



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

LEBANON



LEBANON EMERGENCY FLASH UPDATE 27 September 2024

UNHCR and partners distributing relief items to newly displaced Lebanese and refugees in Tripoli © UNHCR/AI 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 anti-refugee 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.



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 and legal programme.
- UNHCR will continue to provide [safe play](#), [psycho-social 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 hospitals](#).
- UNHCR is [covering treatment of injuries](#) for war-wounded refugees at our contracted hospitals.



Basic assistance

- Since October 2023, [73,500](#) displaced Lebanese and Syrians received core relief items (CRIs) including mattress, blankets and kitchen sets.
- 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.

FUNDING | UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation

United States of America | European Union | Netherlands | Canada | Germany | France | Denmark | Japan | Qatar | Switzerland | Norway | Austria | Central Emergency Response Fund | Australia for UNHCR | Finland | UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe | Denmark | Sweden | España con ACNUR | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Japan for UNHCR | Republic of Korea | Belgium | Ireland | Australia and private donors.

CONTACT Marie-Anne Amadieu | Senior External Relations Officer | amadieu@unhcr.org | Beirut, Lebanon
Fabien Faivre | External Relations Officer | faivre@unhcr.org | Beirut, Lebanon