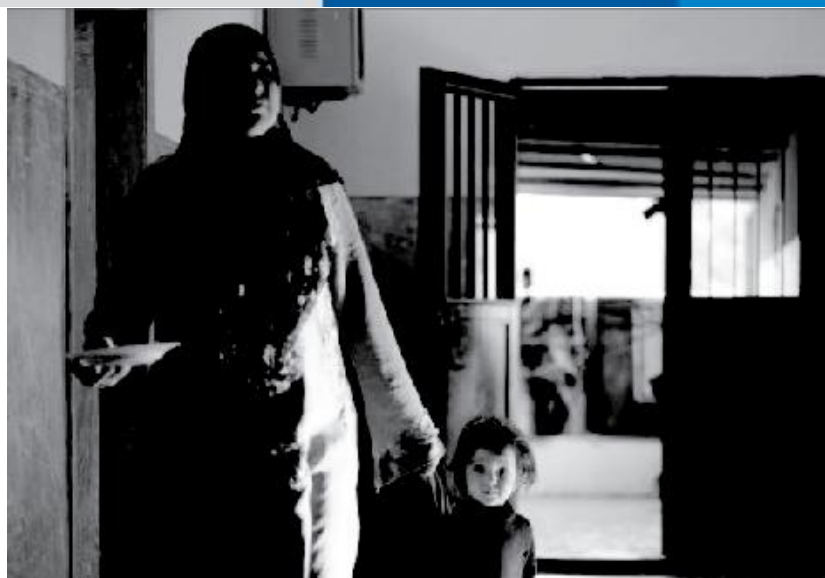


SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



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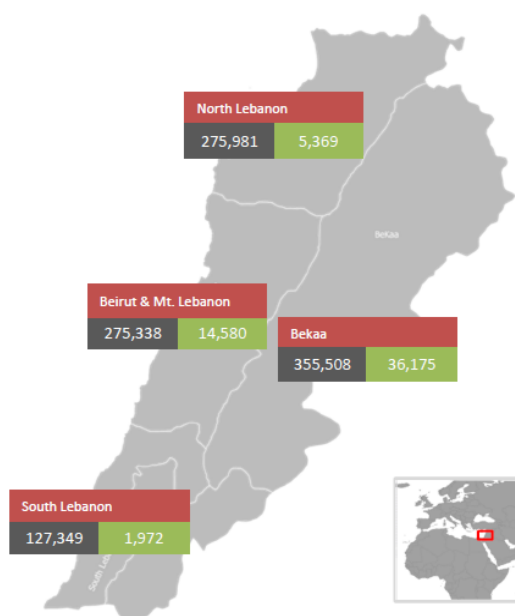
Agencies and the Government of Lebanon requested US\$1.89 billion in the latest inter-agency funding appeal. US\$376 million have so far been received – 20 per cent, as of 26 May.


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- 745,000 individuals benefited from food assistance through e-cards;
- 110,000 Lebanese and Syrians benefited from water projects;
- 50,000 individuals benefited from health awareness sessions;
- 46,400 consultations were conducted for primary and secondary health care services;
- 37,500 individuals benefited from the distribution of hygiene kits, baby kits and other sanitary items;
- 24,000 refugees received blankets, mattresses, fuel and other household items;
- 17,000 newly-arrived refugees received food parcels;
- 5,400 refugees benefited from social and mental health consultations;
- 44,000 persons registered with UNHCR.

PROTECTION, REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

*44,000 individuals
registered with
UNHCR Lebanon*



	1,092,272	Total
	1,034,176	Registered
	58,096	Awaiting

Over 44,000 refugees registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 1,092,000 (1,034,000 people registered and 58,000 awaiting registration).

PROTECTION

Some 4,730 children, both Syrian and Lebanese, benefitted from psychosocial support and recreational activities provided by DRC, INTERSOS and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC) across Lebanon in May. Topics included life skills, family relations, and awareness sessions on access to services.

IRD and CLMC continued their legal counselling and assistance in partnership with UNHCR. Some 350 Syrian refugees approached CLMC's and IRD's legal aid centers and received assistance this month, mainly on civil documentation and family issues. Representation and support were also provided to refugees who wished to renew their residency permits. IRD's roving team also

disseminated information to Syrian refugees in the north.

IRD's legal team conducted a training programme for the union of Minieh municipality. Nineteen heads of municipality were sensitized on principles of refugee protection and human rights principles.

DRC inaugurated a new Community Centre in Wadi Jamous, Akkar. In addition to the existing protection desks available at community centres, distribution centres, and registration sites, DRC set up ten Protection Desks in North Bekaa, including one mobile protection desk in Aarsal. Refugee families, including those recently arrived, benefited from information about available services such as newcomers assistance and registration with UNHCR.

As part of the on-going partnership with the Lebanon Mine Action Center and the implementation of the national Mine Risk Education (MRE) programme, UNICEF's partner, Balamand University, with the support of the Ministry of Education, provided a training for school teachers on key MRE topics. Awareness sessions are being conducted by the trained teachers in public school classes. Over 300 schools located in high risk areas are benefiting from the programme until the end of June.

FOOD SECURITY

More than 745,000 Syrian refugees benefited from food assistance provided by the World Food Programme (WFP) through e-cards modality. An additional 17,000 newly-arrived refugees received food parcels provided by WFP, World Vision, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Union of Relief and Development Associations (URDA), and other agencies.

In the Bekaa, WFP and partners conducted trainings for shopkeepers and their employees about the implementation of the e-card programme.

DISTRIBUTION

Over 20,000 individuals received mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets and other household items provided by Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC), Medair, URDA, CARE, SIF and DRC.

An additional 4,800 unregistered Syrian refugees and Lebanese returnees received \$167 through World Vision e-cards that can be spent on food and non-food items in designated shops in the South.

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SHELTER

Over 3,475 refugees living in substandard accommodation received sealing-off kits from ACTED and PU-AMI in Mount Lebanon and the North.

Some 690 refugees in the North, South, and Bekaa, benefited from the renovation of 53 collective shelters in May through the efforts of DRC, CONCERN, CISP, SCI, and PU-AMI

EDUCATION

An increased number of refugee children in the Bekaa are working in the fields following the start of the potato and onion harvest season. The harvest season has disrupted non-formal education programmes, normally provided to over 23,300 children, especially those residing in informal settlements. UNICEF and its implementing partners continue to engage in dialogues with refugees as well as host communities in order to ensure the continuity of children's learning.

HEALTH

Over 42,000 primary health care consultations were conducted including, treatments, referrals, medication, antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning, child health care and diagnostic tests provided by Amel Association, International Medical Corps (IMC), Makhzoumi Foundation, and UNHCR in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) through mobile or center-based clinics. Additionally, around 4,400 individuals were hospitalized this month.

A further 7,000 children were vaccinated by IMC and Amel Association through the polio, measles and Vitamin A campaign.

Another 50,000 individuals benefited from awareness sessions provided by UNFPA, LFPAD, IMC, CLMC, IOCC, and UNHCR. Sessions covered Nutritional Awareness, Reproductive Health, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), contraception, first aid and health promotion for children.

Some 5,400 social and mental health consultations were provided, in five governorates by IMC and CLMC through its outreach and centre-based services. A further 1,300 awareness materials and sessions were conducted on mental health, gender based violence, and early marriage.

UNFPA distributed 37 Reproductive Health (RH) commodities,

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including contraceptive and delivery kits to agencies supporting primary health care. The kits are expected to benefit 7,645 women, girls and adult men.

A nutrition screening campaign was launched in the Bekaa this month by UNICEF, Beyond Association, Relief International, International Orthodox Christian Charity (IOCC), Action Contre la Faim (ACF), International Medical Corps (IMC), and Save the Children. Children screened as part of this campaign who are found to be suffering from moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) or severe acute malnutrition (SAM), will be referred to PHCs for further examination and treatment. At-risk children will also be referred to PHCs for follow-up. Oedema cases will be re-checked by trained teams and paediatricians.

WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

Over 37,500 individuals benefited from the distribution of hygiene kits, baby kits, jerry cans, water tanks and water filters in addition to waste management provided by DRC, Concern, OXFAM, Makhzoumi Foundation, Action Contre La Faim (ACF), SHIELD, Premier Urgence-Aide Medicale Internationale (PU-AMI) and UNHCR.

More than 74,000 vulnerable Lebanese and hosted Syrian refugees are now benefiting from the installation of new water pumps in Tripoli and the Bekaa provided by UNICEF. Similarly in the Zgharta, north Lebanon, CISP and UNHCR installed a water pump expected to benefit over 36,000 local and refugee beneficiaries.

Efforts to address water scarcity in affected areas across the country continued this month. Information on water scarcity in Qobayat, Tripoli and its surroundings, including a study on water borne diseases, trends and areas that are most likely to be affected by drought, was conducted and will help in the planning of water projects in the area. Refugee volunteers also played a key role in reporting on water problems within their communities. These initiatives aim at improving targeted interventions in the most affected areas.

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