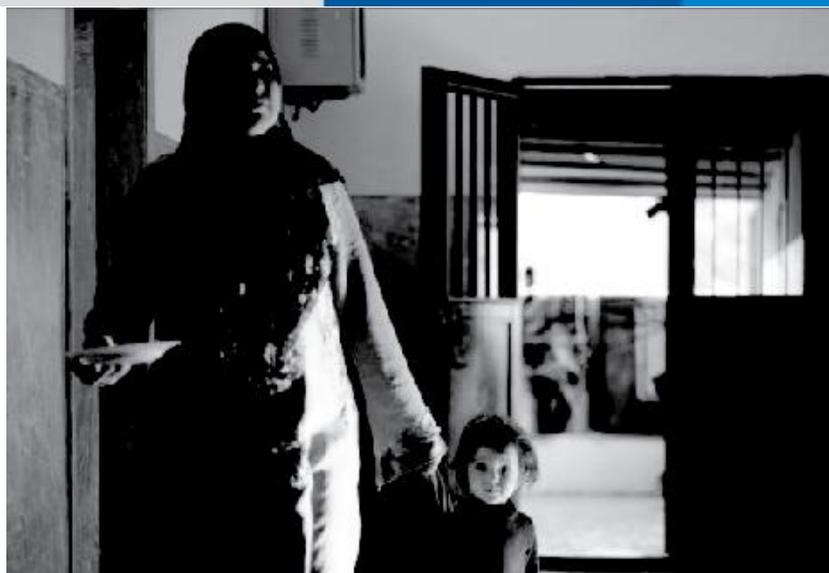


SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



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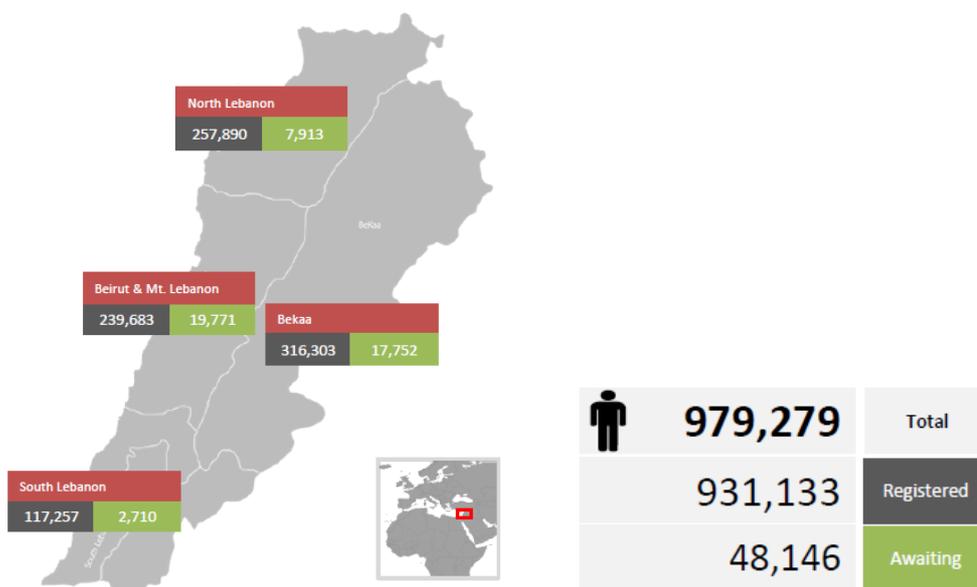
Agencies and the Government of Lebanon requested US\$1.89 billion in the latest inter-agency funding appeal. US\$242 million have so far been received – 13 per cent, as of 28 February.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- 83,000 individuals received food assistance;
- 25,000 individuals received blankets, mattresses, fuel and other household items;
- 14,000 individuals received primary and secondary healthcare services;
- 14,200 individuals benefited from health awareness sessions;
- 7,300 benefited from accelerated learning programmes;
- Some 1,547 refugees benefited from social and mental health consultations;
- Local authorities reported the arrival of 400 families from Yabrud and Ras Al Ma'ara in Arsal, north-eastern Lebanon, since March 15;
- 12,100 persons registered with UNHCR this week.

PROTECTION, REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

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Over 12,100 persons registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to 979,279 (931,133 people registered and 49,146 awaiting registration).

PROTECTION

Local authorities reported the arrival of 400 families from Yabrud and Ras Al Ma'ara in Aarsal, north-eastern Lebanon, since March 15.

Over the last three days, Aarsal's hillside has been subjected to recurrent air raids. The heightened security situation in the area temporarily prevented humanitarian agencies from accessing the town and responding to the needs of the newly-arrived refugees.

Local authorities and partners have responded to the most pressing needs. Newly arrived families received bread, food kits, plastic sheeting and other relief items through local partners and available contingency stock.

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FOOD SECURITY

Over 41,000 individuals received the World Food Programme's (WFP) monthly food assistance, 95 per cent of whom through the electronic card (e-card). Additionally, 77 contracted local shops were monitored to ensure that standards are applied.

Also this week, more than 42,000 benefitted from the distribution of food parcels and date boxes provided by the Union of Relief and Development Associations (URDA) nationwide.

DISTRIBUTION

More than 22,200 individuals residing in the Bekaa benefited from the distribution of blankets, mattresses, jerry cans and fuel through ATM cards provided by UNHCR, World Vision, Save the Children and URDA.

In Mount Lebanon and Akkar, over 3,600 individuals received blankets, mattresses, plastic sheets, heating stoves, hygiene kits, Jerry cans and fuel vouchers donated by the State of Qatar and distributed through Save the Children, Dar El-Fatwa and Makhzoumi Foundation.

SHELTER

The Ministry of Social Affairs, in coordination with UNHCR, continues to engage with independent non-governmental organizations involved in the establishment of informal settlements in Aarsal, Akkar and central Bekaa. The aim is to ensure that these settlements meet technical shelter and hygiene standards.

In Aarsal, where some 400 refugee families recently arrived, shelter agencies in coordination with local authorities identified new sites for the establishment of formal settlements enabling the expansion of the shelter capacity in the area by some 160 additional tents. Refugees living in informal tented settlements in Aarsal received plastic sheeting and information sessions on preventive measures against flooding and hygiene.

In Mount Lebanon, agencies received the approval to rehabilitate five abandoned buildings where some 300 refugees can be relocated and housed collectively. In Tripoli, over 5,400 individuals residing benefitted from the distribution of cash-for-shelter provided by DRC.

EDUCATION

Some 7,300 Syrian and Lebanese children enrolled in Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and participated in recreational activities provided by Amel Association, Save the Children and Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA).

Over 3,000 students benefited from the distribution of school bags, stationary and had their tuition and transportation fees covered by UNHCR and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC).

In Mount Lebanon, children enrolled in ALPs continue to be examined by a doctor on a weekly basis. The appointed doctor then fills a health form designed by the Lebanese Ministry of Education in order to keep track of each child's medical history.

HEALTH

Over 12,900 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, Save the Children and International Medical Corps (IMC) in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) through mobile or center-based clinics. Additionally, some 1,509 individuals were hospitalized this week, including 616 deliveries, provided by UNHCR through Globemed.

A further 14,200 individuals benefited from awareness sessions provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, IMC, Save the Children and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Sessions covered family planning, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), gender based violence, early marriage and pre and post-natal care.

Some 1,547 refugees in five governorates benefited from social and mental health consultations provided by IMC, through its outreach and center-based services.

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WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

In the Minieh, Bhanin and Markabta informal settlements, damaged tents have been fixed and drained and existing drainage networks were unblocked to mitigate potential flooding in the area. Heavy rains have flooded and damaged 279 tents in two informal settlements in Aarsal. Action Contre la Faim cleaned the site and water channels in order to divert flood water in El Mouhajirin, situated between the two affected settlements in Aarsal. Similarly, pumps were used by CONCERN to remove flood water that affected informal tented settlements in Qobayat.

Refugees in Darb Elsim settlement in south Lebanon are now benefiting from the public water network following the installation of a potable water network by Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI). In addition, 500 refugees can now access clean drinking water at Mashta Hassan in Qobayat following the installation and connection of an electric power line.

Over 128 baby kits and 216 hygiene kits have been distributed to families in Britel, Baalbeck, Ain, and Mashta Hassan by the Danish Refugee Council.

