

LEBANON: RRP5 Update - September 2013 **FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE**

TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



800,000

Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)



91,800

Persons unwilling to register



197,500

Host Families Members



156,700

Lebanese returnees



80,000

Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)



289 million

USD required

NEEDS

FOOD ASSISTANCE: The number of people requiring food assistance continues to increase, putting additional stress on existing resources (funds, staff, etc). Improvements are needed in assistance coverage, especially to vulnerable groups such as Syrian refugees not registered. Security constraints continue to obstruct access to beneficiaries, especially in Tripoli, Wadi-Khaled and north Bekaa. Lebanese returnees are also only receiving limited support and limited assistance for host communities is leading to increasing inter-community tensions. The upcoming winter will also add additional challenges to food assistance.

Targeted assistance is being implemented to ensure that the limited resources benefit those who need it most.

LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE: Trans-boundary Animal Diseases (TAD) and large livestock losses, as well as the lack of food and phytosanitary control at the Lebanon-Syria border, continue to compromise the food and nutrition security. Disruptions in trade since the outbreak of the Syrian conflict, have led to a massive decrease in farm gate prices, while the costs of agricultural inputs and services continue to rise. Containment of trans-boundary animal and plant diseases and pests, and the establishment of food safety control measures on the border are urgently needed. In addition, crop and livestock production support is needed for returnees and vulnerable community's members.

OBJECTIVE

To ensure that food security and livelihood opportunities are provided to vulnerable Syrian refugees, Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS), Lebanese returnees and Lebanese host community members

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS

- 1 Food assistance provided to all population groups
- 2 Spread of trans-boundary animal and plant diseases and pests contained, and food safety control established
- 3 Restore smallholder agricultural production

KEY AUGUST DEVELOPMENTS

- Information campaign for targeted assistance ongoing
- World Vision and WFP started cash assistance programmes (e-cards) in the South
- Wadi Khaled remains an area of concern. Tensions are growing between host communities and refugees. Mercy-USA is reassessing its bread distributions in this area and is considering targeted distributions for October.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



1,105,082 individuals received at least one food voucher in 2013

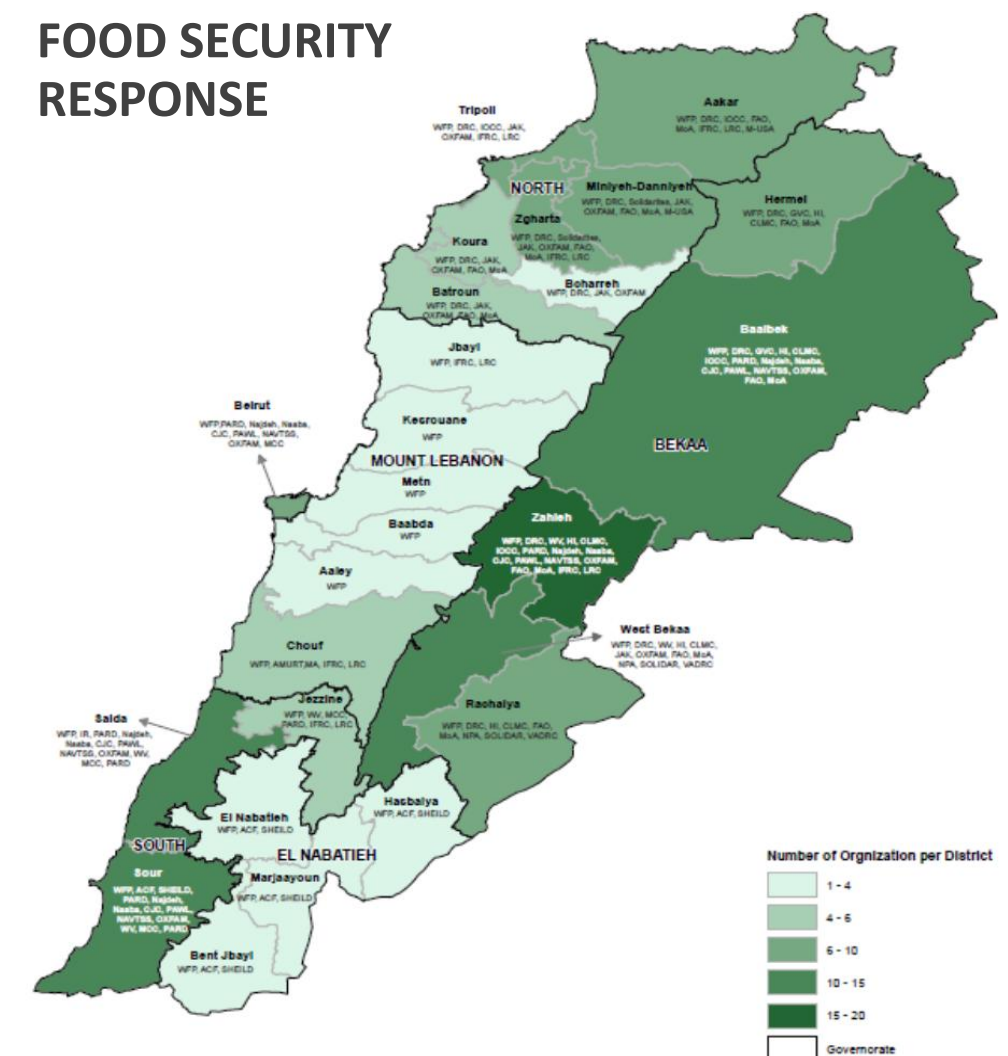


162,552 individuals received food parcels



5,456 host community members received agricultural support

FOOD SECURITY RESPONSE



Leading Agencies: WFP and Government of Lebanon (GOL) Ministry of Social Affairs, with strong participation from FAO - Ekram El-Huni, Ekram.Elhuni@wfp.org

Agencies reporting this month:

