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Lebanon Inter-Agency Response: Syrian Refugees

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

- A total of 429,899 individuals received World Food Programme (WFP) food vouchers;
- This week, over 2,600 Lebanese and Syrian students benefited from Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and remedial classes;
- More than 3,700 refugees received primary healthcare services including consultations, treatment, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests
- More than 133,000 individuals benefited from the distribution of 21,000 hygiene kits and 6,700 baby kits this week;
- Over 13,000 refugees were registered with UNHCR this week.

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013



Funding is also received in private donations from the following countries: China, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, and Spain.

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REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

In the past week, over 13,000 persons registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 625,000 (over 530,000 people registered and 95,000 awaiting registration).

Current geographical distribution of the registered population is as follows:

North Lebanon: 185,018 – 35%

Bekaa: 179,575 – 34%

Beirut and Mount Lebanon: 98,502 – 18%

South Lebanon: 67,321 – 13%

In south Lebanon this week, over 300 individuals were provided with transportation from the four villages of Kafr Chouba, Kfarjara, Halta and Kafr Hamam in Hasbaya, to the Tyre registration centre. This is the third in a series of initiatives conducted in collaboration with local authorities, the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the Lebanese Red Cross to help refugees living south of the former “security belt” access registration.

PROTECTION

Local municipalities in the Bekaa reported again this week a slight reduction in the number of new arrivals compared to the period of the Qusayr conflict. A total of 546 families were reported to have arrived to the Bekaa compared with 606 during the previous week.

Over the past week, 483 Syrian refugee children attended summer activities offered by Amel Association and UNICEF where children between the ages of seven and seventeen receive animated sessions on health, the environment, and children’s rights among other things. An additional 300 refugee children participated in summer recreational activities provided by World Vision in the Bekaa this week.

Community Support Projects (CSPs) that range from waste-management support to recreational spaces in local community centres continue to benefit thousands of residents nationwide. Over 59 projects have so far been implemented nationwide in an attempt to alleviate the pressure on host communities affected by the Syrian crisis. Finalized projects include among other things, the building of public gardens, rehabilitation of public building, the provision of equipment support to local schools and solid waste management support to municipalities.

Up-coming projects in the Bekaa include the distribution of waste containers, a garage cleaning truck, an IT centre and a computer training programme for children were among the many projects that will be implemented in the coming weeks. In the North, two CSPs are expected to start next week in Bab-el-Tebbeh and Jabal Mohsen. The projects which include electrical work in a medical dispensary in Jabal Mohsen and road rehabilitation in Tebbaneh will be monitored by DRC and UNHCR.

The road rehabilitation project will be carried out in collaboration with Utopia, a local NGO working with Syrian and Lebanese youth volunteers. This project aims at involving youth in improving their own roads and neighbourhoods by painting walls, changing pipes, etc. Working in these neighbourhoods will give agencies the opportunity to reach out to the vulnerable refugee and Lebanese populations.

SECURITY

The security situation in North Lebanon and the Bekaa region, mainly in Hermel district, remains volatile and continues to limit humanitarian access to some locations as well as distribution activities.

DISTRIBUTION

A total of 429,899 individuals received World Food Programme (WFP) food vouchers and food parcels distributed by World Vision and DRC this week. In addition, over 2,200 refugees received bed sheets, summer blankets, pillow cases, mattresses, diapers and other household items by UNHCR and CLMC .

In the Bekaa, more than 1,100 newly-arrived refugees were provided with standardized assistance kits which include mattresses, blankets, in addition to kitchen and hygiene kits by DRC. The distribution took place at a new centre in the village of Kherbet Rouha. Similarly in the North and the South, over 1,400 new-arrivals were provided with the standardized kits. In addition, two new distribution sites for new arrivals were identified in Dawseh and Wadi Khaled aimed at facilitating their access to assistance upon arrival to Lebanon.

Some 36 non-registered refugee families residing in the southern villages of Srifa, Burj Rahal and Shhour received electronic cards (e-cards) which would allow their access to the distribution of food and hygiene kits in their respective area. Over 3,700 refugees (750 families) are expected to benefit from this distribution by the end of July.

EDUCATION

This week, over 2,600 Lebanese and Syrian students benefited from Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and remedial classes provided by UNHCR, Save the Children, World Vision and Amel Association. Students are being provided with English, math, sciences and Arabic classes in addition to psycho-social activities. However, agencies have reported a decrease in attendance this month because of Ramadan.

In addition, 26 local teachers received a training on education in emergencies and other educational topics. This training will be followed by weekly meetings with the teachers to ensure follow-up and to ensure the curriculum is adherent to the students' needs.

HEALTH

More than 3,700 refugees received primary healthcare services including consultations, treatment, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests provided by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), UNHCR, International Medical Corps (IMC), Amel Association, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI) and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC). Additionally 506 patients were admitted to the IMC supported hospitals in North, Bekaa and South this week.

Over 900 individuals benefited from mental health services including clinical and social consultations through IMC's outreach and centre-based services and over 2,500 individuals received health awareness sessions on mental health, health, gender based violence (gbv) and early marriage provided by UNHCR, IMC, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI) and Amel Association.

Also this week, a total of 2,847 refugee children received vaccinations against measles and polio at the Bekaa and Tripoli registration centres by UNICEF bringing the total number of refugees immunized in the area so far to 39,793 individuals.

To date, 131 cases of leishmaniasis have begun receiving treatment at the governmental hospitals of Baalbeck and Zahle. In the North, UNHCR and DRC continue to coordinate the transportation of Leishmaniasis patients to the Tripoli Governmental Hospital.

SHELTER

A total of 103,184 individuals have so far in July benefited from shelter solutions including cash for shelter, cash for host families, weatherproofing, support to informal tented settlements and the rehabilitation of collective shelters provided by UNHCR, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC), CHF, CISP, Dar El Fatwa, DRC, El Nour Association, Handicap International, Islamic Relief, the Layan organization, Makhzoumi Foundation, MEDAIR, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), PCPM, PU-AMI, SCI, SDC, Shelter Box, SHIELD and Wakf El-Rahma.

As shelter options continue to become exhausted, agencies in coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) continue to look into the identification of formal temporary sites and more collective shelters. As a result this week, two collective shelters in Tripoli in addition to several locations for formal tented settlements in Akkar were approved by the ministry.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

More than 133,000 individuals benefited from the distribution of 21,000 hygiene kits and 6,700 baby kits this week provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), SHIELD, Makhzoumi Foundation, CISP, CLMC, World Vision, Action Contre la Faim (ACF).

Other water, sanitation and hygiene activities included the distribution of 190 water filters in Baisariyeh, the upgrading of sanitation facilities in 31 households across Zahle and the construction of 25 sanitation facilities including latrines and showers in Abou Samra.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE PORTAL

<http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

UPDATES:

- Food Security Working Group - Workplan July;
- Food Security Working Group - Minute 25.06.2013;
- DRC fact sheet June 2013;
- Lebanon Registration Trend Overview 11 July 2013.

MAPS:

- Lebanon, CSP Map, 30 June 2013, Community Support Projects In Refugee Hosting Communities in South Lebanon;
- Lebanon, CSP Map, 30 June 2013, Community Support Projects In Refugee Hosting Communities In Bekaa;
- Lebanon, CSP Map,30 June 2013, Community Support Projects In Refugee Hosting Communities for Beirut and Mt-Lebanon;
- Lebanon North, Community Support Projects Refugees Hosting Communities, 30 June 2013;
- Lebanon Community Support Projects Refugees Hosting Communities, 30 June;
- Lebanon Health Centers Distribution, July 2013.

STATISTICS:

Lebanon Registration Daily Stats 12, 15, 16 and 17 July 2013