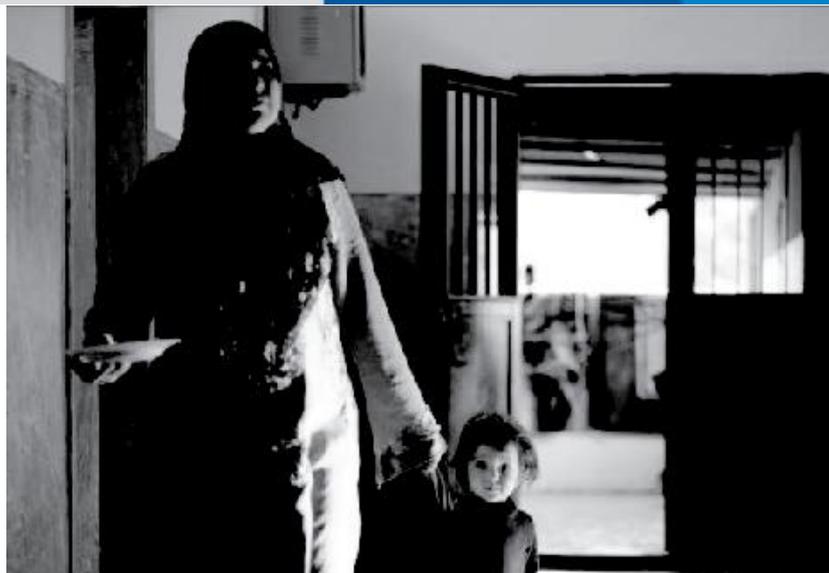


SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



November 2-8 2013

#Syria



LEBANON

FUNDING

38 % funded

\$1.7 billion requested
\$626 million
received as
of 31 October

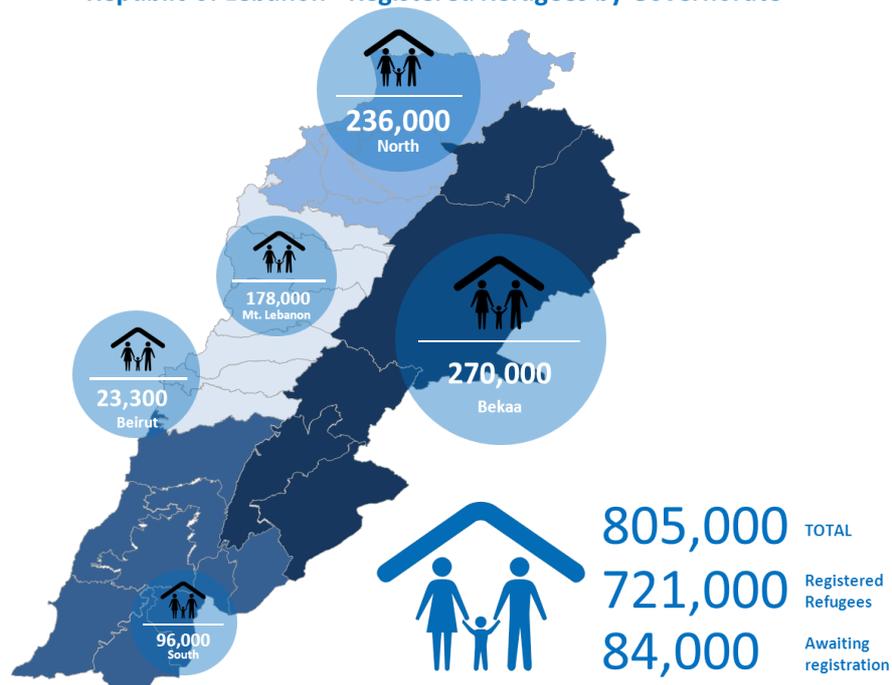
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- More than 33,000 individuals received food vouchers;
- 28,500 refugees received hygiene and baby kits;
- 7,300 individuals received mobile and centre-based primary healthcare services;
- Over 9,800 individuals benefited from health awareness sessions;
- 780 patients were admitted to the hospitals;
- 8,700 refugees were registered with UNHCR this week.

REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

Over 8,700 persons registered with UNHCR this week

Republic of Lebanon - Registered Refugees by Governorate



Over 8,700 persons registered with UNHCR this week, bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 805,000 (over 721,000 people registered and 84,000 awaiting registration).

UNHCR inactivated 13,000 individuals this week due to three consecutive no shows for food distribution over a three-month period (July-September 2013). This is part of an ongoing effort to verify the existing data. Reactivation will be conducted for persons who re-approach UNHCR and who are confirmed to be living in Lebanon.

A new registration site opened in the Bekaa further increasing its capacity and decreasing the waiting period in the area from 34 to 27 days, and countrywide from 38 to 34 days.

UNHCR and Terre des Hommes (TdH) provided 900 refugees with transportation from Chebaa, south Lebanon, and different villages in Mount Lebanon to the Tyre and Beirut registration centres respectively. This facilitated registration for vulnerable refugees who reside in remote areas.

PROTECTION

Terre Des Hommes (TdH) started the distribution of 6,000 dignity kits (containing women's hygiene items, scarves, whistles, torch lights) in Aarsal and Labwe to teenage girls in schools and informal tented settlements. The distribution also includes a video presentation by ABAAD and UNICEF on hygiene and GBV awareness.

Saturday November 2 marked the shelling of the Beit Yan area across the border from the southern village of Chebaa. Syrian refugees have in turn started crossing the bordering mountain into Lebanon. As of November 6, 444 people have arrived in Chebaa. ICRC transported wounded people to hospitals in the Bekaa. Newly arrived refugees are currently hosted with Lebanese families and in mosques. UNHCR is liaising closely with the municipality of Chebaa which was able to identify an unused school to serve as a collective shelter. The municipalities of Kfarchouba and Hibberye are currently working to identify similar shelter arrangements.

Participatory assessments – discussions with groups of men, women, children, and vulnerable groups- revealed that the main concern amongst refugees remains their lack of proper legal documentation, either because they arrived in Lebanon without their papers or because they are financially unable to renew their residency permits one year into their stay in the country. These concerns are inhibiting the refugees' ability to move freely, find work, or afford adequate shelter and other basic needs. Efforts to remedy this problem are underway including through the provision of legal counseling and vocational training to refugees.

SOCIAL COHESION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

UNHCR is also coordinating with the mayors of Chebaa, Hibberye, and Kfarchouba in order to develop community support projects benefiting Lebanese in those areas. It was agreed that UNHCR will provide snowplough, garbage/sewage trucks and fuel for electricity and school heating. Vulnerable Lebanese families will also receive winterization assistance including mattresses, blankets, fuel for heating, stoves, etc.

Similarly in Akkar and Mount Lebanon, UNHCR and UNDP approved 16 different projects to be implemented in the area to support the Lebanese communities in the coming months. These include the construction of drainage canals to prevent flooding in flood-prone areas, the installing of public lighting, and the winterization of schools through the procurement of generators and the installation of gas heaters.

FOOD SECURITY

More than 33,000 individuals received World Food Programme (WFP) food parcels and food vouchers distributed by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and World Vision International nationwide. An additional 10,000 individuals received food vouchers provided by OXFAM GB in north Lebanon and the Bekaa.

Some 615 newly arrived refugees residing in Mount Lebanon benefited from food parcels distributed by AMURT and provided by Islamic Relief.

DISTRIBUTION

Over 2,600 newly arrived refugees in the Bekaa received kitchen sets distributed by UNHCR and DRC. In addition, some 1000 individuals received mattresses, bed sheets, diapers and other household items from UNHCR and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC).

33,000 individuals received food vouchers and food parcels

The provision of core relief items comprising high thermal blankets (one per person); a stove (provided in kind or with cash) and money for five months of fuel totaling US\$ 500 (accessible by ATM cash withdrawal monthly) will be distributed starting this month as part of the inter-agency winterization plan. Additionally, in-kind winter clothing kits and vouchers worth US\$ 40 per child below 14 years will also be provided.

SHELTER

Refugees in Lebanon are dispersed over 1,500 locations, with over 64 per cent living in north Lebanon and the Bekaa region where winter conditions are harsh with cold temperatures and snow. Many refugees live in poor accommodation in informal settlements, unfinished buildings, garages, worksites and warehouses that are not properly insulated against the cold climate.

In the coming two months, 140,000 individuals living in sub-standard shelters are expected to benefit from weatherproofing materials, including plastic sheeting, timber, external doors and/or door coverings etc.

EDUCATION

Over 2,100 refugee children benefitted from Accelerated Learning Programmes (ALPs) and remedial classes provided by UNHCR, Save the Children and Amel Association. In total, over 41,000 children are involved in non-formal education programs provided by agencies nationwide.

More than 33,000 refugee children are currently enrolled in public schools. UNHCR and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) are working to ensure that second shifts are up and running as soon as possible. In south Lebanon, the first second shift school for refugee children started in Shebaa this week. The school, supported by UNHCR and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC) serves all newly arrived Syrian children.

Additionally, some 48 public schools across Lebanon are benefiting from repairs provided by UNICEF and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). These repairs aim at supporting public schools in accommodating Syrian and Lebanese children.

2,100 Syrian and Lebanese children attended ALPs and Remedial classes

Agencies will soon begin The Fuel-for-Schools programme which will provide up to 2,000 litres per school to supplement heating requirements in order to promote attendance and comfort in schools during the winter months.

HEALTH

More than 7,300 individuals benefited from mobile and centre-based primary healthcare services. Consultations, treatments, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests were provided by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), UNHCR, UNICEF, International Medical Corps (IMC), BEYOND, Amel Association, Save the Children, Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI), International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and Makhzoumi Foundation. An additional 790 individuals were admitted to hospitals nationwide by UNHCR, IMC and Makhzoumi Foundation.

A further 9,800 individuals benefited from health awareness sessions. Sessions highlighting personal hygiene, food safety, diarrhea prevention, reproductive health, early marriage etc. were provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, IMC, PU-AMI and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). In addition, some 780 individuals benefited from clinical and social consultations provided by UNHCR and IMC.

In response to the recent confirmation of polio cases in Syria, a nationwide vaccination campaign was launched on the 8th of November aimed at immunizing over 750,000 Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian children under the age of five. The first round of vaccines will run until the 12th of November 2013 and are provided by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), UNICEF and BEYOND. Additionally, polio vaccinations are mandatory at all four official border crossings from Syria.

WASH

More than 28,500 refugees received hygiene and baby kits provided by Oxfam Shield, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC), ACTED and Makhzoumi Foundation. An additional 750 individuals benefited from hygiene promotion activities provided by OXFAM Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI). Sessions addressed solid waste management, water usage, sanitation etc.

Some 550 individuals in Bazourieh municipality have the ability to purify their own water thanks to the distribution of water filters by WVW through the CIDA project.

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accessed primary
and secondary
healthcare services
in October**

DONORS

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