

**Syrian crisis emergency response in Lebanon
Northern Bekaa**

Disability and Vulnerability Focal Point project



Activity report – 1st September 2012

Disability and Vulnerability approach

Disability & Vulnerability Focal Point (DVFP) have been developed based on the observation that one of the greatest difficulties following a crisis is not only to identify and to access to vulnerable people including people with disabilities, but also to accompany them without “losing” during the entire time of the emergency. To avoid these difficulties, the strategy that proved to be most relevant is the following: place in the heart of each affected community dedicated teams, and to inform any vulnerable person and/or with disability victim of the crisis, she/he can receive welcome and services.

This system creates a support and referral network for the identified people and for their families. Direct complementary services are also provided based on identified needs and resources.

Objectives in Northern Bekaa

➤ **Location:** All Northern Bekaa

Aarsal, Baalbek, El Ain, Fakehe, Hermel, Laboue, Qaa, Baalbek, Ras Baalbek, ech Charqi, Ras Baalbek es Sahel (...)

➤ **Results attended:**

- Refugees with injuries (or sequels of injuries) have access to essential rehabilitation and complementary services and avoid development of further impairments/vulnerabilities
- The most vulnerable people affected by the Syrian crisis and their families see their vulnerability reduced and are better able to cope with the situation through the better coverage of their basic and specific needs (directly or through referral/channelling)

➤ **Beneficiaries:** Syrian refugees, Lebanese returned from Syria, host community

Basic needs channeling and psychosocial support:

- Vulnerable families (Large and/or poor family)

Specific needs:

- Injured or sequels of injury
- Disability (Hearing Impairment, Mental disability , severe physical disability – moderate physical disability, speech impairment/disability, Visual impairment/ including blind)
- Older person at risk (Older person unable to care for self, Older person with children, Unaccompanied older person)
- Serious medical condition (Chronic illness, Critical medical , Difficult pregnancy, Mental illness, other medical conditions)
- Torture (Witness of violence to other, victim of torture...)
- Unaccompanied or separated child
- Woman at risk

Activities of DVFP in Northern Bekaa

Started mid June 2012, Handicap International implemented various activities in a holistic approach to improve the coverage of the needs of the most vulnerable, including people with disabilities and injured.

- Identification of vulnerable people and their needs
- Assessment of the level of coverage of needs (basic and specific needs) using household and individual approach
- Mapping of existing services for referral and services network
- Awareness/advocacy, advice, support to communities, stakeholders on the inclusion of vulnerable people in their activities
- Information on humanitarian assistance in Bekaa (UNHCR registration, NGO's and local stakeholder's services...)
- Referral to existing services
- Field follow up of beneficiaries
- Emergency rehabilitation services at community level
- Wound care and advices for injured
- Distribution of assistive devices and specific items
- Complementary distribution of basic needs items
- Psychosocial support and counseling

Main results (1st of September)

| Activities- Identification, information and referral | Number of people concerned |
|--|----------------------------|
| Identification of vulnerable people and their needs | 900 |
| Injured people followed | 17 |
| Individual cases followed (and their families) | 116 (530) |
| Followed on family approach | 370 |
| Information on humanitarian assistance | 900 |
| External referrals and follow up | 90 |
| Distribution of basic items for specific needs | 11 |

| Activities - Emergency Rehabilitation | Number of people concerned |
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| Rehabilitation care and advices / caregivers included | 40 |
| Rehabilitation sessions (total number) | <i>135 sessions for 30 people</i> |
| Vulnerable (people with disability) | 24 |
| Injured | 6 |
| Distribution of assistive devices | 19 |
| Distribution of wound care kit | 11 |
| Preparation for prosthesis (for injured from conflict) | 3 |
| Preparation for orthotics (injured and people with disability) | 9 |

| Activities - Psychosocial support | Number of people concerned |
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| Individual counseling | 71 |
| Family counseling | 355 |
| Group activities | 70 |
| Distribution of recreational kits (children) | 35 |

| Activities - Awareness and training | Stakeholders concerned |
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| Awareness on disability and vulnerability | Association Culturelle Hermel/DRC |
| Training on disability approach | DRC & Association Culturelle Hermel |

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