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Lebanon Inter-Agency Response: Syrian Refugees

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

- 55,000 individuals received hygiene kits, baby kits and sanitary napkins this week;
- 34,000 refugees benefited from World Food Programme (WFP) food vouchers and food parcels;
- Over 17,900 families received shelter support;
- 5,100 refugees received clothing vouchers, summer blankets, quilts, kitchen sets, mattresses, and recreation kits for children;
- Some 2,600 Syrian refugees received primary healthcare;
- A total of 1,661 individuals received health awareness sessions;
- Over 520 patients were admitted to hospitals nationwide;
- 554 individuals received mental health counseling;
- Over 23,000 persons registered with UNHCR.

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2013



Funding is also received in private donations from the following countries:
China, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, and Spain.

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REGISTRATION AND NEW ARRIVALS

In the past week, over 23,000 persons registered with UNHCR bringing the total number of Syrian refugees assisted by UNHCR and partners to over 553,600 (over 473,500 people registered and 80,000 awaiting registration). Average waiting periods are now within 24 days – within the acceptable global standard.

Current distribution of the registered population is as follows:

North Lebanon: 172,303

Bekaa: 160,537

Beirut and Mount Lebanon: 83,038

South Lebanon: 57,669

The Bekaa registration team increased the scheduling capacity through the expansion of the hotline system. With the reinforced system, between 400 and 600 appointments are scheduled every day, improving refugees' direct access to information and the scheduling system and decreasing pressure off municipalities who previously were referring unregistered cases to UNHCR. In the North, refugees arriving from Syria have to wait for no longer than two weeks after they contact UNHCR to register.

PROTECTION

Over 5,000 refugees were reported by local municipalities to have arrived in Lebanon over the past week by local authorities and municipalities.

In Aarsal, some 200 refugees fleeing from different Syrian cities, particularly Qalamoun, arrived in Aarsal on a daily basis, with a considerable number of them initially staying in the municipal gardens as they had no other means to shelter their families. They were assisted by various agencies. The majority of those families have been moved to a new tented settlement close to the Bebine settlement with the help of UNHCR and Jousur Al Nour. Others have found solutions with relatives.

Protection teams held focus group discussions with refugee women living in the Bebine settlement in order to listen to their concerns and provide an informed response. Among other things, women expressed concern over the lack of access to hospitals as security conditions have limited movement and there are no hospitals available in Aarsal itself. Agencies are now working to identify possible solutions that can help address these problems.

Another notable problem in the Bebine tented settlement is the increased number of refugee parents marrying off their young girls aged around 13 years old. Many parents, most arriving from the embattled city of Qusair, have told social workers that they are forced to make these choices to protect their daughters from

exploitation. Agencies continue to provide awareness raising sessions and basic assistance to improve refugees' living conditions as an essential preventative measure.

Over the past week, over 150 refugees with specific needs including young married girls, vulnerable old people, and people with medical disabilities have been counseled by the Danish Refugee Council at UNHCR registration centers and referred to specialized partners for assistance. This work complements the social counselling that is also by the Ministry of Social Affairs' Social Development Centres (SDCs), and community centres led by DRC, NRC, the International Medical Corps (IMC), the International Rescue Committee (IRC), Amel Association.

On June 18, the Norwegian Refugee Council launched a legal assessment project in the bordering areas of Wadi Khaled and Aarsal to assess the circumstances of i) s of refugees who have entered Lebanon unofficially (currently estimated to represent 11 per cent of the population), ii) refugees whose residency permits have expired, and iii) refugees who have arrived in Lebanon without legal documentation. The results of the assessment will help to better target protection and assistance responses. In the course of the assessment, NRC outreach workers are providing information on available legal services and the importance of registering newborn children.

SECURITY

The tense security situation that prevailed over the past week has hindered agencies' access on a number of occasions to different areas in Lebanon particularly northern Bekaa (Baalbek, Hermel, and Aarsal), Tripoli, and Sidon. Agencies continue to monitor the situation and liaise with local authorities to maximize access and assistance.

DISTRIBUTION

More 34,000 refugees benefited from World Food Programme (WFP) food vouchers and food parcels this week. In addition, 5,100 refugees received clothing vouchers, summer blankets, quilts, kitchen sets, mattresses, recreation kits for children and other household items. These efforts are sponsored by UNHCR, UNICEF, DRC, CLMC, Handicap International, Makhzoumi Foundation, SHIELD and World Vision.

EDUCATION

On June 19, more than 1,000 children benefited from a full day of recreational activities at the GhazzeH gardens in the Bekaa. The activities were organized by UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP, DRC and the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA).

This week, over 1,300 Lebanese and Syrian students benefited from afternoon learning sessions, remedial classes provided by UNHCR, Save the Children, World Vision and Amel Association. Students are being provided with English, maths, sciences and Arabic classes in addition to psycho-social activities.

Some 135 Syrian students were able to gather the documentation and required accreditation to be able to sit for the upcoming official Lebanese baccalaureate exam. In addition, 43 students however have not been able to ensure the documents and have to wait for authorization from the Lebanese cabinet of ministers. UNHCR and UNICEF continue to liaise with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) to facilitate their access to the exams.

HEALTH

Some 2,600 Syrian refugees received primary healthcare assistance including consultations, treatment, referrals, medication, vaccinations and diagnostic tests. Additionally, Over 520 patients were admitted to hospitals nationwide. Also this week, a total of 1,661 individuals received health awareness sessions and 554 individuals received mental health sessions.

The immunization campaign against measles and polio continues to be provided in the Bekaa registration centre. Since mid-April, over 13,300 vaccinations were conducted at the centre. Also in the Bekaa, IMC reported earlier this week several cases of lice and scabies in a tented settlement in Deir Al-Ahmar in the Bekaa. Medical teams responded quickly to the matter and provided settlement residents with medication, brochures and awareness sessions.

The treatment of Leishmaniasis cases is provided by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) through nine hospitals across Lebanon in coordination with health agencies. The fee requested for biopsy and treatment is US\$2. One concern to refugees however is transportation to and from the designated hospitals, a problem while agencies are trying to address this issue.

SHELTER

Over 17,900 families received shelter support this week ranging from cash for rent, cash for host families, weatherproofing, accommodation in collective shelters and assistance in informal tented settlements by UNHCR, PU-AMI, PCPM, NRC, DRC, SCI, CLM, CISP, MEDAIR, CHF, Makhzoumi Foundation, SHIELD, Shelter Box, Layan organization and Dar El Fatwa.

There are currently 83 collective shelters either being renovated or assessed for their suitability. Over 5,600 individuals are currently hosting in collective centers. Currently renovations are underway in Baalbeck, Housh Snaid, Maksi and Kfardinis offering a total capacity of 340 new shelter units.

Save the Children weatherproofed houses and provided cash for 220 families to renovate their houses with a ceiling of 1500 USD per house. In the last 4 days, agencies delivered 65 new tents to settlements in Jeb Jennine in the Bekaa benefiting 55 refugee families.

On June 17, the installation of 21 quickly-built prefabricated wooden houses in the North (six in existing collective shelters, three in New Tikrit, and two in Ibra, and ten in different locations agreed upon with the Ministry of Social Affairs). In west and central Bekaa, a similar project aiming to complete 14 such houses is underway.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

More than 55,000 individuals benefited from the nationwide distribution of 22,000 hygiene kits, baby kits and sanitary napkins this week. These efforts are sponsored by UNHCR, DRC, CLMC, the International Committee for the Development of People (CISP), Makhzoumi Foundation, World Vision, Action Contre la Faim (ACF), PU-AMI, and SHIELD.

In Mount Lebanon, PU-AMI finalized the construction of a 1,500 meter water supply pipeline aimed at ensuring adequate water supply to the village of Mashta Hamoud. In the North, completed the rehabilitation of 56 sanitation facilities (showers and latrines). Additionally, 167 individuals attended six hygiene promotion sessions conducted by Action Contre la Faim (ACF) in the Bekaa this week.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEBPORTAL

(<https://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=122>)

UPDATES:

- RRP5 Lebanon fact sheets and sector dashboard
- Lebanon RRP5 Launch - 18.06.2013
- NFI Distribution Tracking Matrix - Template v1.3
- RRP5 Lebanon - Media information
- INTER AGENCY MEETING - Minute – June 7, 2013
- INTER AGENCY MEETING - Presentation – 7 June 2013
- UNHCR Lebanon Community Support Projects in Refugee Hosting Communities
- Lebanon Registration Trend Overview 13 June 2013

MAPS:

- Lebanon Selected WASH Sector Activities Reached During May 2013
- Lebanon WASH Partners For May 2013
- NFI Sector Partners Map - 2W Who, Where

STATISTICS:

- Lebanon Registration Daily Stats 17-20 June 2013

REPORTS AND ASSESSMENTS:

- UNFPA Response to the Syrian Humanitarian Crisis in Lebanon, January - April 2013
- UNHCR Lebanon Community Support Projects in Refugee Hosting Communities
- IOM Refugee Site and Shelter Assessment, 8 June 2013