

Shelter intervention in Lebanon

Main population figures*

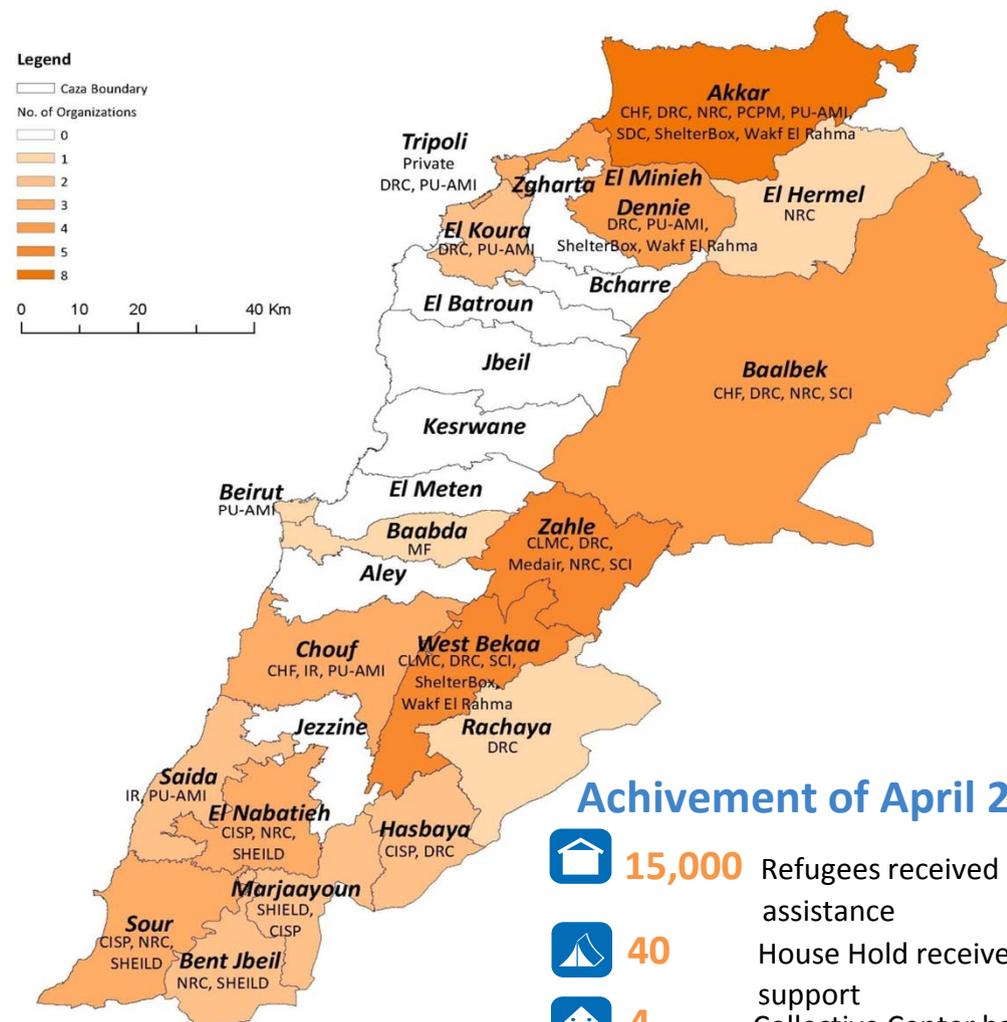
Total Number of refugees	453,495
Registered refugees	343,843
Refugees awaiting registration	109,652
Total estimated refugee population by RRP4/June'13	300,000

Situation Overview

As the influx from Syria has accelerated shelter absorption capacity has diminished, particularly in areas of high refugee concentration and especially within the overcrowded Palestine refugees camps. At the outset of the crisis many refugee households were able to find affordable shelter or host families to reside with. However, rental prices are increasing and the capacity of host communities and relatives to provide shelter is nearing the point of exhaustion in many parts of the country. The number of buildings available for rehabilitation is dwindling, and the potential for collective shelters is limited.

Partners have agreed on the need to establish transit sites to accommodate new arrivals however delays in obtaining necessary authorizations have limited the sector's capacity to respond to the continuing emergency. Given the increasingly limited shelter options available to refugees, the number of refugee households in need of shelter assistance is expected to rise.

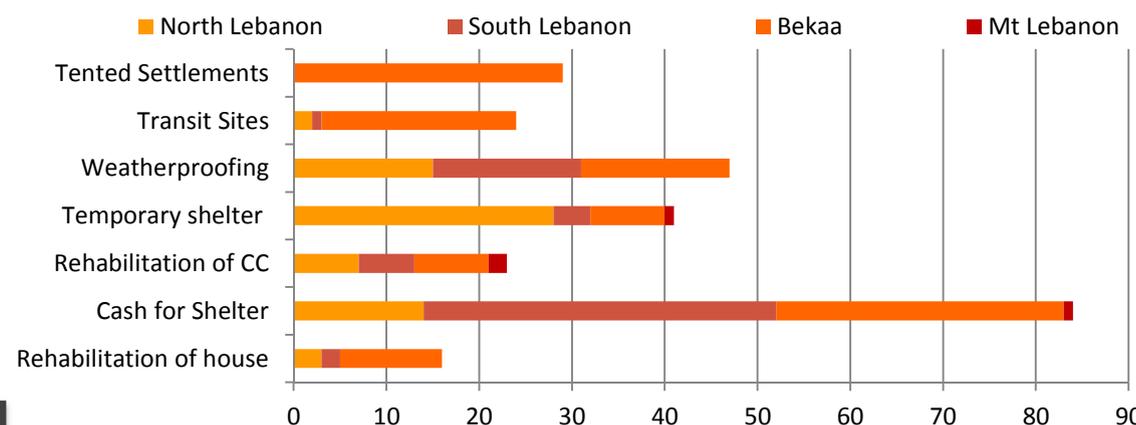
As affordable shelter options fade, refugees are turning to improvised shelters. There has been an increase in informal 'tented settlements', particularly in locations providing access to agricultural work. Elsewhere refugees have squatted disused buildings, creating informal collective shelters. These informal shelter arrangements are often sub-standard, with limited or no sanitation facilities and located in areas prone to flooding and at risk of fire. Estimates are that the number has tripled in the Bekaa valley alone since the beginning of the year. UNHCR is working to map tented settlements in the North of Lebanon and the Bekaa to better document the proportion of refugees living in informal arrangements and inform planning in the shelter and WASH sectors.



Achivement of April 2013

- 15,000** Refugees received shelter assistance
- 40** House Hold receive cash support
- 4** Collective Center has been rehabilitated

N. of activities concluded by Governorate in 2013

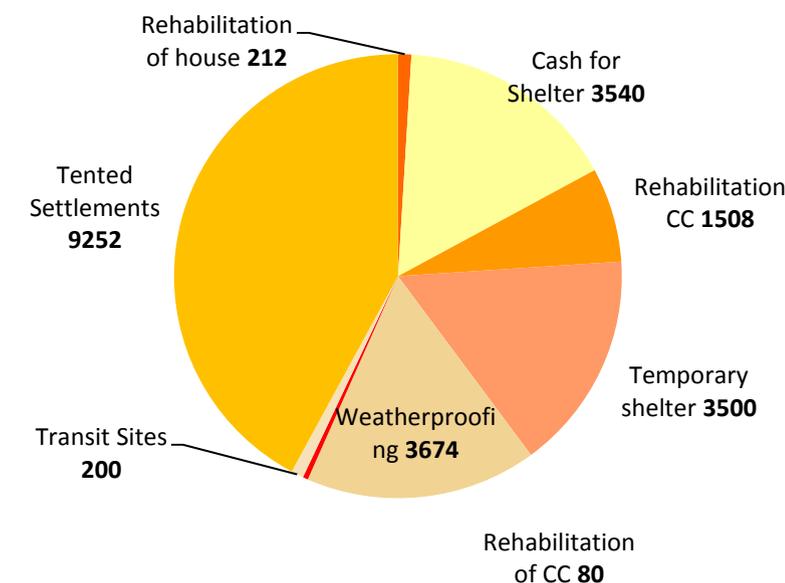


Main Activities



- Site Planning/Camp Preparation:** Joint UNHCR/MOSA assessments of sites, 32 in total, resulting in a priority list of 6 potential camp sites in the Bekaa and the North. The assessments are carried out in close consultation
- Collective Center rehabilitation:** public- and privately owned buildings are rehabilitated to host refugee families, this includes a pilot project on the use of disused agricultural buildings.
- Cash for rent:** refugee families receive a support towards the rental costs; the assistance modality includes direct payment to the Lebanese landlords. This assistance targets the most vulnerable households.
- Weather Proofing:** refugees residing in unfinished buildings are supported with materials/sealing off kits to ensure minimum standards and protection from the elements
- Informal Tented Settlement:** improvement of shelter standards/winterization through the provision of materials/shelter kits. The tented settlements have been mapped and regional subgroups in the Bekaa and the North combining shelter and WASH actors respond to the identified needs.

Beneficiaries by Activity 2013



Total current needs for Shelter programme \$30.2 m million (RRP4)

\$ 4.5 M Earmarked contr. Received **Gap \$ 25.7 M**

