

LEBANON/SYRIA SITUATION

INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT MONTHLY UPDATE

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JULY DEVELOPMENTS

Institutional support

- A conflict reduction project was launched aimed at improving health care services for the vulnerable population in Lebanon. The project will last for 18 months under the leadership of the Ministry of Public Health and is implemented by UNHCR in partnership with WHO, UNICEF, IRD and International Alert.

Community support programme

- The implementation of a water and waste management project started in Qobayat with the objective of reducing health hazards and improving local waste collection capacities by providing waste containers to enable the municipality to safely store and collect solid waste.

Overview

The Lebanese population has made tremendous efforts to host and cater for the needs of Syrian refugees over the last three years. Currently, over one million registered Syrian refugees are living in more than 1,750 locations, and some towns have more refugees than resident Lebanese. Host communities require institutional and capacity support to manage larger numbers of residents.



The agriculture cooperative in Tal Abbas, has received a generator and other equipment @ UNHCR

UNHCR reserves 15 per cent of its humanitarian budget for institutional support to public institutions and projects that build capacity of local communities providing assistance to refugees. Since 2011, UNHCR Lebanon has been increasing this support for institutions and communities to cope with the influx of refugees. These interventions are intended to mitigate the impact of the refugee presence on host communities and promote social cohesion so that Syrians in need of protection continue to be welcome in Lebanon.

Goals of Institutional Support

UNHCR is currently providing support to those Government institutions that are most impacted by the refugee influx: the Ministries of Public Health (MOPH), Education (MEHE), Social Affairs (MOSA), and Interior and Municipalities (MOIM). Examples of support include the provision of staff, training, materials and equipment which assist with the expansion of services, particularly in health, education and services offered by Social Development Centres.

Goals of community support

Community support plays a concrete role in direct support to vulnerable Lebanese communities hosting high numbers of refugees. The programme is designed to fund quick impact and short-term community projects which aim to fill critical service gaps in these communities.

Community Support Projects (CSPs) aim at improving the living conditions of both refugees and host communities and cover a wide range of interventions including, livelihood, health, education, water, sanitation, social and physical infrastructure. Examples include support to municipalities for expansion of potable water and waste water networks and rehabilitation of markets. CSPs are also supporting the expansion of schools, equipment of public health centres, and provision of machinery for improving food processing and packaging.

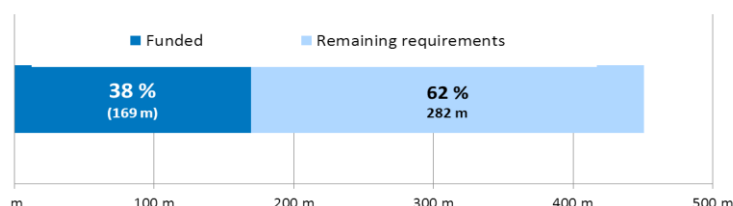
CSPs involve active participation from the community to ensure that they are in line with community priorities. So far, a total of USD 42.7 million has been allocated in 2014 for both institutional support and CSPs.



Provision of waste collection trucks in Al Shaffat Union, North @UNHCR

UNHCR institutional and community support	2013 Expenditures	2014 Budget
Institutional support Health, education and social development activities (staffing, medicine, material, equipment, training, IT equipment, generators)	7.5	30.6
Community based projects (water, sanitation and waste management facilities, community centres)	13.5	12.1
Total USD	21 million	42.7 million

Funding (UNHCR total requirements: USD 451 m)



UNHCR implementing partners

Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Alert, International Relief and Development (IRD), Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale (PU-AMI), Social, Humanitarian, Economical Intervention For Local Development (SHEILD), International Orthodox Christian Charities, USA (IOCC-USA), Right to Play, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN-HABITAT, Cooperative Housing Foundation International (CHF), Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Tech. et au Dévelopmt. (ACTED), Concern Worldwide, Terre Des Hommes Italy, CARITAS, International Medical Corps (IMC), Oxfam GB, War Child Holland (WCH), Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI), Save the Children International, Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli (CISP), WHO, UNICEF, International Alert.

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