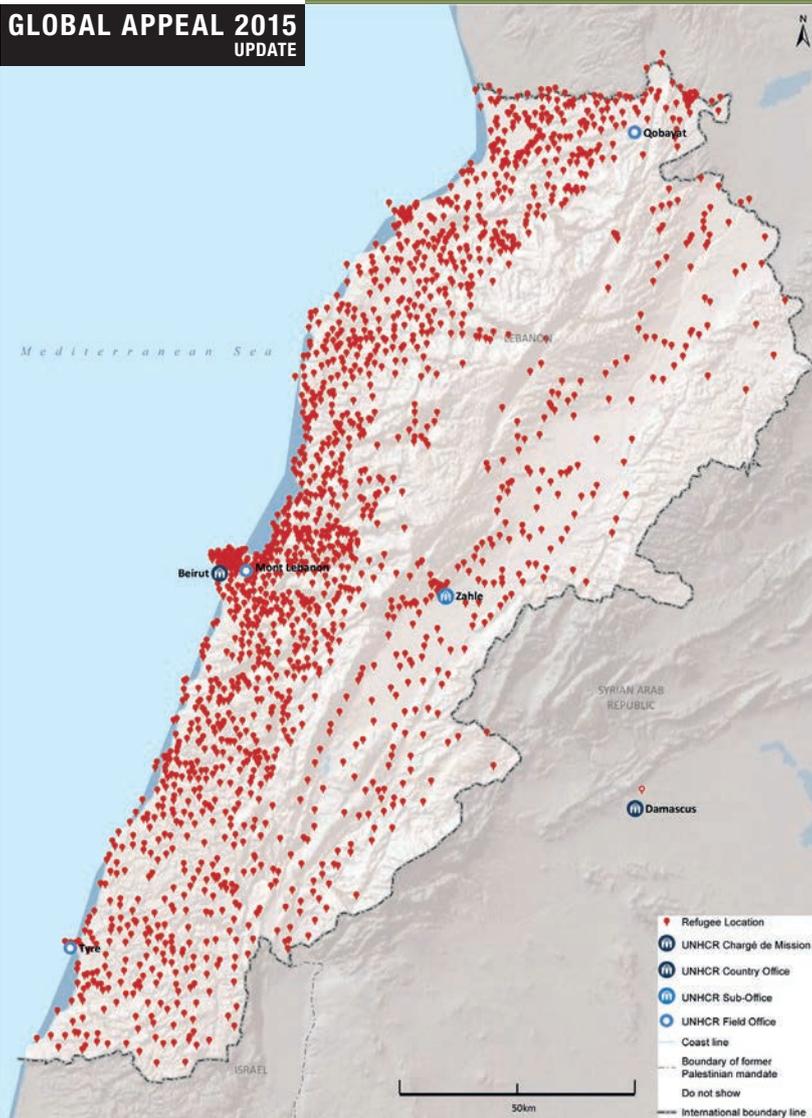




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**GLOBAL APPEAL 2015
UPDATE**

LEBANON



| Overview |

Working environment

- The impact of the Syrian crisis – including on the economy, demographics, political instability, and security – continues to deepen across Lebanon. With more than 1.3 million refugees expected by the beginning of 2015, Lebanon’s exceptional hospitality will be extremely stretched.

Planned presence

Number of offices	5
Total personnel	640
International staff	100
National staff	157
JPOs	3
Others	380

2015 plan at a glance*

1.8 million	People of concern (PoC)
USD 556.8 million	Overall funding requirements
80%	Syrian refugee households targeted to have adequate shelter
90%	Target for childhood illnesses vaccination coverage
70,750	Children targeted for enrolment in primary education
6,950	Refugees targeted for resettlement submissions

* All PoC figures refer to projected 2015 end-year information at time of planning (mid-2014)

- The Government has established an inter-ministerial crisis cell, confirming its pro-active engagement in refugee issues. While the country is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention, and despite restrictions imposed at the border, it is expected that Syrians in need of immediate protection and assistance will continue to find safe haven in Lebanon.
- Syrian refugees, like the Lebanese in local communities most affected by the influx, are becoming increasingly vulnerable, despite the large-scale inter-agency response to date. Humanitarian needs show little signs of abating. As their displacement extends and their savings deplete, refugees’ socio-economic vulnerability increases.
- Refugees have access to most basic services through public institutions, where the authorities continue to play an active role in facilitating response coordination and planning.
- An effective display of international solidarity and support is vital for Lebanon, which has received the highest number of Syrian refugees in the world. Failing this, the country’s capacity to respond and withstand the Syria crisis will be severely tested.

People of concern

Syrians fleeing conflict continue to make up the majority of refugees in Lebanon. According to current projections, there will be over 1.3 million registered Syrian refugees in Lebanon at the start of 2015.

Asylum-seekers from Iraq continue to make up the majority of new registrations among non-Syrians. Developments in Iraq have led to a significant increase in registration requests since June 2014.

It is estimated that there are tens of thousands of stateless people in Lebanon. Syrian refugees born in Lebanon are particularly at risk. A 2014 survey of 5,779 Syrian newborns found that 72 per cent do not possess an official birth certificate, raising concerns over the recognition of their nationality by the Syrian authorities.

Planning figures*

Type of population	Origin	Jan 2015		Dec 2015	
		Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR
Refugees	Iraq	6,100	6,100	6,100	6,100
	Sudan	170	170	170	170
	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,435,840	1,435,840	1,835,840	1,835,840
	Various	250	250	250	250
Asylum-seekers	Iraq	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,000
	Sudan	270	270	300	300
	Various	500	500	500	500
Total		1,445,620	1,445,620	1,846,150	1,846,150

* PoC planning figures in the table above are based on trends and registration data from early 2014. In light of the evolving situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq, updated projections will be presented in any forthcoming appeals for supplementary requirements in 2015 for the Syria and Iraq situations, including the 2015 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP).

| Response |

Needs and strategies

UNHCR's overarching strategy in Lebanon remains to protect, assist and facilitate solutions for refugees and other people of concern, through close partnership with the Government, the judiciary, the UN Country Team, donors, NGOs and partners, and the refugees themselves.

UNHCR will focus its activities on: the overall coordination of the Syrian refugee crisis; registration; protection monitoring and outreach activities; resettlement and humanitarian admission; provision of cash grants, shelter and access to health and education.

Moreover, together with partners, the Office will support host communities and authorities to mitigate the direct impact of the presence of the refugees in order to ensure a more favourable protection environment. UNHCR will support the Government in improving central and local actors' ability to provide refugees with basic services, as well as to prevent statelessness in Lebanon. Finding solutions outside of Lebanon for the most vulnerable refugees will remain a priority.

Main objectives and targets for 2015

The following matrix contains examples of some of the main activities planned in 2015.

Using a selection of objectives from UNHCR's programme plans for the 2014-2015 biennium, it is designed to illustrate:

- what - under the global needs assessment planning and prioritization process - has been planned (**Planned activities**) for particular groups of people of concern (**People of concern**);
- the identified needs that can be covered if full and flexible funding is made available (**2015 comprehensive target**); and
- the needs that may not be met if funding falls short of the ExCom-approved budget (**Potential gap**). The estimation of a potential gap is based on the country operation's own assessment of the likely impact of a global funding shortfall. Calculations are based on various criteria, including the particular context,

strategic priorities and experience of resource availability for the respective area of activity in previous years.

Activities under objectives on child protection (including best interest determination), education and prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) are core areas which are given priority in the allocation of funding (priority area). In order to ensure the necessary flexibility in the allocation of funds, UNHCR relies on unrestricted contributions from its donors.

It should be understood that in some cases, targets for activities or delivery of services may not be reached for reasons other than a funding shortfall, e.g. lack of access to people of concern, cases not reported, changing circumstances, security problems, insufficient capacity to implement all programmes planned, etc. In the Global Report 2015, an explanation of why any target may not have been reached will be provided.

Planned activities	People of concern (PoC)	2015 comprehensive target	Potential gap
FAIR PROTECTION PROCESSES AND DOCUMENTATION			
Quality of registration and profiling improved or maintained			
The timely registration of Syrians is essential for their protection and access to essential services.			
Number of eligible persons registered	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	400,000	0 gap
Number of eligible persons registered	Non-Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	3,460	0 gap
BASIC NEEDS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES			
Population has sufficient basic and domestic items			
Monthly unconditional cash grants will seek to address the gap between the most vulnerable refugees' limited income and their minimum survival expenditure.			
Number of households receiving cash grants	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	72,000	55,500
Population has optimal access to education			
UNHCR will sustain its support to refugee children currently enrolled in formal education, while focusing also on quality improvement programmes.			
Number of children enrolled in primary education	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	70,000	priority area
Health status of the population improved			
In line with the inter-agency strategy, UNHCR will continue to prioritize access to primary health care, as well as to emergency and life-saving secondary and tertiary health care.			
Extent to which access of PoC to national/government primary health-care facilities is ensured	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	100%	50%
Number of people referred to secondary and tertiary medical care	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	60,000	14,300

Planned activities	People of concern (PoC)	2015 comprehensive target	Potential gap
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-RELIANCE			
Peaceful coexistence with local communities promoted			
As part of its efforts to maintain protection space in the country, UNHCR will continue to devote a portion of its budget to projects supporting institutions and communities most affected by the presence of refugees, while continuing to advocate for international stabilization resources to be channeled to Lebanon.			
Number of local community members benefiting from projects	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	1,000,000	950,000
DURABLE SOLUTIONS			
Potential for resettlement realized			
Resettlement and other forms of admission will be critical to ensure protection of the most vulnerable refugees, and demonstrate solidarity to Lebanon.			
Number of resettlement registration forms submitted	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	6,250	0 gap
	Non-Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	575	125

| Implementation |

Coordination

The Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) will be the main forum for partners to plan, coordinate and report on the refugee response. UNHCR and UNDP will support the Government in leading the refugee and resilience components, respectively.

Relationships with all donors, including non-traditional and private, will continue to be nurtured. UNHCR will continue to expand its partnerships with local partners, and in efforts too prevent statelessness, the Office will collaborate closely with the Ministry of the Interior.

Partners

Implementing partners

Government agencies:

Ministry of Social Affairs

NGOs:

Action Against Hunger, *Agence d'aide à la coopération technique et au développement*, *Al Majmoua*, Amel Association, AJEM, Caritas Migrant Centre, Cooperative Housing Foundation, *Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli*, Concern, Global Communities, *Cooperazione Internazionale*, Danish Refugee Council, Dar El Fatwa, International Alert, International Medical Corps, International Orthodox Christian Charities, International Relief and Development, International Rescue Committee, Intersos, Islamic Relief, Makhzoumi Foundation, Medair, Mercy Corps, Norwegian Refugee Council, Oxfam, Polish Center for International Aid, *Première Urgence-Aide Médicale Internationale*, RESTART, Right to Play, Save the Children International, Search for Common Ground, SHIELD, Solidar, *Terre des Hommes*, War Child Holland, World Vision International

Others:

UNDP, UN-HABITAT, UNOPS, WHO

Note: Selection of implementing partners for 2015 is still under discussion

Operational partners

Government agencies:

High Relief Commission, Parliament's Human Rights Committee, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Ministry of the Interior and Municipalities, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Public Health

NGOs:

ActionAid Denmark, ALPHA, *Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale*, Center for Victims of Torture, *Fundacion Promocion Social de la Cultura*, GVC/Muslim Aid, Handicap International, Heartland Alliance International, Lebanese Red Cross, Makassed, *Médecins du Monde*, Refugee Education Trust, Relief International, René Moawad Foundation, Safadi Foundation, *Terre des Hommes Lausanne*, World Rehabilitation Fund, YMCA

Others:

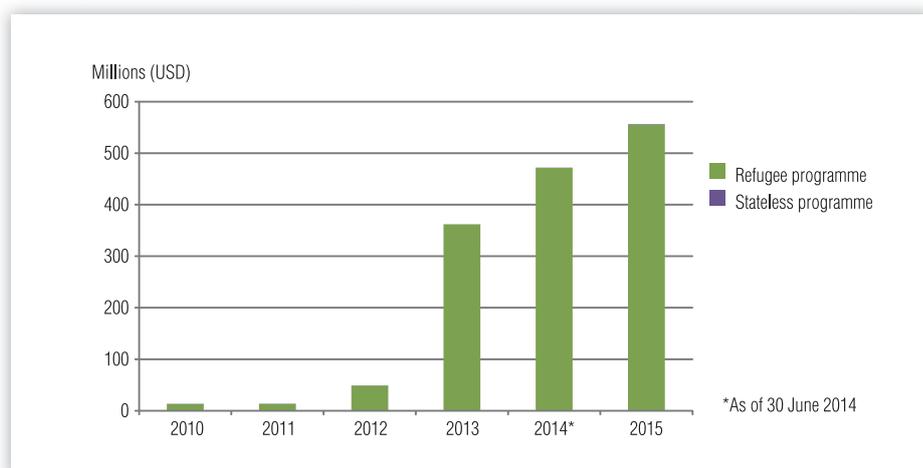
FAO, ICRC, IFRC, ILO, IOM, Lebanese Red Cross, OCHA, OHCHR, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNODC, UNRWA, UNSCOL, UNWOMEN, WFP

| Financial information |

The financial requirements for UNHCR's operation in Lebanon continue to increase, in line with population trends and greater vulnerabilities resulting largely from the Syrian refugee influx: from USD 13.7 million in 2011 to a revised budget of USD 471.9 million in 2014.

For 2015, the budget is set at USD 556.8 million, largely to respond to the Syria situation. In light of the evolving situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and in Iraq, any changes in requirements will be presented in the 2015 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) for the Syria situation and in a Supplementary Appeal for the Iraq situation.

Budgets for Lebanon | 2010–2015



2015 budget for Lebanon | USD

Budget breakdown	PILLAR 1 Refugee programme	PILLAR 2 Stateless programme	Total
2014 revised budget (as of 30 June 2014)	471,232,834	639,282	471,872,116
Favourable protection environment			
Law and policy	2,817,295	646,910	3,464,205
Administrative institutions and practice	1,791,275	0	1,791,275
Access to legal assistance and remedies	3,234,328	0	3,234,328
Access to territory and <i>refoulement</i> risk reduced	4,390,524	0	4,390,524
Public attitude towards people of concern	1,934,590	0	1,934,590
Subtotal	14,168,011	646,910	14,814,921
Fair protection processes and documentation			
Identification of statelessness	0	198,455	198,455
Registration and profiling	11,817,295	0	11,817,295
Status determination procedures	1,817,295	0	1,817,295
Civil registration and status documentation	3,275,786	396,910	3,672,696
Subtotal	16,910,376	595,365	17,505,741
Security from violence and exploitation			
Protection from effects of armed conflict	5,265,262	0	5,265,262
Prevention and response to SGBV	6,164,590	0	6,164,590
Freedom of movement and detention risk reduced	4,087,557	0	4,087,557
Protection of children	6,851,884	0	6,851,884
Subtotal	22,369,293	0	22,369,293
Basic needs and essential services			
Health	100,650,794	0	100,650,794
Reproductive health and HIV services	3,267,819	0	3,267,819
Nutrition	2,450,524	0	2,450,524
Water	22,796,805	0	22,796,805
Sanitation and hygiene	11,726,310	0	11,726,310
Shelter and infrastructure	23,715,786	0	23,715,786
Basic and domestic items	189,968,081	0	189,968,081
Services for people with specific needs	19,681,341	0	19,681,341
Education	73,260,792	0	73,260,792
Subtotal	447,518,253	0	447,518,253
Community empowerment and self-reliance			
Community mobilization	6,140,750	0	6,140,750
Coexistence with local communities	9,813,219	0	9,813,219
Self-reliance and livelihood activities	3,821,620	0	3,821,620
Subtotal	19,775,589	0	19,775,589
Durable solutions			
Voluntary return	112,033	0	112,033
Resettlement	3,859,590	0	3,859,590
Subtotal	3,971,622	0	3,971,622
Leadership, coordination and partnerships			
Coordination and partnerships	817,295	0	817,295
Camp management and coordination	2,725,262	0	2,725,262
Donor relations and resource mobilization	917,295	0	917,295
Subtotal	4,459,852	0	4,459,852
Logistics and operations support			
Operations management, coordination and support	26,364,609	0	26,364,609
Subtotal	26,364,609	0	26,364,609
2015 total budget	555,537,603	1,242,275	556,779,878