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Lebanon Humanitarian Fund - LHF

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LHF at a glance in 2016

Total available funds in 2016:

US\$ 30.9m

- Opening Balance: US\$ 18.5 m
- Donors Contributions: US\$ 12.4 m

Total allocated funds to partners:

US\$ 26.3 m

- 51 projects
- 41 partners

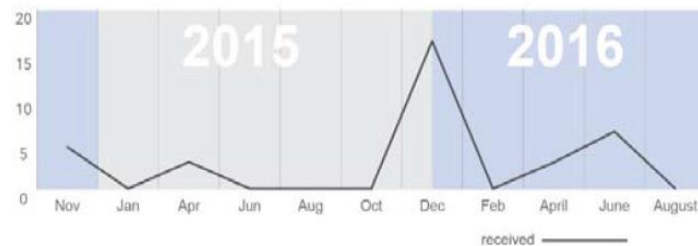
OCHA Lebanon admin cost:

US\$ 0.6 m

Carry- over for 2017

US\$ 4 m

Funding timeline 2014 - 2016



LHF Key achievements - Allocations

Allocations	2016	2015
# of allocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Reserve 2 Standards (1st Quarter & mid-year) 1 Rolling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Reserve (winterization) 1 Standard (mid-year)
# of projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 161 received 75 recommended 51 funded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 received 51 recommended 31 funded
# of partners	<p>41 IPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 INGOs (19 new) 13 NNGOs (6 new) 3 UN agencies (2 new) 	<p>26 IPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 INGOs 13 NNGOs 2 UN agencies



LHF Key achievements - Allocations

Allocation workflow:

1. Prioritization
2. IPs consultations and submissions
3. Sector / Review Board review
4. AB consultation
5. OCHA review (HQs and Lebanon) and IPs redraft
6. Signature: HC, IP, OCHA EO
7. Disbursement

Allocation timeline:

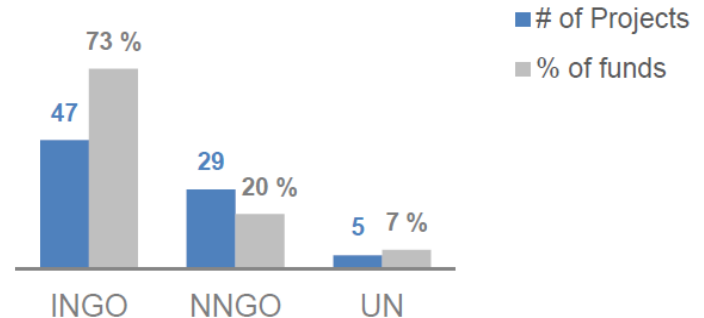
Year	Allocations	Submissions	Sector / Board review	OCHA Review (HQs & Lebanon) and IPs redraft (Max.)	OCHA HQs signature and disbursement
2015	Reserve	5 days	3 days	12 days / 8 projects	30 to 60 days
	Standard	14 days	9 days	18 days / 25 projects	14 to 42 days
2016	Standard 1	14 days	7 to 60 days	30 days / 16 projects	15 to 30 days
	Standard 2	15 days	9 days	30 days / 23 projects	5 to 15 days



LHF Key achievements – Partnership

- 156 registered on GMS:
 - 80 NNGOs, 67 INGOs, 11 UN
- 106 applicants:
 - 50 NNGOs, 49 INGOs, 7 UN
- 80 applicants attended one or more induction/training session
- 73 NGOs assessed by the HFU:
 - 31 NNGOs, 42 INGOs
- 54 IPs:
 - 20 NNGOs, 30 INGOs, 4 UN

Funding and projects per type of Implementing Partner
2014 - 2016



LHF Key achievements – Capacity Assessment

70 NGOs assessed by HFU Partners:

Risk Level	# of partners	
	INGOS	NNGOs
Low Risk	23	4
Medium Risk	16	17
High Risk	1	9

% of funds allocated per risk level:

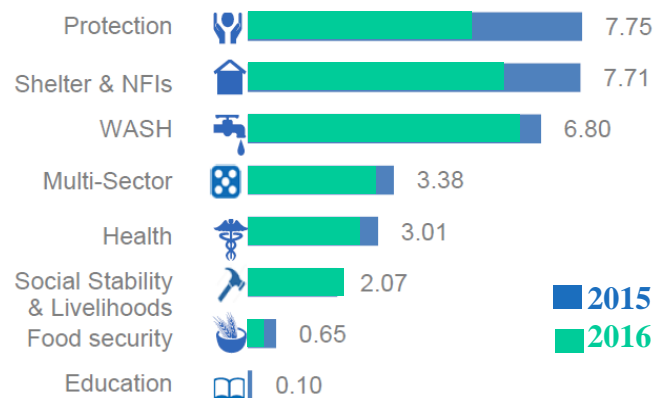
- 32.32 % allocated to Low risk partners
- 51.75 % allocated to medium risk partners
- 9.2 % allocated to high risk partners



LHF Key achievements – Support to the LCRP

- Filling critical sector gaps identified by the LCRP coordination bodies
- Enhancing the coordination with the sectors
- Support to vulnerable communities in hard to reach areas

Allocation by sector (US\$ M)



LHF Key achievements – WHS commitments

- Increasing funding to local actors and/or organisations
 - *20% of the total funding allocated to NNGOs*
 - *UN agencies and INGOs partnering with grass root organization as a key element for funding*
 - *3 rounds of training and capacity building organized by the HFU*
 - *NGOs coaching*
- Be “cash ready” and facilitate the delivery of cash-based programming:
 - *6 MPC projects amounting to \$ 6.2 M*
- Assisting the marginalized groups:
 - *such as people with disabilities and young people*
- Addressing humanitarian crises in cities and towns
 - *Protection, Social stability, WASH and cash projects in urban areas*



LHF Key achievements – WHS commitments

- Promoting long-term funding:
 - *61 of projects out of 81 > 6 months*
- Putting a system in place to determine who is eligible to receive funds
 - *Capacity assessment exercise of the partners*
- Ensuring effective and inclusive humanitarian action that protects, empowers and delivers equally for women, girls, boys and men:
 - *Enhancing the quality of the gender components in the LHF projects*
 - *Gender training as part of the induction training to partners (more targeted sessions in the pipeline)*
 - *More SGBV related interventions*
 - *PSEA survey (in the pipeline)*



LHF – Challenges and actions

Challenges

- Lack of proper gap analysis within the LCRP
- Involvement of Government in the projects' review
- Prioritization of UN/INGOs over NNGOs by sectors versus the NNGOs capacity to respond to the LHF calls for proposals/timeline of the allocations
- Complexity of OCHA financial SOPs
- HFU capacity

Actions

- Preparatory meetings with sector coordinators, ensuring the GoL counterpart are aware of the process
- More capacity building and induction session; extra scores in favor of NNGOs in the projects review (10/100)
- Revised SoPs for budget review implemented in July 2016 to reduce complexity
- Increase of the unit capacity



LHF – OCHA HFU activities

Overseeing the implementation of 82 projects

- 44 projects under implementation
 - 19 projects partially started
 - 11 projects under revision
- 1 projects did not start yet
- 37 projects completed: final reporting in the pipeline



LHF – OCHA HFU activities

Projects' monitoring – 41 minimum planned

- 16 projects monitored closely by the HFU
- 10 projects visited by the HC
- 3 projects visited by the donors
- 9 encountered a financial spot check

IPs reports – 283 planned

- 115 reports reviewed
- 27 reports due in 2016

Communications

- Targeted products
- Social media
- Web – page



LHF – 2017 start

- **PSEA survey**
- **Support to the winterization**
 - 3 Basic Assistance projects
 - IPs: ACF, RI, NRC and SIF
 - Total Amount: \$ 1.5 m
 - Geographical locations: Bekaa and Mount Lebanon



Balance available: \$ 3 m



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Advisory Board

The AB ensures equitable representation of the key stakeholders to the Fund, identified by the respective group for a one year membership.

It comprises of:

- **Chair:** The HC
- **Members:**
 - Contributing donors representatives
 - Two UN Agencies
 - Two INGOs
 - Two NNGOs
 - OCHA HoO
- **Observers:** one to two observers considered by the HC
- **Secretariat:** OCHA Lebanon HFU



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Way forward – Accountability framework (AF)

The AF is exercised through a set of different components that enable the HC to ensure that:

- IPs are delivering intended programmatic results;
- The LHF is managed responsibly and according to established guidelines;
- The Lebanon HF is achieving its main objectives.



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