

Since Sunday no newly affected sites have been identified but response continued in those affected last week. Preparedness measures are being taken for storm Miriam, which is expected to begin Tuesday evening and continue through Thursday morning. On Tuesday, winds are anticipated to gradually intensify, possibly reaching 100 km/h. Strong winds are predicted to continue on Wednesday accompanied by thunderstorms that could lead to flooding and soil erosion. Temperatures are expected to decline, especially in the North with snow as low as 600 meters above sea level. 36 percent of Lebanon's surface area is currently under snow impacting 793 informal settlements.

Linkages with partners involved in the response are being strengthened with inter-agency coordination meetings this week focused on preparedness; adjustments were made to the rapid needs assessment used and was recirculated to all of the regions as well as to distribution tracking and reporting on available contingency stocks. Partners are continuously evaluating gaps and revising priorities for further response. Coordination with Disaster Risk Management Units through the Governors' offices is being enhanced, particularly in the North and Akkar where Miriam may have the highest impact.

AFFECTED POPULATION

850
Settlements are at risk of extreme weather¹

70,000 Refugees at risk

39,900 of them are children

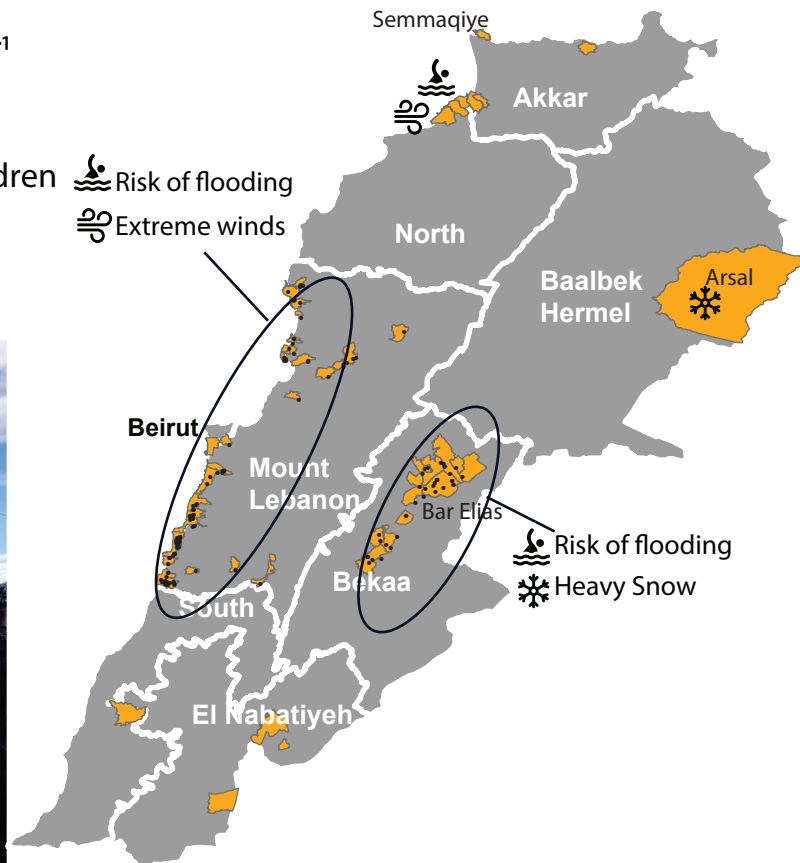
574 Sites Affected

22,595 People affected



Mattress distribution in Aarsal, Baalbek - Hermel

AREAS MOST AFFECTED



BEKAA / BAALBEK - HERMEL

Situation update – 22:00

Intense cold and rain continue to pose challenges for refugees.

Response:

- As of today, 53 informal settlements and 5,624 individuals have been assisted with core relief items.
- MOSA, in collaboration with municipalities, have identified community halls in Bar Elias, Joub Jannine, Ghazze and Majdel Anjar as relocation sites, should families need to relocate as a result of the expected storm.
- An SMS was sent on Friday alerting refugees to possible rough weather in the current week, including precautionary measures to be taken.
- Two sites in Ghazze were reported flooded today as a result of the second spell of rain starting last night. In coordination with MOSA, families from these two sites have moved to a Ghazze municipality rented garage.
- Informal settlements in Houch el Harime are still flooded – in continued need of

dewatering, which will only be effective once weather returns to normal.

- Rapid needs assessments and distribution of core relief items continue. To date, a cumulative total of 7,156 blankets and 2,776 mattresses were distributed, and 510 families were provided with 20L of fuel.
- Identification of the most vulnerable and referrals to service providers are underway. Four cases of separated children were identified and reunited with their families.
- Prioritized municipalities are those located near the Litani river (Bar Elias, Ghazze, Haouch el Harime, Joub Jannine, Kadriyeh, Marj and Nasriyeh), on lower levels of elevation in the Bekaa valley (Dalhamieh and Faour) and those with access issues (Yammoune, Barqa and Aarsal).

Partners involved in the response: MoSA, MoSDA, MoIM, governors' offices, municipalities, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, Save the Children, NRC, GVC, ICRC, Medair, LRC, SOS, IRC, INTERSOS, HIMAYA, WVI, DAF, Anera, URDA, ACF, MSF, SALAM LADC, SI, SAWA group, Damma, SAMS, Caritas, Islamic Relief, Basma and Zeitouna, MERATH.

¹ Weather report issued by the Estimates Unit at the Department of Meteorology, January 14, 2019
² Satellite imagery analysis by OCHA using Copernicus Sentinel-2 imagery dated 11 January, 2019

NORTH & AKKAR

Situation update – 18:00

Effects of the storm continue, even as extreme weather temporarily abates.

Response:

- Water drainage channels are being cleaned to prevent future flash floods in Semmaqiye.
- To date, partners have been pumping water off 10 sites and 36 sites have been desludged.
- Core relief items were distributed to Lebanese families in Semmaqiye, including 100 bread bags, 100 food parcels, 50 heating stoves, 50 jackets and 50 blankets.
- To date, the distribution of core relief items has cumulatively reached 358 weather proofing kits, 125 drainage kits, 557 winter kits, 2,019 mattresses, 2,357 blankets, 205 shelter kits, 398 hygiene kits and 96 baby kits. So far, 117 households have received emergency cash.

Partners involved in the response: MoSA, MoIM, MoSDA, governors' offices, municipalities, UNHCR, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, Concern WW, Solidarités, PU-AMI, Leb-relief, Save the children, Lebanese Red Cross, IRC, NRC, Caritas Lebanon, PCPM, MSF, ICRC, DAF, and URDA . Lebanese Armed Forces were distributing some relief items in coordination with the Lebanese Red Cross.



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Mattress distribution in Bekaata, Mount Lebanon

BEIRUT / MOUNT LEBANON

Situation update – 18:00

Whilst the residents of the eight flooded sites from last week have either relocated or been able to secure their shelters, another 19 sites are in need of assistance.

Response:

- As of today, 57 informal settlements and 2,840 refugees have been assisted.
- Distribution of core relief items, including weatherproofing kits, took place in the

FOCAL POINTS FOR EXTREME WEATHER RESPONSE AND REFERRALS

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Chouf district targeting 30 families. However, an additional 80 families requested support and were referred to the nearest Community Development Center for assistance.

Partners involved in the response: MOSA, MOIM, MoSDA, UNHCR, UNDP, UNICEF, CARITAS, INTERSOS, Makzhoumi Foundation, NRC, LWR, IRC, Dorcas, Save the Children, SB Overseas and People in Need Slovakia.

SOUTH

Situation update – 19:00

No newly affected sites have been reported and response ongoing.

Response:

- 15 informal settlements and 1,275 refugees have been assisted to date.
- Rapid needs assessments were conducted in five additional sites is Ghaziye, Batoulay and Aamra.
- Distribution of core relief items continues, with a cumulative total of 122 weather proofing kits, 406 mattresses, 756 blankets, 292 jerry cans, 129 solar lanterns and two kitchen sets.
- There are four sites in need of site improvement and a partner has already committed to meet the needs of three.
- Desludging in 12 informal settlements was identified as a gap following resource mapping and need to be prioritized. The cost for desludging is estimated at USD 1600 per site.

Partners involved in the response: Governor's office, CISP, AVSI, NRC, ICRC, PU-AMI, LRC-DMU, IRC, SHEILD, INTERSOS, TdHL, ACF Spain, UNDP, UNICEF, UNRWA, UNHCR, UNIFIL, WVI, DPNA, WFP, Mercy Corps, Caritas, Save the Children.



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Shelter Kit distribution in Marj Ez Zouhour , Nabatiyeh

INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION

- Inter-agency coordination meetings will be held tomorrow in the Bekaa and BML to discuss preparedness and the ongoing response.
- The Governors' offices in T5 and Akkar called for Disaster Risk Management (DRM) meetings, bringing together governmental institutions as well as local and international agencies to coordinate the response and discuss future preparedness actions and mitigating measures.
- An Extreme Weather Response Coordination meeting was held in the North to discuss lessons learned from the past week and measures to enhance the response and coordination in anticipation of a future situation. New partners have expressed readiness to cover assessment gaps in some areas.
- The UNHCR Representative met with the Minister of the Interior and Municipalities today to discuss the response and how to further strengthen joint response with municipalities.
- The Humanitarian Coordinator will go to the Bekaa on Tuesday, 15 January to visit affected areas and meet with response partners.
- Daily situation reports will continue to be issued.