

LEBANON: RRP5 Update - August 2013

SHELTER



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5

787,085
Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)

9,490
Persons unwilling to register

54,610
Affected Lebanese

31,125
Lebanese returnees

80,000
Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)

266 million
USD required

NEEDS

Shelter absorption capacity has diminished in Lebanon as the refugee influx from Syria increases. Over 69% of all refugees are renting accommodation, not only in apartments, but also in unused shops, worksites, and even in tents within informal settlements. Rents continue to increase while accommodation standards decline.

Close to 2% of refugees live with Lebanese families and this number is unlikely to rise. The number of buildings available for rehabilitation is dwindling. Additional shelter alternatives like transit sites have not yet been approved by the Government. Only 'formal tented settlements' (FTS) have been authorized for a maximum of 20 shelter units each. Identification of plots proved difficult given shelter saturation nationwide, particularly in Beka'a and Akkar. Four FTS were established by the NGO Layan in Beka'a. An additional 19 sites were identified and more will be established by NRC and other partners across the country.

More refugees are turning to improvised shelters and informal settlements, particularly in locations providing access to agricultural work. Elsewhere refugees are squatting in disused buildings, creating informal collective shelters. These informal shelter arrangements are often sub-standard, with limited or no sanitation facilities, some of which are located in areas prone to flooding and at risk of fire.

OBJECTIVE

Adequate shelter solutions are available for refugees from Syria and other displaced persons.

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS (as per RRP5)

- 1 Emergency shelter
- 2 Substandard shelter improved
- 3 Shelter assistance to vulnerable households
- 4 Collective shelters
- 5 Emergency preparedness

KEY AUGUST DEVELOPMENTS

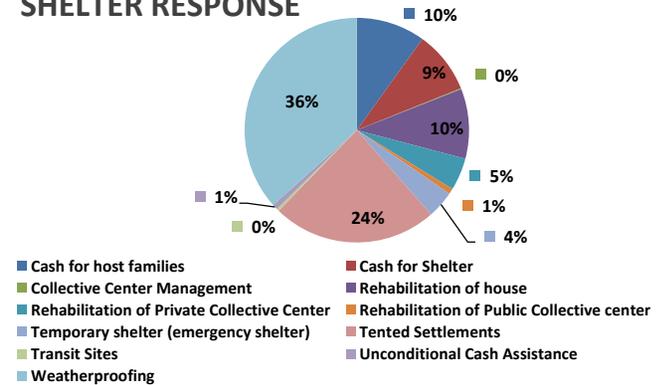
- Disused farms authorized for use as refugee shelters enabling partners to expand capacity
- Number of informal settlements (IS) increasing at a rate of 30-35 per month (1,200 HH per month). Currently 368 IS identified sheltering around 10,000 refugee HH
- Temporary technical committees established to review existing SoPs and develop additional guidelines to complement the Shelter Strategy as technical annexes
- Readiness to implement contingency plan in view of the recent developments assured
- Shelter components of the winterization plan developed

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

August figures in brackets

- 117,511** (10,143) individuals benefitted from shelter assistance
- 42,382** (159) individuals assisted with weather-proofing
- 28,374** (2,312) individuals in tented settlements assisted
- 11,898** (3,353) individuals supported with cash for host families
- 11,614** (495) individuals benefitted from house rehabilitation
- 10,945** (2,045) individuals supported with cash for rent
- 6,443** (949) individuals accommodated in collective shelters
- 4,535** (830) individuals received temporary shelters
- 400** (0) individuals in formal tented settlements

SHELTER RESPONSE



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