BASIC ASSISTANCE WORKING GROUP

21 Jan 2019

AGENDA

1. Sector Updates:

   a) Targeting Assistance

2. Winter Support:

   a) Winter activities implemented / preparedness

   b) Storm Response

   c) Additional cash support in emergencies

1) Sector Updates:

1) Sector Updates: Targeting Assistance

Reported activities in December 2018 (AI,RAIS)

63,819 **vulnerable households received monthly cash transfers / multi-purpose cash**

54,159* SYR HHs (CLMC, ICRC, LRC, RI, Solidar Suisse, UNHCR, WFP)

8,959 PRS HHs (UNRWA, NABAA)

701 Leb HHs (ACTED**,CLMC, LRC)

USD 11,168,325 injected in the local economy (Dec)

*drop due to new caseloads being reached based on the new eligibility list; 58,000 cases are booked and expected to be fully reached by January 2019.
**new

2) Winter Support

2.a) Winter Support: Winter Activities / Preparedness

Reported activities by end December 2018

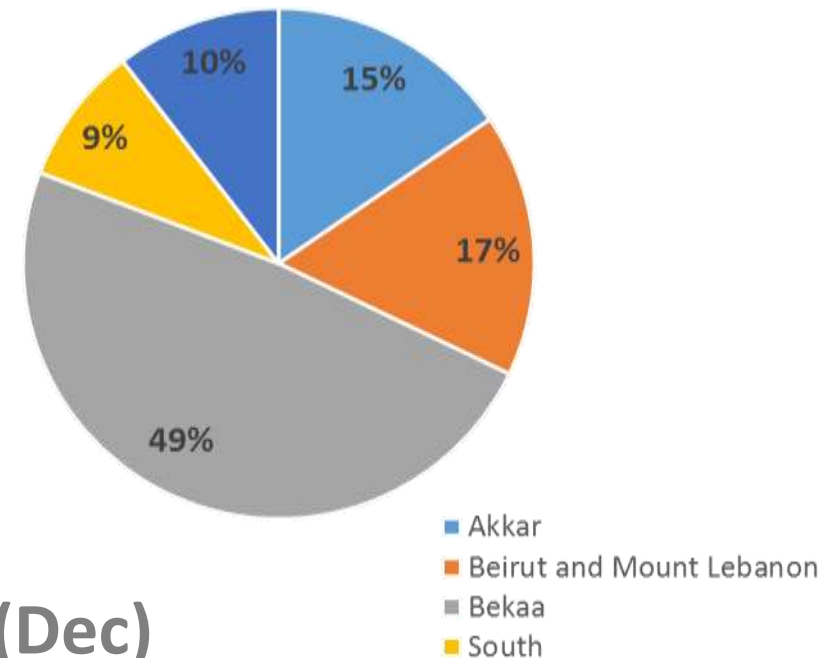**177,447** **vulnerable households received winter cash assistance**

167,349[*] SYR HHs ➔ $75 X 5 = $375 one-off package

9,358 PRS / PRL HHs ➔ $75 X 5 = $375 one-off package

740 Leb HHs ➔ $100 (PCPM – North – another transfer to take place)

21,295[**] *SYR HHS received a one off $40/child top up*

- Akkar
- Beirut and Mount Lebanon
- Bekaa
- South

15% 17% 49% 9% 10%

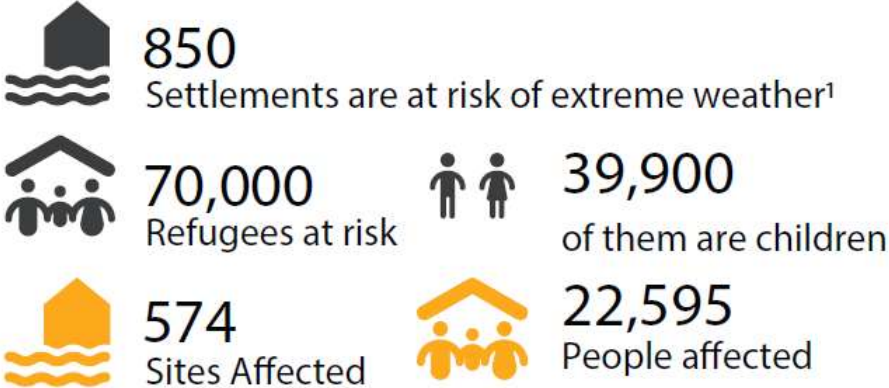**USD $68,433,290 injected in the local economy (Dec)**

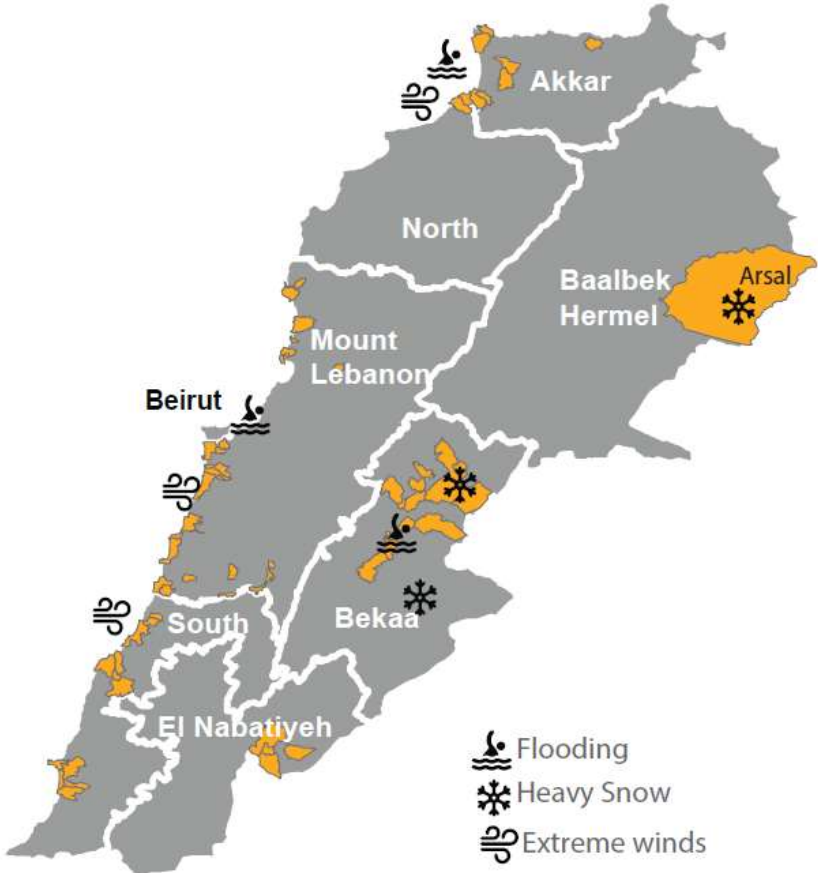*** AI / RAIS: reported figure by UNHCR,CLMC, NRC)**

** From within the 167,000 HHs targeted with winter cash – priority given to SV HHs discontinued from cash / food assistance (UNICEF)

2.b) Winter Support: Storm Response Overview

AFFECTED POPULATION

850
Settlements are at risk of extreme weather[1]

70,000
Refugees at risk

39,900
of them are children

574
Sites Affected

22,595
People affected

AREAS MOST AFFECTED

Akkar

North

Baalbek
Hermel

Arsal

Mount
Lebanon

Beirut

South

Bekaa

El Nabatiyeh

Flooding
Heavy Snow
Extreme winds

2.b) Winter Support: Storm Response Overview

Preparedness

- Emergency SOPs
- Weather forecast/ flood hazard
- Stocks
- IAMP
- Assessment/reporting tools
- Activation of communication tree

Needs Assessment

- Phone Survey for initial prioritization
- Adapted RNA for multi-sectoral assessment
- Sector assessment as needed

Response

- Coordination among partners and relevant ministries
- Distribution of CRIs, shelter kits, drainage kits, baby kits, etc. and relocation
- Dewatering and desludging
- Distribution tracking

Lessons Learned

- Identify gaps and issues
- Action planning: steps to be taken to improve preparedness/risk mitigation and response
- Advocacy

2.b) Winter Support: Storm Response Overview

Winter Storms Assistance 16-January 2019

- **19,984** Individuals assisted
- **169** Baby Kits distributed
- **3,935** Families assisted
- **1,307** Weather proofing kits distributed
- **844** Non - Food items distributed
- **299** Sites assisted
- **20,686** Blankets distributed
- **1,170** Food Parcels provided
- **8,229** Mattresses distributed
- **117** Families received **E - cash** assistance
- **64** Desludging sites
- **144** Drainage Kits distributed
- **10** Sites **Water Pumped**
- **291** Families received **Hygiene kits**
- **6** Sites Received **Water Trucking**
- **2,547** Fuel Cards Distributed

Lessons Learned

- Harmonized IA needs assessments for quick response; use of existing data
- Field working groups to activate communication trees as early as possible and outreach to partners – especially local NGOs;
- to discuss an intersectoral sequenced response plan: wash / shelter → Basic Assistance → etc..
- Geo-split is effective
- Additional cash support to mitigate shocks?

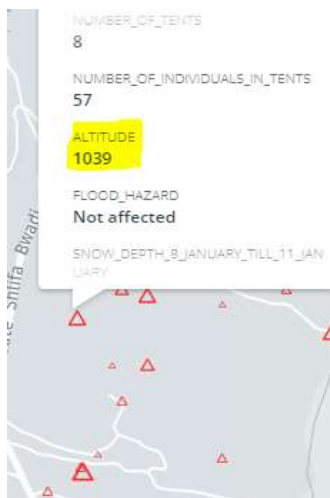# 2.b) Winter Support: Storm Response Overview

In focus – use of existing data:

INTERACTIVE MAP

IAMP data
Geocoded list of all Informal Settlements in Lebanon (includes population)
Sites flooded last winter

CNRS Flood Hazards layer
Layer that has flood prone areas categorized by high, moderate and low risk of flooding

Prioritized list of sites at risk

Altitude Data
Used GPS location of informal settlements to get the corresponding altitude.

Weather forecast & Satellite Imagery
Used several weather forecasting sites to know what areas will be most affected by snow.

NUMBER_OF_TENTS
8

NUMBER_OF_INDIVIDUALS_IN_TENTS
57

ALTITUDE
1039

FLOOD_HAZARD
Not affected

SNOW_DEPTH_8_JANUARY_TILL_11_JANUARY

2.b) Winter Support: Storm Response Per Area

NORTH

In focus:

- Harmonized IA needs assessments – RNA

- Geo – split

- Assessments by phone made to flood prone sites

- Coordination with the governor's office

- Extreme weather alerts → activation of RNA network

2.b) Winter Support: Storm Response Per Area

MOUNT LEBANON

In focus:

- Coordination with partners and local authorities - data and maps shared;

- IS, collective shelters affected and covered;

- Rapid needs assessments:

  - Extreme Weather Phone Questionnaire 2019

  - Extreme Weather Questionnaire 2019

2.b) Winter Support: Storm Response Per Area

BEKAA

In focus:

- Three rounds of rapid phone assessments has been conducted by UNHCR during the two consecutive storms;

- Coordination with implementing agencies – WhatsApp groups / communication trees;

- Cash assistance: not to be used in bekaa as a modality for assistance (in emergencies that include floods, snow accumulation, fire…);

- Relocation site – assessments done by protection;

- Referrals mechanism - Sites that agencies are planning to distribute to are flagged PRIOR to distribution as to avoid duplication in the field – google doc.

2.b) Winter Support: Storm Response Per Area

SOUTH

In focus:

- Localized impact of the storm;

- As the majority of the refugees in the South reside in residential or non-residential buildings (around 94% as per the VASyR 2018), the South did not witness the large scale destruction of Information Settlements;

- RNA tool used – geo split; assessments ongoing;

- Several partners prepositioning materials to be used as needed;

2.c) Additional cash support in emergencies

Emergency Cash during storms: how effective according to implementing agencies experience?

- Links with emergency cash – managed by the protection sector, does it follow the same SOP?

- Intervention logic?

- What is the assessment tool used?

- Selection criteria? Any targeting applies?

- Assistance package?

- Lessons learned and next steps