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LEBANON EMERGENCY FLASH UPDATE 4 October 2024

UNHCR and partners distributing core relief items to displaced people living in Saïda on 3 October © UNHCR/Checrallah Abou Jaoude



1.2M

affected
people in Lebanon
(source: GoL)

541,527

Internally displaced
people in Lebanon
(source: IOM/DTM)

165,088

new displacements
over the past week
(source: IOM/DTM)

162,098

registered IDPs in 797
collective shelters
(source: IOM/DTM)

Situation overview

- Israeli airstrike continued to target densely populated areas, resulting in significant displacement and exacerbating the protection needs and risks of affected families.
- Lebanese authorities refer to 1.2 million people affected, while IOM's tracking is ongoing and shows that as of 3 October, **541,527 Lebanese and Syrian people** have been internally displaced in Lebanon (Source: IOM/DTM).
- **More than 26,000 Syrian refugees** have been displaced over the course of the year-long conflict, and UNHCR has been approached by over **13,500** refugees who have fled their homes and displaced internally in Lebanon during last week only.
- The **most urgent needs** currently are access to safe shelters, core relief items, healthcare, food, cash assistance, and protection services.
- To date, the latest hostilities have resulted in some **1,974 deaths and 9,384 injured**, according to the Lebanese Ministry of Health.
- A total of **185,000 people** are estimated to have crossed from Lebanon to Syria since the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon. It is estimated that around 70 per cent are Syrians and 30 per cent are Lebanese nationals.

Key highlights

- In support of the Government-led emergency response, the humanitarian community launched a **Flash Appeal** to enable partners to rapidly deliver humanitarian assistance. The appeal seeks **\$424 million to assist 1 million people** affected by the crisis over the next three months.
- **As part of this Interagency response, UNHCR has released an Emergency Appeal for Lebanon, urgently seeking to \$111 million** to scale up the response and cover immediate needs across all vulnerable population groups, including Lebanese and refugee.
- UNHCR Emergency Appeal for Lebanon includes increased requirements for **procurement and distribution of core relief items, cash assistance and support to institutions in the response.**
- UNHCR continues calling on all actors to maintain and apply humanitarian principles and allow **equal access to assistance.**



UNHCR RESPONSE

On 1 October, UNHCR declared an **internal Level 3 Emergency for Lebanon and Syria** to scale up its response efforts and coordination on the ground. UNHCR continues to respond to the needs of refugees and Lebanese displaced across Lebanon, coordinating closely with the authorities and other humanitarian organizations, and providing **protection services, emergency cash assistance, core relief items, access to safe shelter, health care, and psychosocial support.**



Protection

- UNHCR continues to ensure the provision of protection assistance, with emphasis on high-risk cases [and access to specialized services](#) (safe shelter, legal and social services) and complementary [community-based support](#).
- 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 and [community center](#) partners are working in [50 collective sites](#) to provide displaced persons with psychological first-aid, identify protection needs and share vital information.
- In addition, UNHCR [outreach volunteers referred over 2,000 displaced persons at heightened risk](#) (44% are women) such as persons without shelter, psychologically distressed, exposed to traumatic loss of family and requiring urgent medical attention. Around [545 volunteers](#) are supporting the search for shelters and distributing aid.
- Since 23 September, UNHCR and partners [reunified 29 separated children with their families](#).
- UNHCR continues to process an [observed uptick in claims](#) from refugees and Lebanese displaced through its [complaint and feedback mechanisms](#), including the National Call Center and Online Contact Form.
- Through undertaking [protection monitoring](#), UNHCR and its partners provide data and protection analysis for the Protection snapshots issued by the sectors, contributing to collective advocacy.
- Since 20 September, over [30,000 people have followed the new UNHCR WhatsApp channel](#), and connected to the [HELP](#) emergency dedicated page on [UNHCR Lebanon website](#) where UNHCR issues messages on security, scam risks, emergency hotlines, etc.

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Basic assistance

- Since October, UNHCR and partners distributed more than [223,000 core relief items \(CRIs\)](#) including mattresses, blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets and solar lamps to more than [108,500 displaced people](#); Since 23 September only, over [98,400 CRIs](#) were distributed to [51,600 displaced people](#).
- UNHCR continues to expand 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](#).
- Since October 2023, more than [73,000 people benefited from cash assistance](#), allowing them to cover their most urgent needs.



Health

- UNHCR delivered to the Lebanese Public Health Ministry [30 trauma kits](#) which will support hospitals in the treatment of injured Lebanese and refugees. [Thirty additional](#) trauma kits are expected to arrive in the coming days.
- UNHCR continues to support hospitals with the preposition [medical equipment](#) in the current response.
- UNHCR expanded its network of hospitals in the South and Bekaa, enhancing access to critical health treatments through [42 additional contracted hospitals](#).
- Since 23 September, UNHCR covered treatment of [110 war-wounded refugees](#) at its contracted hospitals.



Shelter and WASH

- UNHCR and partners continued to assess and provide [collective sites and shelters with upgrading](#) works such as weatherproofing and rehabilitation of WASH utilities.
- Since October 2023, more than [9,500 affected people received shelter support](#), including rehabilitation works, enhanced access to water, and improved privacy through gender separation.
- Since October 2023, more than [8,000 people received cash-for-shelter assistance](#) to address their primary shelter needs such as maintenance costs and payment of utility bills.



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Voices from the field



“

The conditions are very, very difficult. I was helping my neighbor to pack up to flee when the air raids started (...) We left without any money or clothes.

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Ali Trad, who was displaced from his home in South Lebanon by airstrikes, holds his grandson, Adam, at a collective shelter in Beirut, Lebanon. © UNHCR/Houssam Hariri

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