

SYRIAN REFUGEE RESPONSE: LEBANON INTER-AGENCY UPDATE



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#Syria



LEBANON

Agencies requested US\$1.7 billion in the latest inter-agency funding appeal, of which US\$626 million have been received as of 31 October – 38 per cent

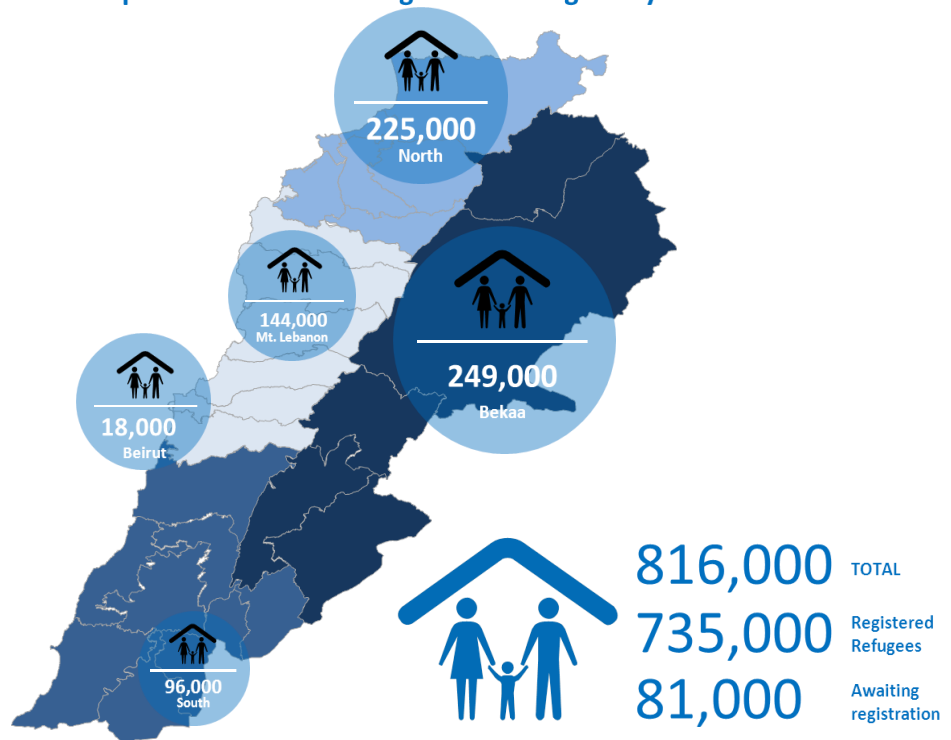
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- More than 58,000 individuals received food vouchers;
- 148,000 benefited from school-in-a-box project;
- 18,000 refugees received hygiene and baby kits;
- 10,000 individuals received mobile and centre-based primary healthcare services;
- 1,200 children were vaccinated against polio at the border;
- 640 patients were admitted to the hospitals;
- 14,000 refugees were registered with UNHCR this week.

REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

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Republic of Lebanon - Registered Refugees by Governorate



UNHCR, Terre Des Hommes (TdH) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) held awareness sessions in Jbeil this week with registered and non-registered Syrians refugees to clarify the registration process and stress its confidentiality.

Some 320 refugees benefited from transportation from different villages in Mount Lebanon to the Beirut registration centre provided by UNHCR and TdH. This facilitated registration for vulnerable refugees who reside in remote areas.

PROTECTION

Some 40 Syrian refugee women received awareness-raising sessions on sexual harassment and domestic violence provided by International Relief and Development (IRD) aimed to sensitize them about gender-based violence prevention. In addition, a total of 98 vulnerable children (separated children, working children, etc) were counselled and assisted by UNHCR and its partners through counselling this week.

*300 Syrian and
Palestinian refugee
children
participated in the
Beirut Marathon*



Over 300 Syrian and Palestinian refugees participated in the 2013 Beirut Marathon. ©UNHCR-UNRWA

Over 10,000 children, 758 women survivors or at risk of gender-based violence and a further 4,121 parents and caregivers with access to psychosocial services including through home visits, life skills training and counseling sessions provided by UNICEF and its implementing partners.

SOCIAL COHESION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Seventeen Lebanese villages in Mount Lebanon will benefit from the services of a sewage truck donated to the northern Iklim el Kharoub union of municipalities. In Qobayat, projects including agricultural roads and public street lighting were agreed upon by local municipalities and should be put into effect in the coming weeks.

FOOD SECURITY

More than 32,195 individuals received World Food Programme (WFP) food vouchers this week. An additional 9,800 food parcels were distributed across Akkar, Tripoli and the Bekaa by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Organization of Christian Charities (IOCC), and Oxfam GB.

Over 15,000 individuals in Wadi Khaled including some 2,000 newly arrived refugees received bread parcels distributed by Mercy-USA. An additional 1,500 individuals received food packages provided by Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC) in Baalbeck, Zahle, and Beirut.

In addition, WFP, Action Contre la Faim (ACF), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI), SHEILD and World Vision (WV) visited over 50,000 refugees to assess the socio-economic and food security status of families who stopped receiving food assistance as a result of the targeting exercise and who appealed this decision. Those found to be vulnerable will continue to receive assistance through food vouchers immediately.

DISTRIBUTION

Over 11,000 individuals received kitchen sets, bed sheets, blankets and other household items provided by UNHCR, Save the Children, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC).

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SHELTER

Some 9,900 individuals received shelter support including receiving cash for rent, weatherproofing kits provided by UNHCR, ACTED, Save the Children, Makhzoumi Foundation and Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI). An additional 220 vulnerable individuals were housed in collective centres in Majdel Anjar and Baalbeck this week by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC).

A further 1,250 refugees will soon benefit from adequate shelter in northern Bekaa after the renovation of 250 houses by UNHCR and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

Due to recent shelling across the border in Akkar, 50 individuals were relocated from the Freydis Collective shelter (Akkar) to the ground floor of a newly rehabilitated shelter by DRC.

EDUCATION

Out of some 280,000 school-aged Syrian children, over 20,000 students have enrolled in school so far. Approximately 90 per cent of Syrian refugee children aged 6 - 17 remain out of school. UNHCR and UNICEF continue to exert every possible effort to increase enrolment opportunities for children in the regular first school shift.

At the same time, given the limited capacity in schools to absorb more children, UNHCR and the Ministry for Education and Higher Education (MEHE) finalized guidelines for the opening of second shifts. Fifty schools across the country were approved to start operating a second shift. UNHCR is planning to open 70 second shifts reaching 30,000 children for the current academic year.

134,000 children and 6,728 teachers in more 400 school in Lebanon have to date benefited from the distribution of school-in-a-box (basic school supplies including stationary, uniforms, etc). In addition, The rehabilitation of 14 public schools is also underway.

UNICEF and Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC) assisted 3,579 children with enrolment in public and semi-privatised schools. Assistance includes the provision of school bags stationery and payment of school fees.

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Some 1,200 children continue to benefit from recreational activities in Qobayat, Akkar, and the Bekaa provided by Save the Children and World Vision.

HEALTH

Over 10,000 individuals received mobile and centre-based primary healthcare services. Consultations, treatments, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests were provided by, UNHCR, International Medical Corps (IMC), Amel Association, Save the Children, Makhzoumi Foundation and UNICEF. 640 patients were admitted to the International Medical Corps-supported hospitals in the North, Bekaa and the South, 599 individuals were inpatients and 41 were treated in the Emergency Room. Respiratory tract infections were among the most prevalent diseases.

Some 547 refugee women with high risk pregnancies continued to receive pre and post-natal care this week. Assistance included consultation with gynecologists, echographies, lab tests, and cost of deliveries and neonatal secondary and tertiary care for newborns provided by IOCC and IMC. A further 1,260 refugee children were vaccinated against polio at the border by UNICEF as they crossed into Lebanon with their families.

An additional 1,500 under five children under five across twenty informal tented settlements received urgent medical assistance provided by UNICEF after they were diagnosed with diarrheal diseases.

WASH

More than 18,000 individuals received hygiene and baby kits this week distributed by UNHCR, UNICEF, Acted, OXFAM, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC) and Makhzoumi Foundation. In addition, Over 3,100 individuals received access to sanitation through latrines and access to safe drinking water provided by UNHCR, UNICEF, GVC and Solidarites International.

World Vision distributed and installed 520 water tanks, 40 water filters, 399 water vouchers and 90 latrines in the villages of Kab Elias, Bar Elias, Jeb Jennine, Kfarzabad, Karak and El Marej in the bekaa.

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More than 80,000 liters of water were delivered to collective shelters in Koura, north Lebanon.

Also this week, flood mitigation activities continued in the Bekaa this week with the improvement of six sites previously identified as flood-prone. Improvements included ditch clearance and solid waste management provided by UNHCR and MEDAIR.

DONORS

USA, Kuwait, EU, Japan, UK, Germany, Australia, Norway, Canada, Denmark, Netherlands, Russia, France, Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Italy, Ireland, Austria, Republic of Korea, Spain, Luxemburg, Estonia, Czech Republic, Iceland, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania.

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