency shelter

- Substandard shelter improved
- Shelter assistance to vulnerable households

KEY OCTOBER DEVELOPMENTS

• Rehabilitation of 12 collective shelters started in Chouf, Nabative and Akkar to accommodate 1,535 refugees

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- 38,620 refugees benefited from weather proofing in more than 100 IS in the Bekaa and the North
- Site improvement ongoing in 23 flood-prone IS in Bekaa hosting approximately 8,000 refugees
- Agreement reached with Dar el Fatwa to provide land in Akkar for the construction of FTS. Discussions with Cheba and Hibarye municipalities are ongoing

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CHF

Collective shelters

Emergency preparedness









ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- assistance
- 64,886 (20,873) individuals assisted with weatherproofing
- 47,973 (14,014) individuals assisted in informal \land settlements
- \$ **23,170** (2,025) individuals supported with cash for rent
- 20,939 (0) individuals supported with cash for host \$ families
- **26,033** (6,160) individuals benefitted from house 2 rehabilitation
- 6,750 (227) individuals accommodated in collective shelters
 - **4,600** (0) individuals received temporary shelters
 - **200** (0) individuals in formal tented settlements

