Background Information for LCRP Joint Technical Taskforce

LCRP Results, Funding & Priorities



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1. LCRP Sectoral Results:2023 Mid-Year Review

1. Sectoral Results: Mid-Year Review



A mid-year review was conducted across sectors over the summer, reviewing Q2 data, to reflect progress, achievements and challenges. The review includes various key components:

- Sector **priorities** for the duration of 2023 (in line with a cross-sectoral prioritization exercise *see later*)
- Specific funding and implementation gaps
- Progress towards expected results
- Funding status
- Reflections and changes to logframe or approach

Basic Assistance



Achievements:

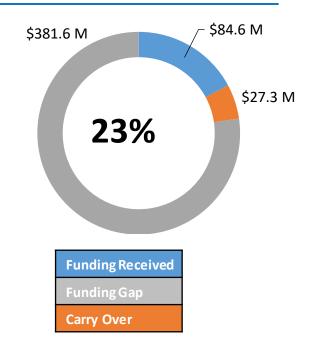
- Unrestricted cash assistance strengthened the ability of 260,588 households to meet basic needs (56.4% of the sector's target).
- O Social assistance provided to **18,880** individuals with specific vulnerabilities (including the National Disability Allowance program supporting 14,000 individuals with disabilities aged 18 to 28).
- Winter assistance was delivered to 225,779 households for the coverage of additional needs during the season.

Challenges:

- Establishing meaningful transfer values in the face of rising prices, as the current cash assistance distributed covers less than half of the non-food survival minimum expenditure basket.
- Expected **decrease in funding**, leading to a decline in the coverage of regular multi-purpose cash assistance to vulnerable groups.
- o Low acceptance rate for referrals and lack of a unified comprehensive social registry for Lebanese, making targeting and coverage more complex.

Priorities in the second half of 2023:

- Advocate for increased/maintained fundings to cover the basic needs of vulnerable populations.
- Enhancing coordination between NGOs and government-led programs to support vulnerable Lebanese.
- Shifting major cash programming towards dual currency provision or dollarization of assistance.
- o Improving data and methodologies for determining transfer values for multi-purpose cash assistance.
- Mainstreaming gender and addressing priority areas outlined in the sector's work plan, particularly in relation to GBV risk mitigation.



Education



Achievements:

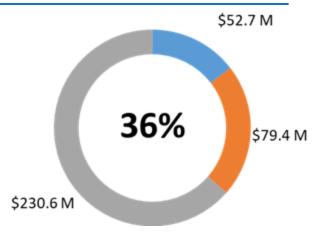
- Supported over 77% of the targeted 664,000 school-aged children and youth (511,423 accessing formal schools).
- Supported 840 Education Outreach Volunteers & Parents to improve school environment and refer out-of-school children to needed services.
- o Launched the National Policy on Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs.
- Enhanced coordination with MEHE, doubling partners in the sector, and improving the acceptance of referrals to formal & non-formal education.

Challenges:

- Repeated interruptions to education in the past three years, and funding not yet secured for the 2023-24 school year.
- Significantly below target for reaching children with non-formal and multiple flexible pathways programs; the Sector aims to reach 95,000 of the 700,000 out-of-school children in Lebanon.

Priorities in the second half of 2023:

- o Implementing the **Summer School Programme 2023** to respond to learning losses and provide support for at-risk learners.
- o Increasing access to **Non-formal Education**/Multiple Flexible Pathways to reach the target and supporting children to access public schools.
- o Strengthening child protection and adapting programming for boys and girls through cross-sectoral workshops.
- Capacity development initiatives for partners and improved standardization of practices among partners for a more effective response.
- Undertaking additional reporting and data sharing initiatives to ensure accurate reporting against indicators.



Funding Received
Funding Gap
Carry Over

Energy



Achievements:

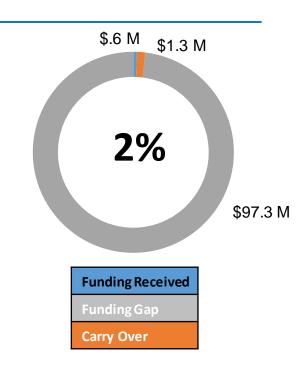
 On going work to capture and strengthen cross-sectoral coordination of the renewable energy investments made within the context of the LCRP and beyond.

· Challenges:

- The sector has been consistently **under-funded**. By Q2 2023 the sector had \$1.9M available (\$0.6M funds received in 2023 and \$1.3M carry-over).
- o The sector had one partner reporting for 2023 (ACTED funded by France).

Priorities in the second half of 2023:

- o Continue provide support on **renewable/sustainable energy** interventions across sectors under the LCRP.
- Publish a thematic brief on solarization which includes an overview of interventions, guidance and recommendations for partners.
- o Explore shifting to an energy 'mainstreaming' modality across sectors in the 2024 response framework.



Food Security



Achievements:

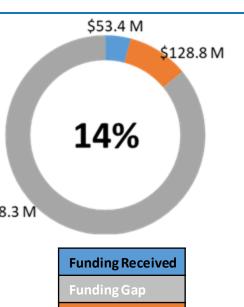
- o Provided food assistance to over **2.01 M individuals** in Lebanon (figures exclude assistance by UNRWA to PRL).
- Compared to targets set, 93% of displaced Syrians targeted for food assistance were reached, 80% of Lebanese and 99% of PRS.
- o Supported the agricultural livelihoods of **8,245 small-scale farmers** (28% women), through trainings and distribution of agro-inputs.
- Assisted **358 agricultural cooperatives** and associations with in-kind, financial, or technical support, (\$1.55 M investment).
- Employed 2,644 individuals in temporary casual labor, providing training and skills development in the agriculture sector.
- o Partners participated in the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) training and analysis.

Challenges:

- Significant gap in funding, with only 14% of the financial requirements received in the first quarter of 2023 mainly due to limited financial tracking. Additional funding is expected in Q3.
- o **Increase in the SMEB**; the non-food portion of the basket has contributed to the main increase, with overall stability in the food MEB in USD.

Priorities in the second half of 2023:

- o Advocate for **funding** to address the significant gap in financial requirements and adequate transfer value.
- o **Monitoring the cost of food and non-food items** in the basket to support families' basic needs.
- o Ensure greater coordination among partners for deduplication.



Carry Over

Health



Achievements:

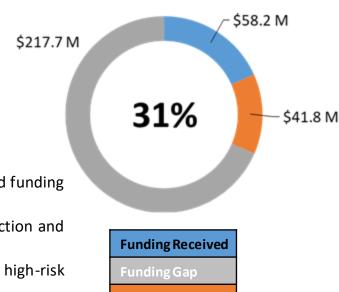
- o **1.6 M primary healthcare consultations** (57% to Lebanese).
- Provided hospital care to 47,155 individuals.
- Supported outbreak control through EWARS and AIDS/TB programs.

Challenges:

- o **Affordability**, supply gaps, geographical accessibility, and social stigma are hindering access to health services.
- Increased patient share of payment for hospital care for displaced Syrians and other nationlaities due to decreased funding likely to add barrier to access.
- o **Increased demand and multiple and simultaneous outbreaks** have depleted the country's capacity for early detection and response.
- o Insufficient **funding** is resulting in reduced access to healthcare and prioritization of life-saving interventions in high-risk areas.

Priorities in Second Half of 2023:

- o Providing a comprehensive package of primary healthcare in vulnerable areas (including antenatal and mental health care).
- o Ensuring cost coverage support for critical and life-saving interventions in hospitals for the most vulnerable individuals.
- Enhancing feasibility through eligibility criteria and establishing acceptable tariffs for interventions in hospitals and for doctors.



Carry Over

Livelihoods



Achievements:

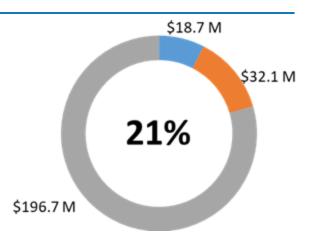
- o **8,265** businesses supported (target 8,000); mostly micro and small businesses.
- 10,768 individuals participated in labor-intensive programs (target 40,000).
- o **7,201** individuals benefitted from vocational training (target 15,000).
- 2,603 beneficiaries were reached through work-based learning (target 9,000).

Challenges:

- o **Restrictive measures** on displaced Syrians (particularly the valid residency requirement).
- o **High transportation costs** limited individuals' access to development opportunities and income generation activities.
- o Labor-intensive programs faced a low reach, with only 27% of target population reached by mid-year.
- o Sustainability of MSMEs was questioned as in-kind support didn't always ensure lasting income generation.

Priorities in Second Half of 2023:

- o Prioritize Labor-intensive programs to help vulnerable populations and mitigate job competition tensions.
- Support to businesses and cooperatives for sustainable economic growth.
- o Enhance workforce employability through market- and work-based learning initiatives.



Funding Received
Funding Gap
Carry Over

Nutrition



Achievements:

- o Reached 213,000 children under five and caregivers with essential nutrition interventions.
- o Improved school-age children's nutrition in 132 schools.
- o Supported over 44,000 pregnant and lactating women with essential nutrition interventions.
- o Screened over 170,567 children for acute and chronic malnutrition and referred to counselling services and management of acute malnutrition.
- o Enhanced the management of acute malnutrition with an 80% recovery rate, admitting 1,080 children under five.
- o integration of **nutrition and child development** through multiple delivery platforms.

Challenges:

- o Inadequate **funding** for nutrition sector response.
- o Underestimation of hidden malnutrition risks.
- o Families facing difficulties feeding children with optimum nutrition.
- Unsolicited donations of breastmilk substitutes.

Priorities in Second Half of 2023:

- o Capacity building of partners to serve deprived localities with integrated nutrition and child development interventions.
- o Improve nutrition of school-age children and enhance women's nutrition.
- o Expand the Rising Initiative through partnerships, capacity building, and equipping Primary Healthcare Centers.
- o Equip unsupported Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCCs) to deliver scaled-up services to deliver scaled-up nutrition and child development services.
- o Implement standardized practices for community health workers.
- Complete the first-ever Lebanon Integrated Micronutrient and Anthropometric Survey (LIMA).



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Protection (Including CP & GBV)



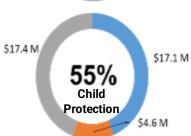
Achievements:

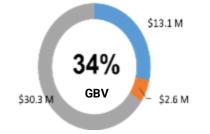
- Over 348,606 women, girls, men and boys including those living with disability are supported with protection services addressing their specific needs, including 151,187 individuals provided with legal aid for residency, civil status, detention and housing, land and property issues; 166,139 people participated in community-based protection activities; 41,466 children and caregivers benefited from child protection programs and 69,797 persons participated in GBV prevention and response programs.
- o **Referral pathways, case management standards and cash guidance** have been updated and are known to all sector members, finalised the 'In-Focus on Persons with Disabilities', conducted community-based protection learning workshop.



• Challenges:

- Fear of raids, arrests and deportations combined with restrictive measures have increased psychosocial distress of the refugee community, exacerbated tensions, reduced access to services/assistance, increased demand for legal residency and triggered other protection concerns such as child protection and gender-based violence risks.
- o Lack of means to pay **transportation** as well as stigma and controlling behaviors of relatives/intimate partners have negatively impacted access to services, including men without legal residency, GBV survivors, persons with disabilities and severe mental health concerns.
- Limited services, depleted resources and long distance to services have been additional barriers for persons at risk accessing specialized services, such as Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and livelihoods.
- o Limited resources within families/communities and funding gaps for sexual and reproductive health services result in high levels of period poverty amongst most vulnerable communities (estimated 1 million girls and women affected).





Priorities in Second Half of 2023:

- Ensure access to comprehensive and inclusive prevention and response programs including quality case management services linked to tailored protection cash interventions and referrals to specialized services such as legal aid, MHPSS and specialized rehabilitation.
- Provide institutional support for national authorities as well civil society actors to ensure protection space, process legal documentation, and to address root causes of immediate and ongoing protection risks including those requiring social norm changes (i.e. on child marriage, child labour, etc.).
- o **Prioritize community-based approaches, integrated and specialised MHPSS services in protection interventions** and ensure close collaboration and cross-sectoral work with mental health and other specialized services.



Shelter



Achievements:

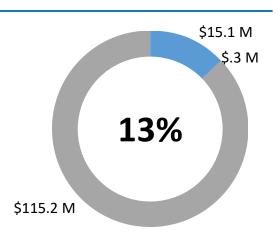
- o Provided weatherproofing assistance to 10,858 individuals in informal settlements.
- Distributed fire kits and conducted training for 82,825 individuals.
- Assisted 20,206 individuals with cash for rent to prevent eviction.
- Upgraded shelter conditions for 435 individuals and rehabilitated common areas for 123 people.

Challenges:

- o Insufficient **funding** is leading to limited support and increased risks.
- o **Rental prices** continue to increase, exacerbating the economic crisis and making it difficult for families to afford housing.
- o **Tenure security** remains a challenge due to difficulties in signing rent agreements and increased breaches by landowners.
- o Legal support for resolving breach of agreements is constrained due to limited resources and funding.

Priorities in Second Half for 2023:

- o Weatherproofing of tents and site improvements in informal settlements, with a focus on assisting the most vulnerable.
- o Rehabilitation focus on **female-headed households** (FHH), **elderly** individuals, and **protection** cases in urban shelter interventions.
- Advocacy to demonstrate the sector's capacity and ability respond effectively to shelter needs seeking to secure
 necessary funding including focus on 'cash for rent'.





Social Stability

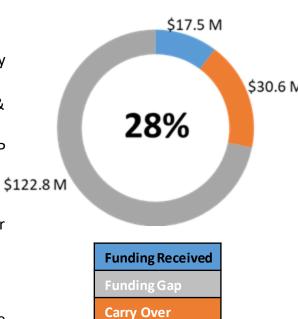


Achievements:

- o Implemented 59 projects in 76 municipalities; focused on water, wastewater, and municipal police reform.
- Improved Solid Waste Management (SWM) in 67 municipalities, through 58 projects, incl. dumpsite closure and capacity building.
- Established **conflict mitigation mechanisms**, community events, and empowered youth, benefiting over 21,416 children & youths.
- Conducted perception surveys (wave XVI) and tension analysis and conflict sensitivity mainstreaming to inform the LCRP response.

Challenges:

- Decrease in municipal resources limiting development work, operations & maintenance (O&M) and affecting sector partners' operational space.
- o Increasing risk of halting SWM services, O&M challenges, and community backlash regarding SWM issues.
- o Demotivation within communities and **dropout rates** in youth empowerment initiatives due mainly to economic situation.
- Funding gaps affecting the response specifically under social stability youth empowerment & SWM activities as of June 2023.



Priorities in Second Half of 2023:

- o Continue the support municipalities in delivering Basic Services and Community Support projects (specifically SWM and incl. waste management).
- Continue to engage in Social Stability dialogue mechanisms and prioritize Youth Support activities and mobilization of funds and resources (linking up to other well funded youth-related services & sectors e.g. Education & LH).
- o Enhance support to civil society organizations (CSOs), continue tensions monitoring, and advance conflict sensitivity & gender mainstreaming.
- Follow up on donors' funding strategies and build on key partners' experiences including priority thematic discussions (e.g. M&E process) to share best practices with sector partners and enhance the coordination and response.

Water



Achievements:

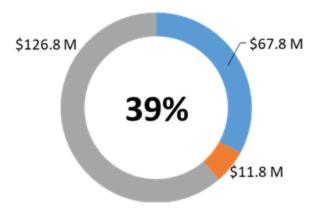
- Enhancing water sector institutional governance, policies and capacities through Task Forces and Technical Assistance support.
- Supported water supply and sanitation infrastructure in permanent locations, emphasizing renewable energy projects (estimated 407,000 beneficiaries, including over 320,000 Lebanese, incl. installation of 1,880 kW of photovoltaic panels).
- Continued operation and maintenance support to water supply systems (over 300 repairs that sustained the delivery of 267,295 m3/day benefiting over 2 million people; Repair of 41 chlorination systems maintained proper treatment of nearly 103,000 m3/day and supply of safe water to estimated 223,710 people; replenish WEs stock with 100 tons of chlorine).
- o Commenced operation and maintenance support to wastewater treatment plants (estimated 344,000 beneficiaries).
- Assisted 232,000 displaced Syrians in temporary locations with access to safe water and sanitation (715,000 m3 of safe drinking water was delivered via water trucking services, 175,000m3 of sludge removed and safely disposed).

Challenges:

- Limited electricity supply impacting water supply and wastewater treatment systems.
- o Inadequate tariffs, low collection rates, and shortage of staff in Water Establishments.
- MoEW ceased implementation of Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems in Informal Settlements.
- o **Inadequate access to WaSH**, below the agreed sector standards, in particular in the sites that solely rely on trucked services.

Priorities in Second Half of 2023:

- o Enhance **preparedness** efforts **for the Cholera** outbreak.
- Advocate for \$9 M for the repair and maintenance support to Water Establishments to maintain the minimum level of water supply.
- Expand support to the wastewater treatment systems to mitigate public health risks and environmental hazards (additional \$37 M required).
- o Mainstreaming conflict sensitivity in WaSH programs (esp. in ISs) and focus on cost-efficient solutions for access to adequate WaSH (\$18 M).



Funding Received

Funding Gap

Carry Over



2. In-Focus: Support to Lebanese (Mid-Year)

Inter-Agency 2. In-Focus: Support to Lebanese (Mid-Year)



Basic Assistance



70,538*

Lebanese households accessed regular, unrestricted and unconditional cash assistance through National Poverty Targeting Programme and NGOs



7.180

Lebanese with specific vulnerabilities receive social grants



6,095

Lebanese were provided with in-kind assistance (blankets / matresses / clothing kits / heaters)



Food Security & Agriculture



422,684*

Lebanese individuals were supported with cash



375,763

Lebanese received in-kind food assistance



37,520

Small-scale farming households and members were supported with training, technical assistance, and inputs to improve agricultural practices



11*.*875

Lebanese benefitted from support provided labour/training in households in accessing agricultural sector



Livelihoods



8,265



Lebanese MSMEs were supported with cash and in-kind grants



\$0.66 M

Was invested in labour-intensive public work projects



6,676

Vulnerable Lebanese were engaged in public works

*In addition to support provided under the LCRP, a total of 402,637 Lebanese individuals (93,422 households) receive food and multipurpose cash assistance via the GoL's Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) Scheme (at mid-year point). This is financed through a World Bank loan.

2. In-Focus: Support to Lebanese (Mid-Year)





Education



262,097

Lebanese children were enrolled in public schools in the 2022-2023 school year



8,837

Lebanese children/youth benefitting from remedial or homework support programs in 2023



31,787

Children in the first shift received meals or snacks in public schools



Health



219,615

Lebanese received chronic medication



869,818

Subsidized health consultations were provided to vulnerable Lebanese



31,418

Mental health consultations were accessed by vulnerable Lebanese



145

MoPH-PHCCs are currently supported by partners



Nutrition



4,315

Lebanese caregivers and women reached with education and awareness raising activities on breastfeeding, complementary feeding, childhood development and healthy nutrition



43,656

Lebanese children under 5 receiving Vitamin A



11,311

Lebanese Pregnant Lactating Women (PLW) screened for acute malnutrition at PHC and at community levels



88.029

Lebanese children under 5 screened for acute malnutrition at PHC and at community levels





166,000

Estimated number of Lebanese with improved access to safe water for drinking and domestic use through rehabilitation and augmentation of water supply systems



2 M

Estimated number of Lebanese maintaining consistent and reliable access to water through minor repairs and operational support to Water Establishment-managed systems



240,000

Estimated number of Lebanese benefited from supporting Water Establishments with rehabilitation and maintenance of wastewater treatment plants and related infrastructure



12,198

Lebanese have experienced a WASH behavior change session/activity

In-Focus: Support to Lebanese (Mid-Year)





Protection



Shelter



Social Stability



9,315

Lebanese were actively approached and participated in community centres and Social Development Centres (SDCs)



19,336

Lebanese were reached through activities taking place in safe spaces or at community level, as well as tailored programs addressing negative attitudes on gender and GBV



4,004

Persons with disability and older persons received specialised rehabilitation support and assistive devices



5,508

Vulnerable Lebanese were supported under the Shelter sector including cash-for-rent and shelter upgrades



524

Vulnerable Lebanese benefited from minor repairs of their shelters



4,529

Vulnerable Lebanese living in adequate shelters received cash for rent support to mitigate eviction threats



76

Municipalities were supported to strengthen basic service provision and reduce resource pressure in high-risk communities



\$10.62 M

Was invested in municipal and community support projects



67

Municipalities were supported by implementing or using integrated solid waste management systems and approaches



In-Focus: LCRP Funding (Mid-Year)

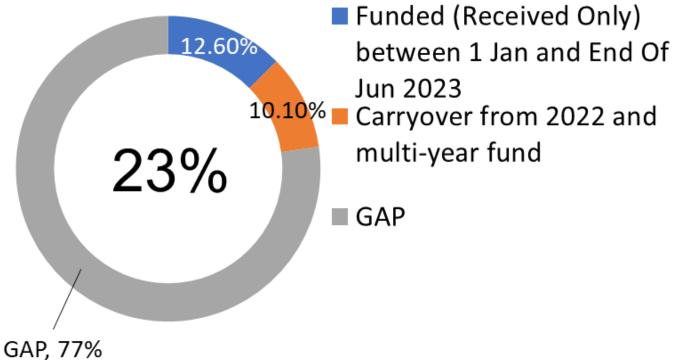
Mid-Year LCRP Funding Update



Q2 2023 LCRP Funding Update:

- 23% (828 M) of appeal available for LCRP.
- 13% (465 M) funds were received in Q1 and Q2 2023.

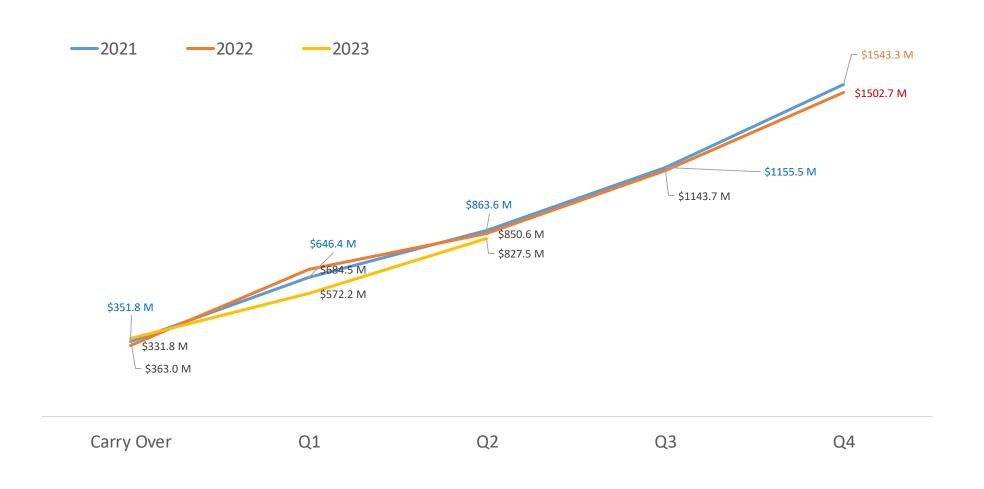
 10% (363 M) were carried over / multi-year funding provided for 2023.



Mid-Year LCRP Funding Update Cumulative Funding By Quarter 2021 – 2023

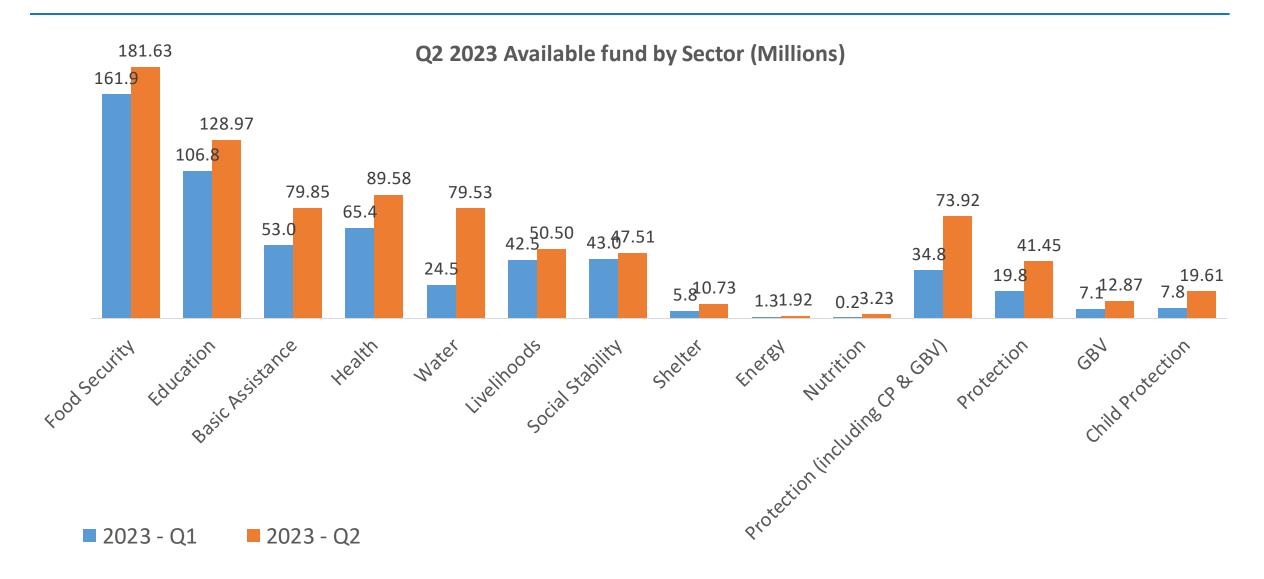


2021 - 2023 - Cumulative Available Funding per Quarter



Mid-Year LCRP Funding Update Sector Funding Q1 and Q2 2023







3. LCRP Cross-Sectoral Prioritization Exercise (Mid-Year)



Why engage in a mid-year prioritization exercise, when interventions within sector strategies are already 'prioritized' according to needs and feasibility, and utilizing clear targeting strategies?

- Declining funding means we know that partners will receive significantly less than the funding envelope that we have collectively appealed for
- Demand by key interlocutors for an understanding of key priorities across sectors
- Moment to reflect on what is working well so far (opportunities for impact) and how the operational context has shifted during the year
- Opportunity to elevate key funding gaps and ensure visibility for overlooked interventions

Cross-Sectoral Process: Criteria



Informed by sectors' mid-year review of reporting and results, members of the Inter-Sector Working Group were asked to identify a set of 'elevated priorities' for the duration of 2023 against the following agreed criteria:

- Identified results make an essential contribution to the LCRP strategic objectives / impact statements
- Will incur significant negative consequences if not supported
- Contribute to addressing protection threats and/or social tensions
- Are feasible and cost effective

At the Inter-Sector level, sectors came together to assess whether the identified priorities are:

- Coherent, furthering potential for cross-sectoral collaboration
- Anything major missing
- Overall check: to ensure package of services maintains integrity of the LCRP (humanitarian + stabilization)
 at reduced level of funding and contribute to necessary results at individual, household, community and
 institutional levels



LCRP interventions contribute to 6 *impact statements* under the 4 *strategic objectives*







SO1: Ensure protection of vulnerable populations

Priorities identified across sectors



Individual Level



Case management for GBV, Child Protection & Protection

Legal counselling, assistance and representation for GBV survivors, children in contact with law, legal residency, eviction and civil documentation

Protection cash

Community Level



Strengthen CP interventions within education, and priority locations

Pro-active community-based protection approaches

Awareness sessions on access to services and legal topics

Longer-term prevention programs to address root causes of GBV





Integrated and specialized MHPSS services between health and protection

Inter-Sector

Continued focus on AAP. PSEA and child safeguarding through awareness raising and gender/GBV mainstreaming, trainings and referral mechanisms





SO2: Provide immediate assistance to vulnerable populations

2 Immediate humanitarian needs met

Cash-based Assistance to support Most Vulnerable







Cash for education

Direct multi-purpose cash and food assistance



Cash for rent



Cash for work

People in and around Informal Settlements



Weatherproofing in informal settlements

Upgrading and repair of residential and nonresidential shelters



Access to adequate WaSH for populations in non-permanent locations





Site improvements





SO3: Support service provision through national systems

3 Equitable access to basic services

Vulnerable Women & Girls



Support Maternal healthcare services

Support Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) to address period poverty





Support coverage of clinical management of rape services



Support to PHC Centers through a comprehensive package of care



Scale up of essential nutrition interventions to prevent and manage life threatening forms of malnutrition during early childhood and women/ mothers



Maintain support for public school funds and expand support for non-formal education alongside the NFE reforms



De-sludging services

Operation, repair and maintenance support to WEs to maintain water supply

Rehabilitation of key water production and supply infrastructure



Support Municipalities & public institutions in services provision through capacity building and infrastructure/ basic services interventions





SO4: Reinforce Lebanon's economic, social and environmental stability





Support to businesses and cooperatives (stimulating local economic growth)

Market- and work-based learning



Support to small-scale farmers for the provision of agricultural inputs (vouchers or in-kind) for both crop and livestock production

Financial and technical support to Agricultural Cooperatives and Agricultural **MSMEs**



Agricultural extension support including training agricultural labors for ensuring sustainable practices adopted

Inter-Sector

Solarisation for public infrastructure





SO4: Reinforce Lebanon's economic, social and environmental stability





Support Municipal Police & and establish/support Conflict Mitigation Mechanisms at the local level

Inter-Sector

Support Youth Under Youth Empowerment-Led Initiatives

Offline & Online Tension monitoring and training on objective reporting and countering fake news, to reduce tensions through media

Conflict Sensitivity Mainstreaming across all sectors





SO4: Reinforce Lebanon's economic, social and environmental stability





Operation, repair and maintenance support to wastewater treatment plants

Solarisation of 11 feasible wastewater treatment plants



Solid Waste Management