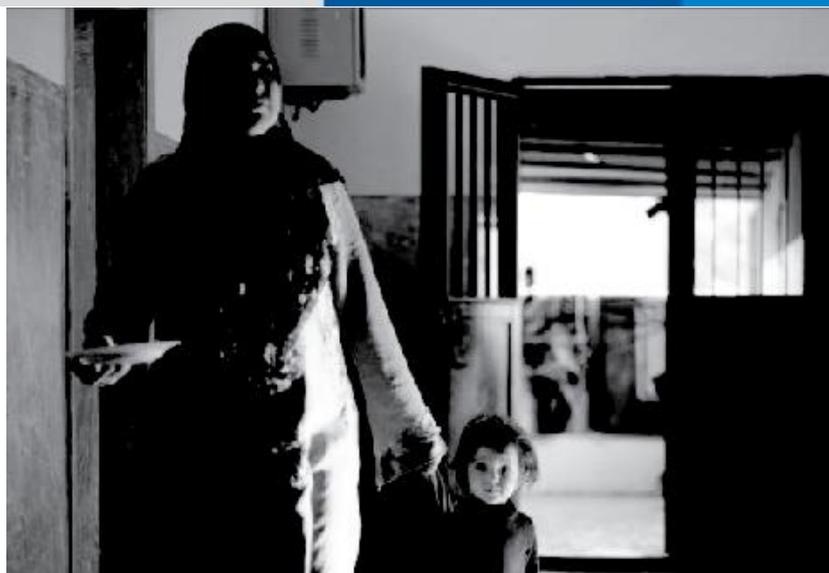


## SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



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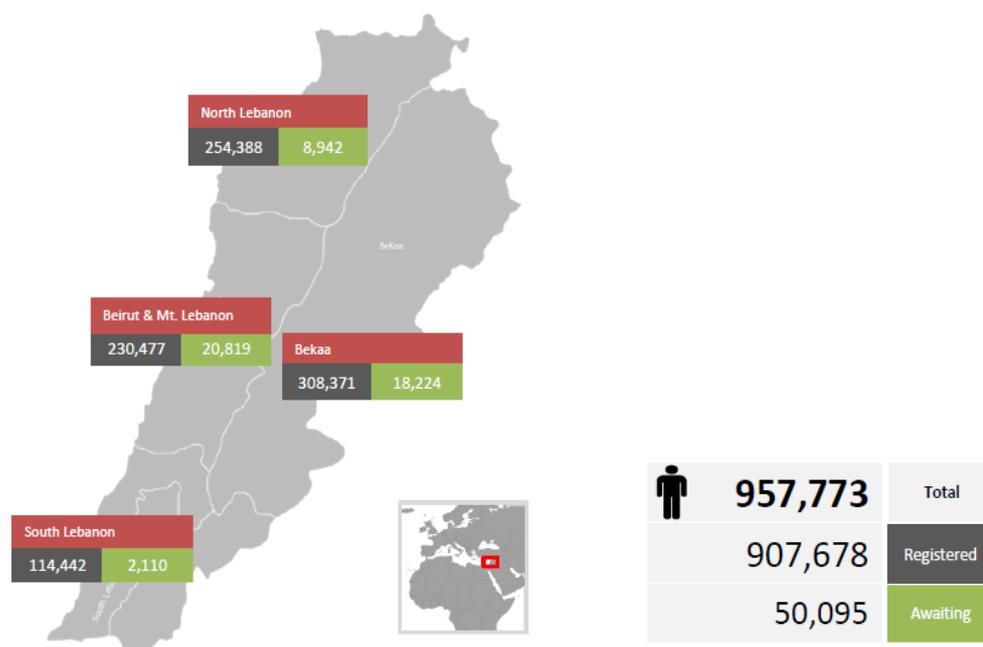
# LEBANON

*Agencies and the Government of Lebanon requested US\$1.89 billion in the latest inter-agency funding appeal. US\$242 million have so far been received – 14 per cent, as of 28 February.*

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- Over 100,000 Lebanese and Syrian nationals benefited from completed institutional and community support projects;
- 20,000 individuals received mattresses, blankets, fuel, stoves and other household items;
- More than 13,700 individuals received hygiene and baby kits;
- Some 9,200 individuals received access to primary healthcare services;
- 8,400 refugees participated in health awareness sessions;
- Over 1,300 refugees received mental health consultations;
- 9,400 persons registered with UNHCR this month.

## PROTECTION, REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS



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Over 9,400 persons registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to 957,773 (907,678 people registered and 50,095 awaiting registration).

### PROTECTION

The General Security Office started using a new record keeping system to keep better track of inflows and outflows of Lebanon. Data is now channeled to Beirut in order to centralize the information in one single source. The new system will help improve border record keeping by the GSO and reduce waiting times with this improved access to information.

International Medical Corps (IMC) is in the process of opening two centres aimed at providing psycho-social support for men in West Bekaa and Balbeck. The rationale behind the centres is to prevent some of the potential causes of gender-based violence.

In coordination with Intersos, UNHCR held a training targeting nine refugee volunteers in the Bekaa and the South. Trainers received information on available services and referral mechanisms, so they are able to better assist refugees. A further 31 volunteers are scheduled to be trained in Central and West Bekaa in the coming weeks.

SOS children opened a child protection shelter in Mount Lebanon. This is the only such shelter in the country that will provide vulnerable children with appropriate care and follow-up.

Ahead of the International Women's Day, 115 Syrian and Lebanese women in north Lebanon participated in awareness sessions on women's rights. The sessions gave the women an opportunity to share inspirational stories and discuss on the importance of education and elimination of child marriage.

Over 500 families received psychosocial support and awareness sessions on legal issues by Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC) in Zahleh, Teelbaya, Dbayeh, Dahrelain and Saida.

More than 900 children in Tripoli will now benefit from recreational spaces introduced in four schools by Save the Children.

## INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In Mount Lebanon, 25 Lebanese and Syrian women started a second catering line at the newly inaugurated Caritas Community Center in Rmailah, Chouf. This project has proved extremely successful in the past and will equip women with the necessary skills to start working and improve their income.

Some 100,000 Syrian and Lebanese people have benefited from a number of institutional and community support projects. These include a backhoe loader –a hydraulic excavating machine-, pick up trucks, a garbage compactor and 120 garbage bins provided in the villages of Bcharre and Zgharta.

*100,000 individuals benefited from a number of institutional and community support projects*

## FOOD SECURITY

All WFP e-cards were automatically uploaded with US\$30 of credit (in total over US\$ 20 million), while 12,825 refugees benefited from 2,467 food parcels.

Over 350 families received food kits distributed by Caritas in Zahle, Baalbeck, Sin el Fil and Mreijeh.

WFP continues to expand the number of contracted shops where beneficiaries can redeem their e-cards. Over 20 shops were contracted last month bringing the total number of partner shops to 273 nationwide.

## DISTRIBUTION

Over 20,000 individuals received mattresses, blankets, fuel, stoves and other household items provided by agencies nationwide. A further 5,000 new beneficiaries to the cash programme through ATM cards, fuel cards or vouchers assistance, which today reaches a total of 435,750 refugees.

Also this week, 1,400 individuals in Mount Lebanon received winterization packages donated by the State of Qatar and distributed by ACTED and Makhzoumi Foundation.

## SHELTER

This week, more than 6,000 individuals received the cash-for-shelter monthly assistance provided by the Polish Center for International Aid (PCPM), UNHCR and the OCHA Emergency Relief Fund. In addition, the rehabilitation of eight collective shelters around Akkar has been finalized and will soon be sheltering over 1,400 refugees.

In Aarsal, the shelter situation remains stretched as the number of informal tented settlements reached 38, hosting over 15,200 refugees. Additionally, the number of collective shelters has reached twelve and today hosts over 3,900 refugees. In order to improve living conditions of individuals residing within the informal settlements, agencies have been working closely with the municipality and the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) in order to ensure the minimum standards of hygiene and management within the settlements.

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## EDUCATION

A five-day training-of-trainers provided by the British Council targeted 25 guidance counselors contracted by the Ministry of Education (MEHE). The training provided guidance on how best to address the language barrier when teaching English or French in public schools accommodating Syrian students in addition to Lebanese. The counselors will soon provide training to 500 MEHE teachers and will later be deployed to provide on-going support to the teachers after the training. In addition to addressing one of the main difficulties faced by Syrian children in adapting to the public Lebanese curriculum, the training aims to provide longer-term professional development of Lebanese school teachers and institutional support to the Lebanese public school system as a whole.

Over 3,848 refugee children benefited from US\$350 school installments by Save the Children in Akkar.

## HEALTH

Over 9,200 individuals received primary health care services including consultations, treatments, referrals, medication, vaccination, antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning, child health care and diagnostic tests provided by UNHCR, Amel Association and International Medical Corps (IMC) in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) through mobile or centre-based clinics. Additionally, some 1,375 refugees received social and mental health consultations.

A further 8,463 individuals benefited from awareness sessions provided by IMC and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) including sessions on family planning, gender based violence, early marriage, pre and post-natal care and the importance of breastfeeding.

Also this week, two new primary healthcare centres began receiving refugees in Saida with the support of UNHCR, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre and IMC. A new mobile medical unit was launched by IMC to cover Saida and Jezzine.

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## **WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)**

More than 13,700 individuals in various parts of the country benefitted from the distribution of hygiene and baby kits provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC) and World Vision. An additional 800 individuals benefitted from the installation of water tanks, water filters and various sanitation facilities.

In Aarsal, Action Contre la Faim (ACF) began the installation of two water supply systems in two informal tented settlements and will benefit over 500 individuals.

## DONORS

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