

MIDDLE EAST CRISIS
UNICEF Situation Report – LEBANON
1 – 8 September 2006

IMPACT OF CONFLICT ¹	
Time since the beginning of conflict on July 12	59 days
Deaths	1,187 (an estimated 1/3 of them children)
Casualties	4,398 (an estimated 1/3 of them children)
Internally Displaced (%children)	255,794 (an estimated 45% of them children)
IDPs still sheltered in 22 schools/public places	794 (<i>as of September 4</i>)
IDPs sheltered with host families	200,000 (<i>estimate as of September 4</i>)
Total number of refugees staying in Syria, Jordan, Cyprus and Gulf area	55,000 (<i>estimate as of September 4</i>)

High resolution photographs from South Lebanon are available

on http://www.flickr.com/photos/julien_harneis/

Situational assessment by UNICEF Tyre Office

- on-going situational assessment of damages in towns and villages continued throughout the week, with 3 to 4 locations screened every day. During the week, emergency needs have been identified by UNICEF team in more than 20 towns and villages. Prior to the conflict, the total population in surveyed areas amounted to 100,000 – 120,000 people; at the present moment the number of residents does not seem to exceed 40,000 – 50,000 people (according to the estimates provided by municipal authorities). In most locations water (both potable and for household needs), hygienic situation and UXOs are the priority items on the agenda.

WASH

- UNICEF WASH team leader mission to the South during the past week revealed, in particular, that the delivery of bottled and tankered water (for drinking and hygiene purposes) is likely to remain a necessary element of UNICEF's assistance for at least another 1 to 2 months; during the first week of September 1,016,400 litres of bottled water have been delivered to more than 40 towns and villages in South Lebanon;
- Meetings with various local actors during the mission have also highlighted the need to "fine tune" UNICEF's partnering strategies, to engage more actively such actors as municipalities, whose close interaction with local NGOs and business community makes them sometimes not less effective implementers than designated water authorities, especially for smaller scale projects in harder-to-reach areas. The South Council is also willing to play a more active role in the reconstruction phase.
- Two water tanks of 45,000 lt capacity each installed in the town of Khiyam; at the same time assistance in building a municipal permanent tank for 1000m3 is being provided (excavation works have begun);
- UNICEF hygiene kits delivered to Rshaf, Dibbal, Marwahin, Chebaa, Kfar, Shouba, Markaba, Marjayoun, Ebl Saqui and other villages in the South (7,560 kits for babies and 10,000 kits for adults).

UNICEF cooperation with the South Lebanon Water and Waste Establishment (SLWWE)

¹ The SLWWE provides water supplies and management to 750,000 people living on the territory of 2,130 square km in the South, by operating four main water systems catering for the areas of Saida, Jabal Amel, Nabae Al-Tasey, and Tyre.

HEALTH

- UNICEF Health expert mission to the South during the past week underlined the need to be very selective in identifying hospitals/health centers as possible cold chain hubs; even among non-damaged and functioning health facilities the mission has found only one hospital (in Bint Jbeil, managed by the Islamic Health Council) where the vaccine storage practices conformed to minimum safety standards;
- Wide-spread supply of infant formulae not accompanied by necessary instructions on safe water usage for preparing baby food has been spotted, necessitating much stronger action in promoting breast-feeding as the most healthy, secure and practical way of infant feeding under current circumstances;
- Detailed assessment of major health care facilities/centres in Marjayoun, Khiyam, Al Taybeh and Tyre is conducted by UNICEF team; this information will form the basis, in particular, for further decisions on the cold chain configuration in the South.

Protection

- UXOs and cluster bombs: the casualties toll since the cessation of military operation have reached 13 lethal cases (including 2 children) and 63 injured (including 20 children), according to the Ministry of Defense; feedback from the field in the South is that the response to UXO threat requires greater coordination between those organizations removing the bombs, those educating on the threat and those assisting the victims; English-language UXO markings must be reproduced in Arabic!
- UNICEF is funding the first set of MRE training workshops that are taking place this weekend, organized by the Islamic Risala Scouts Association. Fifty trainers will be trained on MRE awareness raising material and methods, with the support of the National Demining Office and Balamand University. This is the first in the series of workshops approved by the National Steering Committee on Mine Risk Education.
- New material has been published – 100,000 leaflets containing more guidelines and more pictures of UXOs that have been observed in the field. These have relied more on illustrations to facilitate conveying the message for the broader population (literate and illiterate).
- UNICEF and "Save the Children" Alliance have been invited by the Ministry of Social Affairs to synthesize the various proposed national plans on psycho-social support and mental health. This will include feedback from reference groups in the country as well as the WHO.
- Members of the Child Protection sub-cluster shared their guidelines on Child Friendly Spaces and developed common standards (including incentives to volunteers, ratio of animators to children, etc.) to be used by them in the CFSs that are being established in the affected areas.
- A working group out of the Child Protection sub-cluster adapted a tool for establishing a Child Protection monitoring system. The tool addresses main concerns related to child protection issues in Lebanon, and maintainers a simplicity and brevity to allow for all workers to use and fill out in their visits to villages. When finalized by the whole group, organizations will be assigned geographic areas and the data will be filled into a central system set up by UNICEF with the MoSA.
- Training workshops for animators and teachers have started this week. 153 animators (53 of whom are supported by UNICEF) underwent a 9day intensive training on creative arts therapy, with sessions on psycho-social wellbeing of children. Teacher training workshops

with Al Mabarrat Association started this week and will continue to reach 2,200 teachers and 400 trainers.

- A project is being developed with "Terre des Hommes" (Switzerland) to address the needs of the most vulnerable groups of children (orphans, children with disabilities, working children, others), reaching out to around 100,000 children in the Sour/Tyre region.
- A cross-sectoral program for active youth involvement is being developed by the protection, education, health, communication and WASH teams at UNICEF.

Education

- As part of UNICEF-led Education Cluster activity, a comprehensive "Back to School" preparation checklist have been consolidated to clearly identify the roles of all major actors, including the MoE, UNICEF, UNESCO, World Bank and bilateral donors;
- UNICEF has ordered (and already received part of) 7,000 "school-in-a-carton" kits for 400,000 children in pre-school and primary grades; each of these 400,000 children will also receive a UNICEF/MoE marked school bag with necessary stationary and notebooks, as a measure to partially alleviate the financial burden on families. UNICEF recreational kits are also prepared for distribution to some 1,200 public schools with sports, play and educational materials and equipment sufficient for 108,000 children.

UNICEF Situation Report - SYRIA

Week 1 – 7 September, 2006

Number of Lebanese refugees remaining in Syria	141 (according to UNHCR)
Pre-positioning by UN agencies (estimate #)	20,000

UNICEF Programmatic Response

Assessment

- UNHCR should provide a full data base of the residual refugees assessment carried out last week by UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP.
- Preliminary results are 141 persons representing 28 families, some 99 individuals have been identified as needing some assistance. As local communities and NGOs are supporting them and providing them with all necessary basic services, the assistance identified is very limited.
- Needs identified include some hygiene supplies, also most families indicated that most children had no access to recreational activities and with regards to schooling, families indicated that they will go back to Lebanon at the beginning of the school year.

Health

- The TOT on nutritional assessment for MOH health workers was postponed due to unavailability of some trainers and conflicting time with another commitment. It is however expected to be carried out this month.
- WHO and UNICEF are also working on a proposal for the organization of trainings to strengthen MOH's emergency preparedness and response, and more specifically on disease surveillance and emergency management.
- All the health relief supplies for the pre-positioning were requisitioned this week. The delivery is expected to start early next week. An agreement was made with UNHCR to store in their storage space in Damascus.

Education

- Rehabilitation works in the 31 schools are expected to be completed by 9 September, knowing that the school year starts on the 10th.

Child Protection

- 30 recreational kits were sent to Lebanon.
- 150 volunteers from Syrian Family Planning Association were trained on psycho-social support in 5 governorates (Der Ezzor, Hassake, Daraa, Rural Damascus and Damascus).
- Trainings are also on-going this week in parallel for 30 volunteers from the Syrian Arab Red Crescent from 14 governorates.

Supply and Logistics

- 5,000 adult hygiene kits from Bulgaria transited through Syria and moved into Lebanon
- 3,960 baby hygiene kits were transferred to Lebanon this week. The next shipment is expected to be on 9 September composed of 3,600 kits. This is part of the 30,000 kits which will be procured from Syria to LCO.
- Based on request and approval of LCO, 84,000 school bags will be procured from Syria and the process of procurement was initiated.

Media

- Video footage of baby hygiene kits packaging, uploading and transfer to Lebanon with interview from UNICEF Copenhagen country support officer.
- A human interest story on support provided by SYCO during the Lebanese emergency was developed for the Humanitarian Action report 2007.

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Health and Nutrition

Allocation	Requisition	Expenditure
USD 398,964	USD 392,292	USD 64,803
Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigate the risk of a deteriorating health and nutrition status of children under 5 years old among most vulnerable refugee families from Lebanon. Supporting trans -border operations of refugees. Pre -positioning of emergency supplies. 		
Main indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PV coverage 131.0% (U5), MMR - 125.7% (10 – 59 months), Measles - 116.8% (6-15), Meningitis - 117.2% (24 -59). 16 Health staff trained on BF messages <i>(NB: that all the above coverage figures were found exceeding 100% since it extended to children living in neighbouring host families and hotels and not only in sites).</i>		

Progress 01 – 07 Sept:

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Water and Sanitation

Allocation	Requisition	Expenditure
USD 208,587	USD 131,973	USD 95,672
Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All refugees have access to safe and adequate potable water at the sites. Refugees live in hygienic environment and have access to hygienic and adequate sanitation facilities and supplies with particular emphasis on women and children. Refugees ensured access to relevant IEC to promote their hygiene practices and protect them from water-borne diseases. Support the government in the preparation for new refugee influx. 		
Main indicators/Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All refugees have had access to adequate sanitation facilities and safe water at sites 2 latrines built at the boarder points Hygiene supplies provided to 63.272 people 		

Progress 01 – 07 Sept: n/a

Education

Allocation	Requisition	Expenditure
USD 40,000	USD 33,100	0
Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By end of September 2006, all refugee school-age children remaining in Syria are enrolled in schools and have access to learning activities Schools previously hosting refugees are restored to normal physical condition in time for the new school year (prior to 10 September 2006) 		Main Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31 schools assessed and restored

Progress 01 – 07 Sept

- The UNICEF engineers' team restored the 31 schools assessed last week

Child Protection

Allocation	Requisition	Expenditure
USD 194,500	USD 185,670	USD 68,848
Objectives: ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refugee Children having access to CFS Social workers, volunteers and other persons living and/or working with children trained to organize 		Main Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Child friendly spaces established (pre-positioned for 30 CFS) 160 of volunteers trained on psycho-social support 105.000 persons received information on Landmines/UXO

appropriate activities in CFS

- Returning Children and families aware of the risks related to Mines and unexploded ordinances.

Progress 01 – 07 Sept:

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Communication

Allocation	Requisition	Expenditure
USD 20,000	USD 11,831	USD 8,845
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A film is being developed on the UN distribution of supplies to the returnee Lebanese at the Jdaydet Yabous border and focusing on UNICEF landmine awareness leaflets distribution+ soundbite from Trish Hiddleston, Regional Adviser – Child Protection. ▪ 2 photography missions covering hosting of refugees and immunization campaign – one sent to NY and other underway ▪ Photo documentation of UNICEF support during supply delivery and monitoring of activities ▪ 4 video clips up are and running on the UNICEF website ▪ Additional supply of UNICEF visibility items ▪ A local interview on 26 August made with SYCO Communication Officer on CRC with focus on support to armed conflict 		

Supplies in Syria

Provision of supplies directly to centres	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6/7	Total
	(23 - 27 July)	(28 Jul - 03 Aug)	(04 - 10 Aug)	11 – 17 Aug.	18 - 24 Aug.	25- Aug 7Sept.	
Recreational kits (number of children)	1750	2767					4517
Hygiene articles (to number of people)	600		1700	8972			11272
Kitchen sets	150	500	Delivery of supplies was postponed until agreement with MOSAL was confirmed.				650
Food provided to number of people	1200						1200
Mattresses		1000					1000
Blankets	200	1000					1200
Sheets		1000				1000	
To the borders							
ORS delivered at border points to no of returnees				40.000			40.000
Provision of essential hygiene supplies to no of returnees (wet napkins, diapers, lady napkins)				52.000			52.000
75.000 leaflets on landmines				75000	30,000		105.000

Supplies to Lebanon

Week 1 (23 - 27 July)	Week 2 (28 July - 03 August)	Week 3 (04 - 10 Aug)	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6 (25-31/8/06)	Week 7 1 – 7 Sept
Medical and water supplies (two air cargos) moved into in to Lebanon	A convoy with family water kits	2,000 hygiene kits	Vaccine shipment delivered	200 recreational kits and a rub hall	2,500 adult hygiene kits from Bulgaria transited through Syria	30 recreational kits sent 5,000 adult hygiene kits from Bulgaria

						transited through Syria
	365 recreational kits	One shipment of drugs and first aid kits				3,960 baby hygiene kits were transferred to Lebanon