

# **LEBANON**



UNHCR and partners distributing relief items to newly displaced Lebanese and refugees in Tripoli © UNHCR/Al Mouzakzak



118,466

newly displaced people since 23 September 2024 (source: IOM/DTM)

211,319

displaced people since October 2023 (source: IOM/DTM)

#### Situation overview

- Since Monday 23 September, 118,466
  Lebanese and Syrian people have been displaced inside Lebanon as Israel airstrikes continue to devastate civilian lives.
- Displacement has been reported in 701 locations across 578 cadasters. The majority of newly displaced individuals come from Bent Jbeil, Sour, Saida, Marjaayoun, and Baalbek districts.
- The latest hostilities have killed nearly 600 people and injured over 1,850 people (source: MoPH).
- In the last 72 hours, over 30,000 people are estimated to have crossed into Syria from Lebanon, fleeing the violence. Among arrivals, some 80 per cent are Syrians and 20 per cent Lebanese.
- UNHCR is aware of close to 100 Syrians who were killed and close to 350 injured as a result of this conflict. Those injured stayed in the South region, followed by Bekaa and Beirut/Mount Lebanon.
- The main needs of displaced families include access to safe shelters, core relief items, healthcare, cash assistance, and protection services, including child protection and response to gender-based violence.

# Key highlights

- UNHCR is stepping up its emergency response and working with partners to provide urgent humanitarian and protection support to families in need.
- Emergency stocks have been prepositioned for quick dispatch across the country.
- Dispatch and distributions are well underway in collective sites in all regions of the country.
- UNHCR warns of a likely rise in antirefugee rhetoric, contributing to potential violence and discrimination.
- Increasing number of Syrians, other non-Syrian refugees and migrants have been unable to access the governmental schools assigned as collective shelters. Advocacy and adaptation of emergency responses remain the key priority to ensure equitable access to emergency assistance.

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### **UNHCR RESPONSE**

The UN and its partners are closely coordinating with the Lebanese government to support its response efforts. This includes aligning on the distribution of aid, conducting joint assessments, and identifying urgent needs of displaced populations. UNHCR contingency plan to respond to internal displacement across all population types has been activated. The UN has not yet initiated a flash appeal. UNHCR is therefore implementing its activities by reallocating resources from regular programmes. For 2024, UNHCR Lebanon financial needs are set at \$545.2 million. As of today, the operation is only 38 per cent funded.



### **Protection**

- UNHCR continues to ensure the provision of protection assistance and services, with emphasis on high-risk cases, including through case management, Emergency Protection Cash Assistance (EPCA) and access to specialized services (safe shelter, legal and social services) and complementary community-based support.
- Through undertaking protection monitoring, UNHCR and its partners provided data and protection analysis for the Protection snapshots issued by the sectors, contributing to collective advocacy.
- As of 25 September, some 8,500 people have been supported with EPCA.
- In areas not directly affected by bombardment, UNHCR continues to operate and support community centres for safe 'one-stop-shop' support services and activities, including protection, psychosocial, social legal programme.
- UNHCR will continue to provide safe play, psychosocial support, and non-formal education activities for affected children.

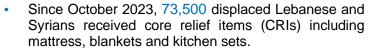


# Health

- UNHCR is working with the Lebanese Public Health Ministry and WHO to deploy 60 trauma kits and UNHCR prepositioned medical equipment in the current response.
- UNHCR is expanding its network of hospitals in the South and Bekaa, enhancing access to critical health treatments through 42 additional contracted
- UNHCR is covering treatment of injuries for warwounded refugees at our contracted hospitals.



# **Basic assistance**



- Since the intensification of the crisis a week ago, an additional 13,400 displaced Lebanese and Syrians received CRIs in the South, Bekaa, North Lebanon and Beirut/Mount Lebanon.
- Since October 2023, close to 70,000 people benefited from cash assistance. UNHCR has expanded its existing multi-purpose cash assistance to affected vulnerable refugee families not receiving regular assistance, in addition to Emergency Protection Cash Assistance for families to address specific protection needs and Cash for Shelter support.



### **Shelter**

- This week, UNHCR shelter partners assessed 53 sites, with 42 identified as needing repairs in Beirut and Mount Lebanon.
- In the South, UNHCR and partners have assessed 30 collective shelters in Saida and Jezzine to prepare collective sites for displaced families.
- In the Bekaa, 57 collective shelters hosting some 3,510 people were assessed.
- In North Lebanon, UNHCR assessed 18 new schools, bringing the total of visits to 33 schools.
- UNHCR and partners will soon start upgrading works of shelters such as weatherproofing and rehabilitation of WASH utilities in addition to the provision of cash-for-shelter to vulnerable families.

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