



## 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 (IS). 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 has 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 SEPTEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

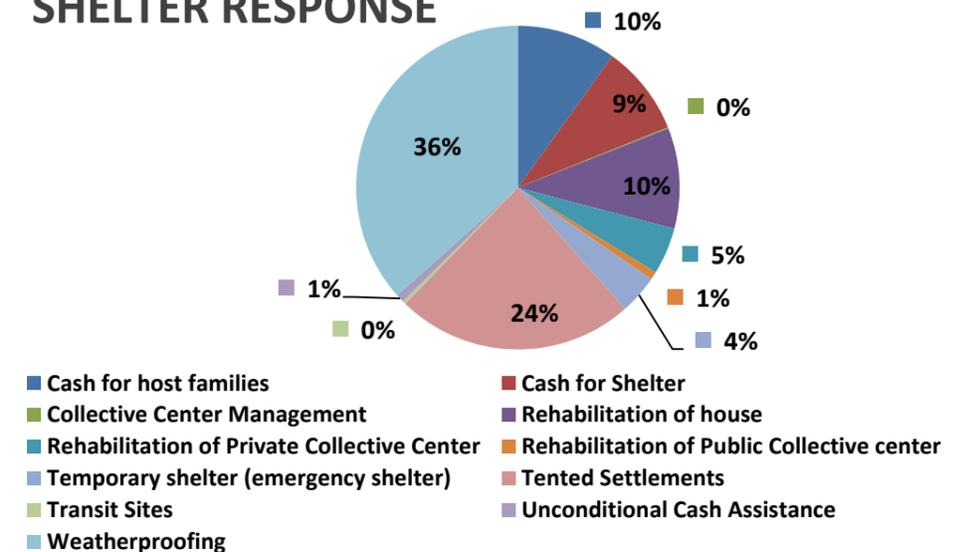
- Ten disused farms are under rehabilitation to be utilized as collective centres for refugees in Akkar. About 500 families/ 2,500 refugees will benefit from this activity.
- The number of informal settlements increased from some 370 to some 390.
- Procurement and distribution of winterization sealing-off kits to informal settlements and unfinished houses has started in many areas in Lebanon.
- The number of refugees sheltered in formal settlements reduced this month due to forced eviction by local municipalities in the Bekaa.

## ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

Reporting month figures in brackets when relevant

- 152,272** (34,761) individuals benefitted from shelter assistance
- 44,013** (1,631) individuals assisted with weather-proofing
- 33,959** (5,612) individuals in tented settlements assisted
- 21,145** (10,200) individuals supported with cash for rent
- 20,939** (9,041) individuals supported with cash for host families
- 19,873** (8,223) individuals benefitted from house rehabilitation
- 6,523** (80) individuals accommodated in collective shelters
- 4,600** (65) individuals received temporary shelters
- 200** (-200) individuals in formal tented settlements

## SHELTER RESPONSE



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