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Lebanon Inter-Agency Response: Syrian Refugees

July, 2013



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

- A total of 505,730 individuals received World Food Programme (WFP) food vouchers and food parcels;
- This month, over 5,400 Lebanese and Syrian students benefited from Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and remedial classes;
- More than 317,000 individuals benefited from the distribution of 59,410 hygiene kits and 20,156 baby kits this month;
- This month, over 50,000 persons registered with UNHCR.



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

This month, over 50,000 persons registered with UNHCR, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 645,000 (over 541,000 people registered and 104,000 awaiting registration).

Current geographical distribution of the registered population is as follows:

North Lebanon: 185,000 – 35%

Bekaa: 184,000 – 34%

Beirut and Mount Lebanon: 101,000 – 18%

South Lebanon: 68,000 – 13%

In south Lebanon this month, over 700 individuals were provided with transportation from Mount Rihan and the villages of Kafr Chouba, Kfarjara, Halta and Kafr Hamam in Hasbaya, to the Tyre registration centre. This initiative was 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.

Average waiting periods nationwide slightly increased this month from 29 to 35 days, as fewer registration cases are being scheduled daily in view of Ramadan.

PROTECTION

Women and children constitute 70 per cent of the total refugee population in Lebanon. This month, 3,205 women and girls benefited from community support activities provided by UNICEF and IRC. More than 2,700 women and children benefited from information sessions on gender-based violence provided by UNICEF and the Kafa organization. Over 3,000 refugee women and girls received dignity kits (female hygiene kits) distributed in Mount Lebanon by UNICEF and ABAAD.

Additionally, 6,000 refugee children attended summer activities offered by UNHCR, UNICEF, the Danish Refugee Council, Amel Association and World Vision. Children between the ages of seven and seventeen received animated sessions on health, the environment, and children’s rights, among other things.

More than 960 Syrian and Lebanese nationals also benefited from vocational training and recreational activities provided in the DRC community centres across the North and the Bekaa.



SECURITY

The on-going security situation in north Lebanon and the Bekaa region, mainly in the Hermel district, remains volatile. This continued to limit humanitarian access to some locations, as well as distribution activities.

DISTRIBUTION

A total of 505,730 individuals received World Food Programme (WFP) food vouchers and food parcels distributed by World Vision and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) this month. In addition, over 2,200 (Update Figure) refugees received bed sheets, summer blankets, pillow cases, mattresses, diapers and other household items by UNHCR and the Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC).

In the Bekaa, close to 2,000 refugees individuals benefited from non-food items and food parcels distributed by Handicap International. Similarly in the Bekaa, over 1,500 individuals benefited from newcomer kits distributed by Gruppo di Volontariato Civile (GVC) and Italian NGO AVSI. Additionally, newly arrived refugees continue to be assessed for vulnerabilities by DRC and provided with standardized assistance kits which include mattresses, blankets, in addition to kitchen and hygiene kits.

EDUCATION

This month, over 5,400 Lebanese and Syrian students benefited from Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and remedial classes provided by UNHCR, Save the Children, World Vision, Amel Association and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). Students are being provided with English, math, sciences and Arabic classes in addition to psycho-social activities. However, agencies continue to report low school attendance this month, because of Ramadan.

Over the next two months, 32,956 children (Syrian, vulnerable Lebanese and Palestinian returning from Syria) are expected to benefit from the summer education programme that was launched this month. Meanwhile, agencies in coordination with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education are developing a strategy on how to develop and support enrolment and retention programmes. As a result, over 138,000 refugee children between the ages of 4-14 years old are expected to benefit from formal and/or informal education services in the 2013/2013 academic year, in addition to receiving basic education supplies such as school-in-box kits, school bags and early childhood development kits provided by education agencies.

HEALTH

More than 22,000 refugees nationwide received primary healthcare services including consultations, treatment, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests provided by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), UNHCR, UNICEF, International Medical Corps (IMC), Amel Association, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI) and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC). Additionally, over 2,300 patients were admitted to the IMC supported hospitals in the North, Bekaa and the South this month.

Over 2,584 individuals benefited from mental health services, including clinical and social consultations, through IMC's outreach and centre-based services. Over 7,700 individuals were sensitized on issues concerning mental health, health, gender based violence (gbv) and early marriage through sessions provided by UNHCR, IMC, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI) and Amel Association.

Also this month, more than 6,000 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. Additionally, a total of 2,298 Syrian refugees received medication provided by UNICEF and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Those treated included 510 children under the age of five suffering from acute respiratory infections, 246 with diarrheal diseases, and 86 with skin diseases.

Agencies in coordination with MOPH continue to ensure proper referral and care for leishmaniasis treatment. To date, some 130 cases of leishmaniasis have started receiving treatment in governmental hospitals. Transportation to the treatment centres continues to be a concern to refugees residing in rural areas. Agencies are therefore trying to expand the use of mobile clinics to try and reach out to the refugees in need.

SHELTER

Since the outset of the Syrian crisis, over 103,000 individuals have 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, 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.

This month, an additional 14,484 individuals residing in 86 new informal tented settlements were identified, bringing the total number of these settlements to 369. The majority of the population (68 per cent) distributed across the Bekaa. Additionally, over 4,800 refugees today reside in 45 collective shelters across Lebanon.

Rehabilitation work continued in the Ouzai collective shelter which today hosts over 700 refugees in Saida, South Lebanon. Refugees residing in tents outside the shelter were moved to the the third and fourth floors of the complex this month.

As shelter solutions 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 month, seven locations for formal tented settlements nationwide were identified in coordination with the ministry.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

More than 317,000 individuals benefited from the distribution of 59,410 hygiene kits and 20,156 baby kits this month 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 during the month included the distribution of 230 water tanks, dozens of water buckets, 190 water filters, the upgrading of sanitation facilities in 31 households across Zahle and the construction of over 100 sanitation facilities, including latrines and showers, in Abou Samra.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE PORTAL

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

UPDATES:

Weekly Inter-agency Response Update

- NEW Lebanon Contact List - Syrian Refugee Response 22.07.2013
- Lebanon Contingency Plan (Version 2) - 2013-07-21 [Draft 17]
- Lebanon Contingency Plan (Version 2) - Annexes A to G, 2013-07-21 [Draft 17]
- Lebanon Contingency Plan (Version 2) - Annexes H & I - Action Matrix & Stocks, 2013-07-21 (Draft 17)
- Lebanon Contingency Plan [V.2] - Presentation, 2013-07-05 [Draft 2]
- NFI Sector Coordination Group - Meeting Action Points, 2013-07-08 [Final]
- WASH WG Agenda 23 July 2013
- Minutes of the Education WG Meeting, Beirut 3 July 2013
- Inter-Agency Regional Response - Syrian Refugees
- Protection Working Group Minute - 17 July 2013
- Inter Agency Meeting SOUTH - minute 12 July 2013
- ITS Task force - SOUTH minute 16 July 2013
- HEALTH WG SOUTH - minute 6 June 2013

MAPS:

- UNHCR Lebanon Health Map, July 2013 A3, Health Sector Activities Mapping
- UNHCR Lebanon Health Map July 2013 A3, Health Sector Partners Mapping
- UNHCR Lebanon Registration Map 19-July-2013 A3, Syrian Refugees Registered in Lebanon at District Level

STATISTICS:

Lebanon Registration Daily Stats 22, 23, 24 July 2013

REPORTS AND ASSESSMENTS:

- Child Protection in Emergencies Rapid Needs Assessment
- WFP's Response Inside Syria and in Neighbouring Countries: Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt
- WFP's Response Inside Syria and in Neighbouring Countries: Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt - ARABIC