

SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE

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Agencies and the Government of Lebanon had requested US\$1.89 billion in the inter-agency funding appeal.

The mid-year review in June resulted in a downward revision of these requirements to US\$ 1.68 billion. US\$ 611.5 million - 36 per cent - has been received as of 23 September.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 114,000 Lebanese and 28,000 Syrian refugees benefited from access to safe water in Beirut and Mount Lebanon following its chlorination;
- 883,152 Syrian refugees received food assistance in September;
- 7,000 Syrians received access to shelter;
- 115,000 children were vaccinated against polio;
- 9,400 consultations were conducted for primary and secondary healthcare services.

PROTECTION

The Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) launched last week the National Plan to safeguard women and children in Lebanon. The document was developed by MoSA and UNICEF and defines the Ministry's child protection and gender-based violence (GBV) response plan in Lebanon.

This national plan, funded by the European Union, will be implemented over a period of 18 months and aims to reach over 198,000 children through psychosocial support and primary healthcare services and an additional 410,000 individuals with information, counseling, orientation and awareness sessions.

DRC organized an event gathering 182 women to celebrate Eid in Amayer and Halba community centers North Lebanon. In addition, 137 persons completed life skills development trainings in Tripoli.

EDUCATION

Over 150 children participated in a pilot programme launched this week by UNICEF and the International Education Association. The programme uses the computer and basic programming to teach children numeric skills and disseminate basic information on hygiene, personal safety and polio. Titled 'Pi for Learning' (Pi4L), the pilot project will run over a test period of three months in Beirut, Bekaa and South Lebanon.

FOOD SECURITY

In September 2014, WFP assisted a total of 883,152 Syrian refugees with food assistance. Jointly with UNRWA, WFP provided food support to 42,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria.

Caritas Lebanon Migrants Centre (CLMC) distributed food vouchers to 48 families in Bourj Hammoud and Tripoli.

SHELTER

Over 7,000 refugees benefited from small shelter unit renovations by UN-HABITAT in Mount Lebanon and the South. Additional shelter units were rehabilitated in North Lebanon either through improvements or providing access to vacant shelters to another 290 refugees.

In Bekaa, 735 individuals benefited from MEDAIR site improvements in two informal settlements helping to better refugees' living conditions.

In the past week, 3,925 people (785 households) received mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene and baby kits in different areas of Lebanon.

HEALTH

As a result of the continuing efforts with the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and partners to ensure that all children in Lebanon are vaccinated against polio, over 115,000 children were reached in the month of August as part of the July-August summer immunization campaign.

Over 9,400 refugees received consultations for primary and secondary health care services conducted by UNHCR, AMEL, CLMC, IMC and URDA in coordination with Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) through mobile and center-based clinics.

Another 14,350 individuals benefited from awareness sessions provided by UNHCR, IMC, CLMC, IOCC & URDA, covering malnutrition screening, nutritional awareness, reproductive health, infant and young child feeding (IYCF), contraception, first aid and health promotion for children.

Some 1,460 social and mental health consultations were provided by IMC in different parts of Lebanon.

Launching of the community support projects report



MoSA and UNHCR launched the community support projects report (CSP) on October 10, calling for a renewed investment in Lebanese infrastructure to help the country manage the influx of refugees from the Syrian conflict.

Minister Derbas noted that “the presence of over 1.5 million Syrians across Lebanon has directly affected the public and service sectors at the national scale. From Akkar all the way to the South, our towns and villages have been at the forefront of the humanitarian response to an incessantly escalating crisis. The inhabitants of these communities have opened their hearts and homes to the refugees. Therefore, the projects undertaken since 2011 have brought much needed breathing space to our communities and improved our lives and the lives of our Syrian kin”.

Projects detailed in the report include new wells, water, sanitation and waste management facilities, improved medical facilities and community centers, additional youth education and sporting activities, as well as rehabilitation works and livelihood support.

UNHCR Head Kelley said that “since the first Syrian refugees crossed the border in 2011, Lebanese communities have extended their

hospitality on a truly impressive scale. “Lebanon today faces an unprecedented challenge to manage both its own population and Syrian refugees. The projects implemented by UNHCR and highlighted in the new report are part of a wider effort to ease the burden on host communities and give them the means to cope. They deserve our support”.

Support for such projects and Lebanese communities in general will form a central part of the 2015-16 funding appeals for the crisis in Lebanon.

WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

In Ayrouniah, 8,000 people benefited from the completion of 1.8 kilometer water pipelines in addition to the purchase of necessary equipment for a pumping station and an elevated tower by CISP.

CISP has also delivered a solid waste truck to Ardeh municipality in the North which will serve 3,160 Lebanese and 497 Syrians living in the area.

Intersos and ACF continue deslugging and water trucking activities in Aarsal, Marj and Kefardanis in the Bekaa reaching out for 15,797 people. 945 Syrian refugees living in informal settlements in Bekaa benefited also from 63 latrines installed by ACF.

UNICEF has finalized the installation of 19 chlorination systems in Beirut and Mount Lebanon to provide 114,000 Lebanese and 28,000 Syrian refugees with better access to safe water.

DONORS

Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, EU, France, Germany, Holy See, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA.

UNICEF’s survey on solid waste management was completed in 21 municipalities of the poorest quintile in the North and the Bekaa.

The purpose is to identify priority needs and equipment and provide people with necessary means to safely dispose of solid waste.

Contributions have also been received from the Emergency Response Fund (ERF) and the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) as well as from private donors, national and international organizations.

AGENCIES THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REPORT

