Response Plan LRP Update October 2024 What's New?

Official Endorsement of Lebanon Response Plan – 2024

The Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) was endorsed in the inaugural meeting of the LRP Steering Committee on 16 October 2024. The meeting was co-chaired by the Prime Minister and UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator, and attended by Ministers, Ambassadors, UN and NGO representatives. The LRP is an integrated humanitarian and stabilization response plan co-led by the Government of Lebanon and the United Nations, supported by international and national partners. The plan sets out to respond to challenges arising from multiple crises facing Lebanon in a holistic manner and presents a prioritized and evidence-based appeal of \$2.72 billion in 2024 to fund partners' coordinated interventions across ten sectors. It was noted in the meeting that the LRP Appeal has subsequently been complemented by the Lebanon Flash Appeal launched on 1st October. The press release issued by the Government after the LRP Steering Committee is available here and the RC/HC's opening remarks with brief explanatory notes are available here. As the endorsement of the plan has come late in the year amid a dynamic context, the overall document will not be formally published, but the LRP Chapeau and Sector Strategies are available here. The planning process to update plans for 2025 (including emergency response) will begin in November.

LRP Sector Results – 'At a Glance' Summaries – Q3 2024

A reduced version of the quarterly sector dashboards was developed this quarter, summarizing progress made by sector partners under the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) for the third quarter of 2024. The 'At a Glance' documents include reporting on populations reached versus targets set, funding, and key achievements. LRP Q3 2024 sector 'At a Glance' is available here:

Basic Assistance; Education; Food Security & Agriculture; Health; Nutrition; Livelihoods; Protection; Shelter; Social Stability; WaSH.

LRP Funding Update – Q3 2024

972.4 million USD was made available by Q3 2024 to partners for interventions under the LRP including funding directly received and carry-over/multi-year funding contributions made previously for 2024. This equates to 35 per cent of the LRP appeal that was set for the year (2.72 billion USD). The funding update is developed by analyzing and consolidating the figures shared by the LRP partners through the Lebanon Aid Tracking System at the end of each quarter and includes a summary per sector. The LRP Funding Update for Q3 2024, including a summary per sector is available here.

LRP Overview and Scope – Q3 2024

The LRP overview and scope outlines the population targets, funding status, and strategic objectives of the response. It provides a comprehensive overview of targeting approaches, prioritization of interventions within sector strategies, geographical coverage. This document is essential for guiding coordinated humanitarian actions and optimizing resource allocation to meet urgent needs. The LRP Overview and Scope for Q3 2024 is available <u>here</u>.

Flash Update on Escalation of Hostilities #39

The crisis in Lebanon has escalated sharply, with ongoing hostilities resulting in severe casualties, extensive displacement, and a mounting humanitarian toll. Casualty reports by the Minister of Public Health (MoPH) indicate 2,672 deaths and over 12,468 injuries. Journalists are also facing severe risks, with three killed and three others injured in Hasbaya, Nabatieh Governorate, on 25 October 2024. The Humanitarian Coordinator for Lebanon and the Special Coordinator for Lebanon issued statements calling for the protection of civilians, including journalists. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports a sharp increase in the number of casualties among health sector workers, with 99 health workers killed and 82 injured since 8 October 2023. The latest Flash Update #39 is available here.

Lebanon Winter Preparedness & Response Overview – 2024-2025

Building on lessons from previous years and taking emerging needs into account, the 2024-2025 response leverages established preparedness actions at both household and community levels while scaling up assistance for newly displaced populations across all Lebanese governorates with an expanded focus on high-altitude and conflict-affected areas where winter conditions are most severe. Winter-focused interventions are conducted in all regions across the Basic Assistance, Shelter, WASH, Site Management and Coordination, and Social Stability sectors, as part of a multi-sectoral response. A brief paper setting out an overview on Winter 2024-2025 Preparedness & Response is available <u>here</u>.

Mercy Corps: Cash in Armed Conflict – A Cash Feasibility Assessment in Lebanon

The Cash in Armed Conflict report by Mercy Corps presents findings from the rapid feasibility assessment of cash assistance conducted in October 2024 in Lebanon. Using the cash and voucher assistance pre-conditions framework, it evaluates the feasibility of cash assistance as a response modality to meet the basic needs of displaced populations living outside collective shelters. The assessment employed primary data from a household survey conducted with affected populations in the Bekaa Valley and in south Lebanon, as well as key informant interviews with financial service providers. It shows that Cash is not only feasible but remains the preferred modality of the affected population outside collective shelters as a rapid, dignified, and efficient way to receive assistance. The Cash in Armed Conflict report is available here.

UN Women: Multi-Sector Needs Assessment 2023 Gender Snapshot

The Multi-Sector Needs Assessment 2023 Gender Snapshots, developed by UN Women, are based on household surveys conducted by REACH in July - October 2023. They provide insights into gender-specific challenges faced by Lebanese households, live-out migrant households, and Palestinian refugee households in Lebanon. These challenges span key areas, including basic needs, food security, livelihoods, health, and protection. The three Gender Snapshots are available <u>here</u>.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Webpage

The RCCE webpage, set up by UNICEF, provides essential tools and knowledge for partners, practitioners, front-line workers, and first responders in Lebanon. It covers key messages, IEC materials, and training and social listening tools to support community engagement and to better connect communities with available services. All resources on the page are publicly accessible and free to share, download, reprint, and use, as they were also cleared by Government counterparts. This initiative aims to empower individuals and organizations working to support communities through crisis response and engagement efforts. The RCCE Webpage is available <u>here</u>.

Further Situation Reports & Updates

The IOM DTM Mobility Snapshot Round 58 is available here.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers General Secretariat of the Supreme Defense Council Situation Report #33 is available here in <u>Arabic</u> and <u>English</u>. The UNHCR Lebanon Emergency Flash Update #9 is available <u>here</u>.

The WHO Lebanon Health Emergency Response Situation Report #5 is available here.

The UNRWA Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #10 is available here.

The UNICEF Lebanon Humanitarian Situation Report #4 is available here.

The WFP Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #5 is available here.

The Food Security and Agriculture Sector Lebanon Emergency Response Situation Report #14 is available here.