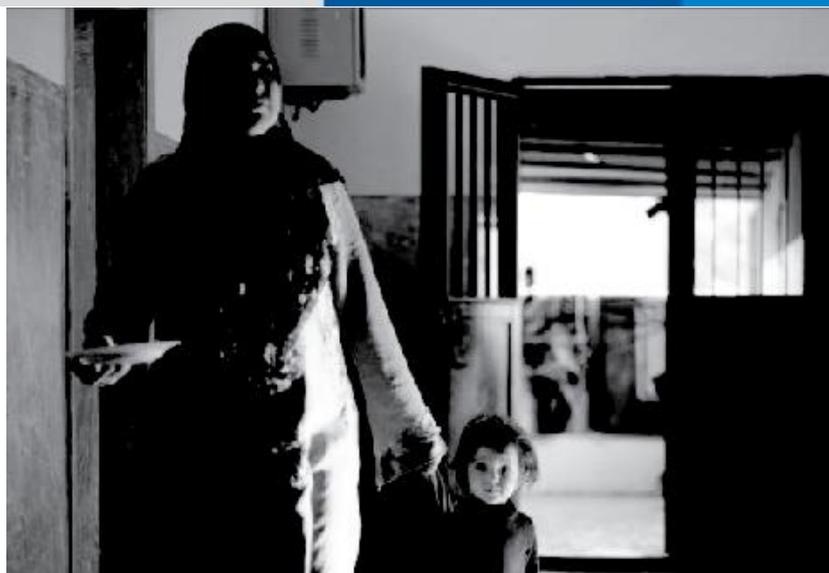


SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



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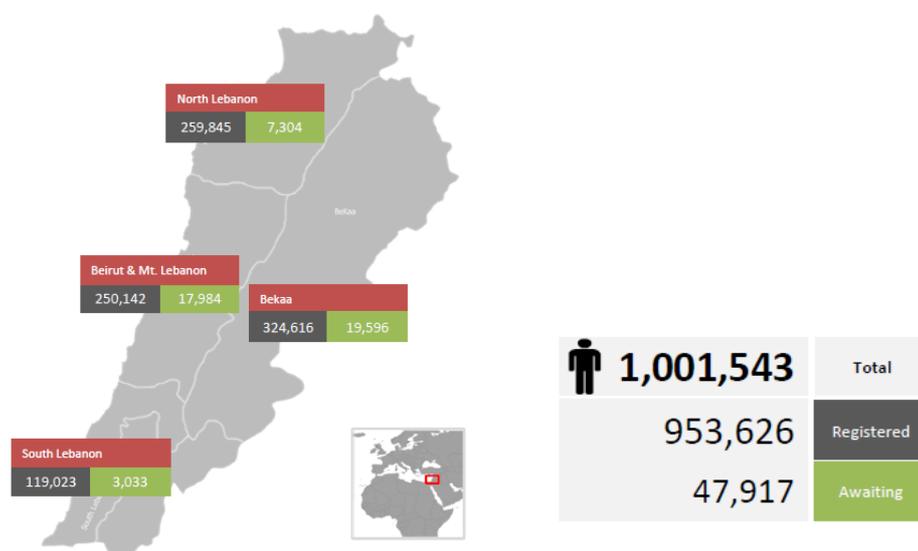
Agencies and the Government of Lebanon requested US\$1.89 billion in the latest inter-agency funding appeal. US\$246.7 million have so far been received – 13 per cent, as of 21 March.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- 682,000 individuals received food assistance;
- More than 21,400 persons were vaccinated against measles;
- 11,000 individuals received primary and secondary healthcare services;
- 44,800 individuals received blankets, mattresses, fuel and other household items;
- 3,100 individuals benefited from health awareness sessions;
- 7,300 benefited from accelerated learning programmes;
- Some 1,862 refugees benefited from social and mental health consultations;
- Local authorities reported the arrival of some 550 individuals from Qalamoun and Quneitra;
- The number of refugees in Lebanon passed the one million mark this week;
- 11,800 persons registered with UNHCR.

PROTECTION, REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

11,800 individuals registered with UNHCR Lebanon



Over 11,800 refugees registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 1,000,000 (953,000 people registered and 47,000 awaiting registration).

Some 515 refugees residing in Mount Lebanon benefited from transportation provided by Terre Des Hommes (TdH) to the Beirut registration centre.

PROTECTION

The number of Syrian refugees registered and waiting to be registered topped one million, a devastating milestone worsened by rapidly depleting resources and a host community stretched to breaking point.

Three years after Syria's conflict began, Lebanon has become the country with the highest per-capita concentration of refugees worldwide.

Local authorities in Aarsal reported the new arrival of some 100 new families. In Shebaa, south Lebanon some 55 individuals were reported to have arrived from Quneitra governorate in Syria. All new arrivals

found shelter with relatives in Lebanon. Local authorities and partners responded to the most pressing needs.

Some 420 refugees received awareness sessions on family relationships, refugee rights and obligations in Zahle, Taalbaya, Daherlain, Dekwaneh, Burj el Brajneh and Saida provided by Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC).

A further 120 individuals residing in Akkar, Tripoli, and Batroun were counseled on birth registration procedures provided by the International Relief and Development (IRD) legal team in coordination with UNHCR.

The tenth flight under the German Humanitarian Admission Programme (HAP) departed safely, with 259 refugees on board. This brings the total number of individuals who have departed under the HAP programme to 2,014.

COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

In north Bekaa, rehabilitation works on the local cultural centre in Britel were finalized. The Al-Fakiha municipality received a garbage truck provided by DRC and UNHCR.

FOOD SECURITY

More than 680,000 individuals benefited from the distribution of food provided by WFP and partner agencies. The majority beneficiaries (about 96 percent) were assisted through the re-loading of their e-cards, while newly arrived refugees (about 4 percent) were assisted with food parcels at various distribution sites across the country.

Over 2,200 newly-arrived refugees received food vouchers distributed by Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre.

An additional 191 vulnerable Lebanese and unregistered Syrian households in Tyr and Saida received e-cards worth USD150 each for food.

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WFP, the World Bank and the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) are in the process of developing an e-card food assistance project, specifically targeting vulnerable Lebanese. As part of the Government of Lebanon (GoL)'s National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP), this food assistance project aims to help extremely poor Lebanese host communities cope with the economic impacts of the Syrian crisis on the Lebanese communities.

DISTRIBUTION

More than 44,800 individuals in Mount Lebanon and the Bekaa benefited from the distribution of blankets, mattresses, plastic sheets, heating stoves, hygiene kits, jerry cans and fuel vouchers donated by the State of Qatar and distributed by ACTED.

Some 80 refugee women received sewing machines and hairdressing kits distributed at the Amayer community centre in Akkar by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC).

SHELTER

With rents continuously on the rise, more and more refugees are finding themselves unable to afford accommodation and provide shelter for their families. Agencies continue to work alongside the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) to identify and provide these refugees with suitable rent-free shelter solutions. This week, some 62 individuals in need of shelter were located to three collective centres in the Bekaa and Tripoli by DRC. Additionally in Akkar, PCPM rented two garages that will serve as temporary shelter to newly-arrived refugees.

In addition, over 3,300 individuals benefited the cash-for-shelter monthly assistance provided by UNHCR and distributed by PCPM.

Two new informal settlements hosting a total of 15 refugee households were identified in Aley and Metn, Mount Lebanon, bringing the total number of settlements in the district to 15. Assessments by shelter, water and sanitation teams are underway.

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EDUCATION

Some 3,100 refugees enrolled in Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and participated in recreational activities provided by Amel Association and World Vision.

A new community centre opened its doors this week in Borj El-Chemali, south Lebanon. Outreach to nearby tented settlements, collective shelters and villages by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) led to the identification of some 300 out-of-school refugee children. Awareness sessions on the importance of education in addition to the registration of children in accelerated Learning Programmes (ALP) are ongoing.

HEALTH

Over 10,000 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 Amel Association, Makhzoumi Foundation and the International Medical Corps (IMC) and UNHCR in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) through mobile or center-based clinics. Additionally, some 1,000 individuals were hospitalized this week by UNHCR through GlobeMed.

A further 9,422 individuals benefited from awareness sessions provided by UNFPA, LFPAGE, IMC, CLMC, the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and UNHCR. Sessions covered Nutritional Awareness, Reproductive Health, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), gender based violence, early marriage and pre and post-natal care.

Some 1,862 refugees in five governorates benefited from social and mental health consultations provided by IMC, through its outreach and center-based services.

More than 21,400 persons were vaccinated by UNICEF during the Emergency Measles Vaccination campaigns that took place from March 17-23, and targeted individuals aged 9 months till 30 years old.

WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

Over 13,000 refugees benefited from the distribution of hygiene and baby kits provided by World Vision, Makhzoumi Foundation and DRC. Additionally, over 14,000 individuals benefited from hygiene promotion sessions; the distribution of water tanks and water vouchers; the installation of latrines and the collection of waste water provided by World Vision.

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