



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



666,135

Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)



129,515

Persons unwilling to register



114,790

Affected Lebanese



43,974

Lebanese returnees



66,687

Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)



160 million

USD required

NEEDS

Most refugees arrive in Lebanon with almost no personal possessions and do not have the means to purchase essential items for cooking and eating, sleeping and moving around with dignity.

It is expected that 90 per cent of refugees and Lebanese returnees who will arrive until end of 2013 will need a basic set of non-food items (NFIs) upon arrival including bedding, cookers, plates, pans, cookers and gas as well as clothing. Without this basic assistance, families may resort to negative coping strategies such as taking exploitative work, begging or selling the few possessions they have.

Winter is fast approaching. Weather conditions are harsh in Lebanon and storms, snow and hail will pose a serious threat to the health and well-being of refugees in mountainous areas and the Bekaa Valley. Families, particularly those living in tents, unfinished buildings, informal collective shelters or other unsupported shelters, will need winter NFIs such as warm blankets, heaters and fuel supplies (provided by e-card, cash or voucher) to survive the winter without adverse effects.

Urgent attention is also given to the creation and stockpiling in key field locations of sufficient contingency reserves to enable a rapid response to meet basic needs in the event of a sudden and more massive influx.

OBJECTIVE

Health and wellbeing of the refugees and other displaced populations assured through the attainment of basic living standards.

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS

- Support for winter needs
- Assistance to new arrivals
- Regular distribution of items to registered refugees
- Emergency assistance to refugees unwilling to register
- Emergency preparedness

KEY AUGUST DEVELOPMENTS

- Reviewed and made recommendations on the Emergency Response Fund (ERF) proposals (all of which in the NFI Sector, were approved for funding).
- Continued work on winterization, revising the Inter-Agency Action Plan in light of decisions on standardizing the assistance package, and on the scope of UNHCR's programme.
- Informed donors of the likely gaps in the overall winterization programme, still to be filled.
- Reviewed preparedness for the NFI and logistics sectors in case of a mass refugee influx, and continued to advocate for greater reserves and common warehouses for contingency stocks.
- Defined an appropriate implementation strategy for new funding allocated within UNHCR so that it can now take a more direct role in the provision of New Arrival Kits.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

(August figures in brackets)



330,700 fuel vouchers distributed



165,624 (33,131) blankets distributed



140,100 jerry cans distributed



156,052 (43,406) mattresses distributed



79,100 clothes vouchers distributed



36,930 (21,635) hygiene kits for new arrivals



29,647 (18,028) kitchen sets distributed



8,915 (15) heating stoves distributed



5,200 cooking stoves distributed

NFI RESPONSE



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