

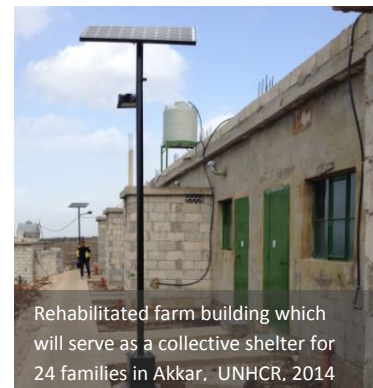
## LEBANON/SYRIA SITUATION

### SHELTER MONTHLY UPDATE

July 2014

## JULY DEVELOPMENTS

- 995 families received cash for shelter by UNHCR in partnership with DRC. Most of these families live in Tripoli (905), in Akkar (73) and some in Mount Lebanon (9) and Bekaa (8).
- UNHCR along with SCI, Medair, CHF, ACTED, PU-AMI and CISP distributed weatherproofing kits to 918 families in informal settlements (IS) and unfinished houses across the country.
- Three collective centres with space for 42 families have been rehabilitated. The centres are located in the North and the South of the country and activities were implemented by CISP and DRC.
- Together with DRC, UNHCR started the rehabilitation of two collective centres in Al Majdaal and Machha (north Lebanon) and the installation of 28 T-Shelters in surroundings areas. These interventions will allow providing shelter to 53 vulnerable families.
- A total of 350 vulnerable families were assisted through the rehabilitation of small shelter units: 104 in the South, 145 in Mount Lebanon, 26 in Bekaa, and 75 in T5. Implementing partners were ACTED, CHF, CISP, DRC, NRC, PU-AMI, SCI, and Solidar.
- According to the results of the monthly IS mapping exercise conducted by Medair, there are 1,259 IS (173,127 individuals) across Lebanon, out of which over 58% (732 IS - 123,126 individuals) are located in Bekaa.
- As part of preparation for the upcoming winter, an assessment of IS in Akkar has started in order to identify needs and interventions. REACH will present the findings in early September.



Rehabilitated farm building which will serve as a collective shelter for 24 families in Akkar, UNHCR, 2014

## Needs

Shelter remains an urgent concern, especially as refugees run out of resources to pay rent. With constantly increasing numbers of refugees in Lebanon, more and more live in substandard dwellings, with limited privacy and protection from the elements.

Refugee needs include:

- Adequate shelter and dignified living conditions;
- Improvements to existing dwellings, in particular, materials (and tools) to seal off shelters from cold weather.
- Support to the most vulnerable who rent accommodation.

## Challenges

**Lack of wide-scale shelter options:** In the absence of facilities to receive large numbers of refugees, the demand for affordable and decent shelter greatly exceeds availability. The dispersion of the refugee population in over 1,700 locations requires a multi-faceted shelter strategy and close coordination with host communities, local authorities and civil society.

**Evictions:** With increasing numbers of refugees, an unstable and largely saturated market for housing and growing tensions between host communities and refugees, evictions are increasing.




**Increased resort to Informal settlements:** The growth of IS that are currently home to over 170,000 refugees, presents risks to refugees and increases tensions with surrounding communities. Identifying alternatives with municipalities and local actors remains a challenge and dialogue with some municipalities is increasingly strained. One formal tented temporary shelter site was established in Aarsal in 2013.

## Strategy

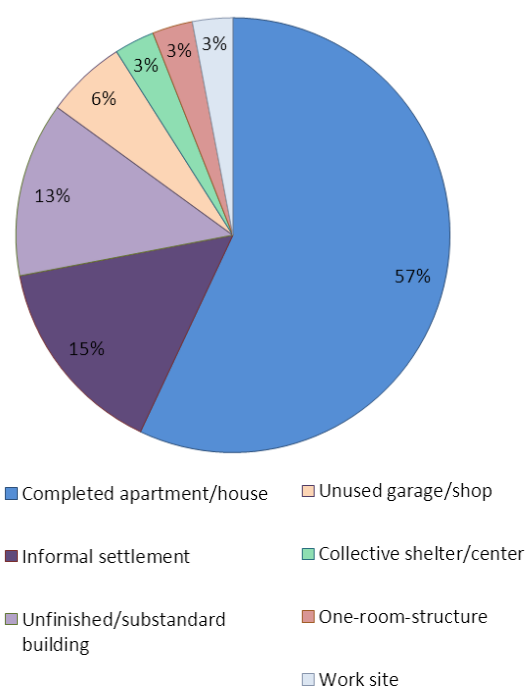
UNHCR will prioritize the provision of temporary (emergency) shelters while continuing to support longer-term options where available by:

- Providing safe emergency shelter to newly arriving households including through establishment and management of temporary shelter sites in West Bekaa and Akkar
- Weatherproofing and site improvement in IS
- Cash assistance for shelter to vulnerable households renting accommodation, who may be at risk of eviction;
- Improving substandard shelters through rehabilitating and weatherproofing
- Expanding collective shelter capacity through rehabilitation of private and public buildings
- Ensuring preparedness for a sudden mass influx by stocking sufficient emergency shelter solutions (sealing-off kits, materials to improve shelters and temporary shelters including UNHCR family tents)
- Including Lebanese host communities in shelter assistance schemes such as cash-for-rent or rehabilitation of property for those hosting refugee families.

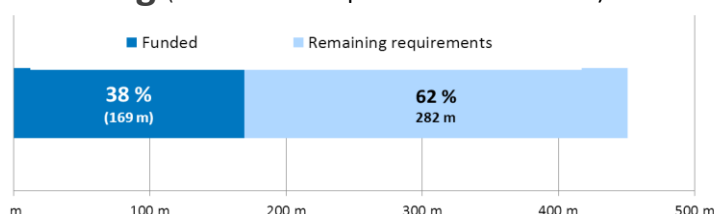
## Achievements: January – July

Activity	 reached Jan- Jul	 reached Jan-Jul	 2014 Target
<b>Total shelter beneficiaries</b>	<b>20,949</b>	<b>104,744</b>	<b>382,731</b>
IS weatherproofed	3,926	19,628	73,584
Site improvement	1,088	5,440	41,250
Unfinished houses weatherproofed	5,149	25,745	112,580
Cash-for-rent & host families	7,719	38,595	47,330
Apartments/houses rehabilitated	1,930	9,651	41,234
Collective shelters renovated	1,059	5,295	9,979
Formal tented settlements	78	390	38,250

## Key figures:



## Funding (UNHCR total requirements: USD 451 m)



## UNHCR implementing partners

Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale (PU-AMI), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Social Humanitarian Economical Intervention for Local Development (SHEILD), Cooperative Housing Foundation International (CHF), MEDAIR, Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli (CISP), PCPM (Polish Centre for international aid), Islamic Relief (IR), UN-HABITAT and Concern. Rehabilitation, Education and Community Health (REACH)

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