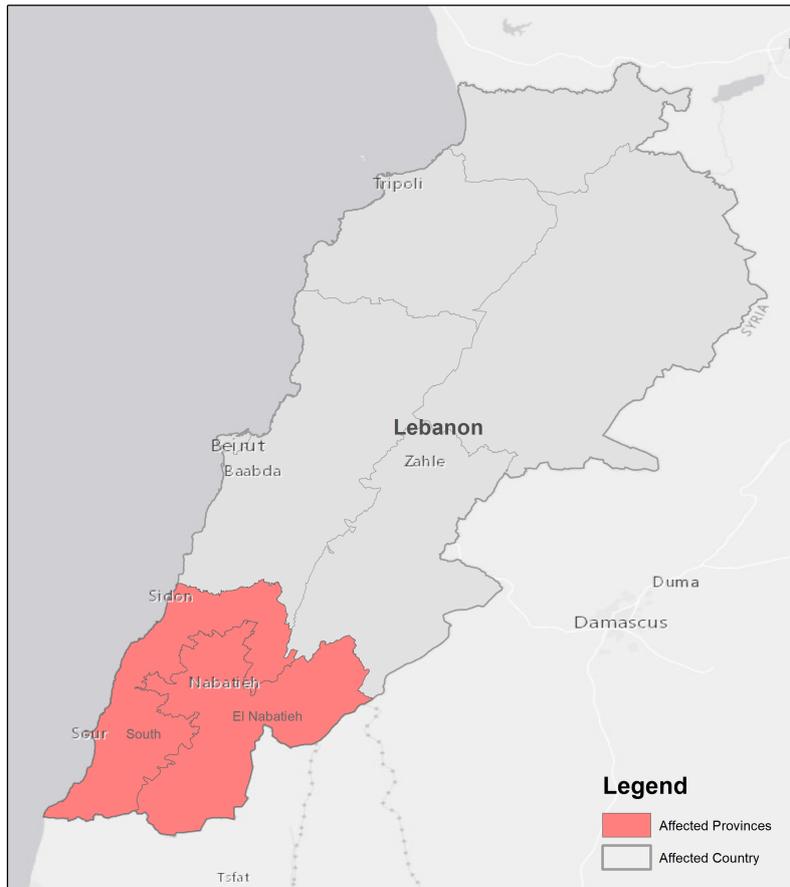




Appeal: MDRLB014	Country: Lebanon	Hazard: Civil Unrest	Type of DREF Response
Crisis Category: Yellow	Event Onset: Sudden	DREF Allocation: CHF 368,582	
Glide Number: CE-2023-000132-LBN	People Affected: 80,835 people	People Targeted: 80,835 people	
Operation Start Date: 2023-08-10	Operation Timeframe: 6 months	Operation End Date: 2024-02-29	DREF Published: 2023-08-11
Targeted Areas:	South		

Description of the Event

Lebanon: Civil Unrest - Ain Al Helwe Clashes IFRC July 2023



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What happened, where and when?

Deadly clashes between rival groups in South Lebanon, Saida's Ain al-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp have been ongoing since Saturday 29th July 2023, killing more than 12 individuals and injuring more than 60 as more than half of the camps residents fled their homes, security sources inside the camp stated.

Among the injured was a Lebanese Army soldier who was hurt by shrapnel from a mortar shell that fell on a military barracks, the army announced on Twitter. The soldier's condition was described as stable.

In-fighting is still at large at the time of writing, with automatic machine guns, Rocket Propelled Grenades, and medium sized artillery being used by the multiple factions.





Damaged neighborhoods due to the clashes.



Scope and Scale

Lebanon's socioeconomic collapse has spiraled into one of the top three most severe economic crises the world has seen since the 1850s, according to the World Bank. Over 80 percent of people in Lebanon are living in multidimensional poverty, which reflects deprivation across areas including healthcare, electricity, water, sanitation, transportation, connectivity, and means of income. This represents a doubling of the multidimensional poverty rate from 2019.

One area of particular concern is accessibility and quality of healthcare. Lebanon's healthcare system is struggling to recover from the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future threats while the economic crisis continues to spiral. Previously subsidized medicines have become difficult to source; providers have had to cut operations due to reduced fuel, supplies, and human resources (the WHO estimated in 2021 that 40 percent of doctors had left the country). According to the latest multisector needs assessment commissioned by UN OCHA, 71 percent of Lebanese households and 74 percent of Palestinian households said they had been unable to afford medical treatment in the previous three months.

At the time of writing, about 60% of the camp, which hosts about 80,000 Palestinians are displaced in surrounding schools, hospitals and other safe zones in the area. this crisis will exasperate their already existing economical vulnerabilities among the camps residents. The rest are stuck within the camp's vicinity and have a high chance of needing evacuation and health services.

The volatile security situation in the camp prohibits the ability to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the level of destruction incurred to the camp's infrastructure, however, images and videos reported from the camp indicate significant damage to infrastructure within the camp and the adjacent areas.

In addition to the health needs of the injured and vulnerable people in need of medical services, there is also significant risks of injury and death due to Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) from the fighting in the camp.

Previous Operations

Has a similar event affected the same area(s) in the last 3 years?	Yes
Did it affect the same population groups?	Yes



Did the National Society respond?	Yes
Did the National Society request funding from DREF for that event(s)?	No
If yes, please specify which operations	-

Lessons learned

The learning from last operation indicated the need to establish a field-level coordination mechanism between LRC and PRCS for joint operations such as this. The above was lacking during the scuffles that occurred during March in the same camp and is currently being worked on for this response

Current National Society Actions

Assessment	LRC, conducted KIIs in Ain El Helwee, Seroob and Miye w Miye. The team met with various stakeholders to get insights on where the people are residing and what are their needs. The needs were drinking water, food and mattresses for families residing in the area in multiple premises; the team was unable to conduct further KII due to the heightened security concerns. PRCS-L team is working on the assessment. In addition, LRC coordinated with the various humanitarian agencies on site to identify their areas of intervention and avoid duplication of services.
Activation Of Contingency Plans	Contingency plans were activated in Hamshari hospital. First responder unit is coordinating with ambulances to transport injured people safely to the hospital where the emergency doctors are ready to receive and treat the cases or transfer them into another hospital. No contingency plan for evacuation of the camp was applied since the camp is closed by the army.
Health	PRCS are providing on-going secondary health and ambulance services to the dead and injured. PRCS ambulances were not able to access the inside of the camp, and were targeted by the fighting factions. Since the start of the clashes, LRC has 10 teams and ambulances on high-alert within various stations in the area along with 30 EMTs. LRC has also 15 ambulances and 39 EMTs on call.

Movement Partners Actions Related To The Current Event

IFRC	IFRC is coordinating between LRC and PRCS for the DREF request for support to this response.
ICRC	For the time being the ICRC is coordinating closely with the PRCS-L, LRC, UNRWA, MSF and other Humanitarian actors and following the situation in the EEH camp and we have started with the provision.



	Protection related activities include the donation of medical supplies to hospitals and covering treatment costs of wounded cases. In addition, ICRC supported with medical supply to EMS in the camp.
Participating National Societies	Swedish Red Cross has activated its emergency relief funds to support the operations of PRCS-L for this response. Their support will cover health interventions including PSS services and medical supplies.

Other Actors Actions Related To The Current Event

Government has requested international assistance	No
National authorities	<p>Lebanon's army on Monday sealed off the area around the Ein el-Hilweh camp near the southern port city of Sidon as clashes continued despite Lebanese and Palestinian efforts to broker a ceasefire.</p> <p>By long-standing convention, the Lebanese army does not enter Palestinian refugee camps, leaving the factions themselves to handle security.</p>
UN or other actors	<p>There has been a coordinated response between UNRWA and partners to ensure, as far as possible, the safety, security and wellbeing of those currently residing in the temporary shelters at UNRWA schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al Maaoun have provided daily ready meals • Al Mouwassat have provided 100 hygiene kits and essential clothing for children • Al Riya (Islamic relief) have provided daily ready meals and 50 mattresses • Lebanese Food Bank have provided 792 bottles of water and 132 blankets • Nabaa have provided daily ready meals and activities for children • NRC have provided 160 hygiene kits, 230 mattresses, 50 bottles of lice shampoo and 50 women's kits (including sanitary provision) • Premiere Urgence have provided portable lights • UNRWA is working on ensuring there is sufficient lighting at night in the classrooms, bathrooms, corridors and outside areas of the schools where people are sheltering and will be coordinating with NRC on procurement. • UNRWA social workers and school counsellors have been distributed among the centers to provide Psycho-social support for displaced families. • Vision Engineering have provided daily ready meals • 49 displaced patients have been treated in Mia Mia health UNRWA clinic, 90 in UNRWA Saida polyclinic and 12 in Iqlim El kharroub UNRWA health center
Are there major coordination mechanisms in place?	
Ongoing coordination with ECHO	



Needs (Gaps) Identified

Water, Sanitation And Hygiene

LRC has identified that displaced families were in need of hygiene and disinfection kits and safe drinking water. The people who left the camp did not carry with them any of their belongings and have been staying in crowded shelters until the situation stabilizes. Hygiene and disinfection kits would help avoid any health issues including communicable diseases that may spread between the people in temporary shelter due to the nature of the shelters.

Health

In-fighting between multiple factions has put the camps population at risk. LRC and PRCS are already working to transport the wounded and the dead to nearby hospitals, including PRCS-L's al-Hamshari hospital in Saida, which will be the movement's main implementing facility for this intervention.

PRCS-L, are in need of support to cover patients' bills to cater for the potential cases that will need medical services and cannot afford to cover their own bills. PRCS-L is also in need of support to provide the needed supplies for their ambulances to be able to respond the situation on the ground and attend to the injuries and urgent medical cases as they are reported.

Livelihoods And Basic Needs

After conducting KIIs, LRC has identified that the displaced families were in urgent need of food items with priority for ready meals as these people are currently residing in schools and mosques which are infrastructures not designed to host families and do not have facilities to accommodate the displaced people and their needs. DREF funds will not be used to cover these needs as they will be addressed by other actors supporting the response.

Any identified gaps/limitations in the assessment

The volatile situation within the camp and surrounding areas has prevented LRC and PRCS from assessing needs inside the camp, and even providing ambulance services there. PRCS-L ambulances have been targeted in the past few days.

The presence of undetonated explosive ordnances severely limits accessibility to the camp. This is an area that UNRWA is intervening in as mentioned in the previous sections.



Operational Strategy

Overall objective of the operation

This DREF allocation aims at supporting 80835 people affected by the recent armed clashes in Ain El-Hilwe camp in Sidon by ensuring the availability of LRC and PRCS-L emergency health services for 6 months.

Operation strategy rationale

To address the needs of the targeted population, this DREF will aim to support the urgent needs of PRCS-L's Al-Hamshari hospital in Saida. Al Hamshari hospital is the only hospital in the camp and is the main point for the camp residents to seek urgent medical services. This intervention will ensure the provision of medical supplies and consumables in addition to coverage of the patients' medical bills.

Under LRC's Operational Strategy, the overall objective of the operation, it is indicated that LRC DMS will provide support in the camp for up to 6 months. LRC DMS will also be supporting with the provision of drinking water and hygiene and disinfection kits for the people that have been displaced and are sheltered in schools, in close coordination with other stakeholders to ensure that there is no duplication of efforts.

Targeting Strategy

Who will be targeted through this operation?

LRC will be targeting displaced people residing in surrounding shelters with basic needs support, in addition to people requesting pre-hospital emergency care. PRCS will be providing ambulance transport, in addition to secondary and tertiary health services to the wounded.

Explain the selection criteria for the targeted population

for basic needs, people residing in shelters such as surrounding schools will be targeted through LRC's Disaster Management sector. Health services will be provided on a needs basis for all residents of the camp and surrounding areas.

Total Targeted Population

Women:	20,209	Rural %	Urban %
Girls (under 18):	20,209	%	%
Men:	20,209	People with disabilities (estimated %)	
Boys (under 18):	20,208	%	
Total targeted population:	80,835		

Risk and security considerations

Please indicate about potential operational risk for this operations and mitigation actions

Risk	Mitigation action
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Limited access to the inside of the camp due to the ongoing clashes and the targeting of PRCS-L vehicles	limit movement inside the camp to in between cease-fires stationing of LRC and PRCS-L assets outside the camp
The presence of undetonated ordnances inside the camp	coordination with UNRWA who are directly implementing in this area to map out accessible parts of the camp

Please indicate any security and safety concerns for this operation

PRCS-L ambulances have already fallen victim to the ongoing clashes, as such, the protection of the emblem might not be applicable at current time.



Planned Intervention

	Secretariat Services	Budget	CHF 11,759
		Targeted Persons	
Indicators	Target		
	Priority Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance in emergencies • lessons learned workshop 	

	Health	Budget	CHF 265,599
		Targeted Persons	80835
Indicators	Target		
	Number of people provided with secondary health services		
	Number of people provided with pre-hospital health services		
	Priority Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pre-hospital healthcare (LRC) • secondary and tertiary health services (PRCS-L) 	

	National Society Strengthening	Budget	CHF 83,379
		Targeted Persons	0
Indicators	Target		
	Priority Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 900 meals for volunteers 	

	Water, Sanitation And Hygiene	Budget	CHF 7,845
		Targeted Persons	900
Indicators	Target		
	Number of people receiving bottled water		
	Number of Disinfection kits distributed		



Number of Hygiene kits distributed	174
Priority Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hygiene kit distribution • Disinfection kit distribution • Bottled water distribution

About Support Services

How many staff and volunteers will be involved in this operation. Briefly describe their role.

The staff of all hamshari hospital is working at full capacity with 231 full time local staff. Their efforts will be complimented by 116 volunteers who will be working in first response evacuating the wounded.

If there is procurement, will it be done by National Society or IFRC?

Procurement will be done by LRC and PRCS-L separately, tendering is expected to be finished within 1 month.

How will this operation be monitored?

The Lebanese Red Cross and PRCS-Lebanon Branch, with the support of IFRC, have already developed and implemented monitoring and reporting tools. Monitoring and reporting will be conducted following this framework. LRC and PRCS-Lebanon Branch data on persons reached will be disaggregated by age and by gender. In addition, IFRC field visits to PRCS hospitals are ongoing, and a visit to Al Hamshari hospital was completed during the past month.

Please briefly explain the National Societies communication strategy for this operation.

IFRC will be supporting through their regional communications team.



Budget Overview



DREF OPERATION

MDRLB014 - Lebanese Red Cross- Palestinian Red Crescent Lebanon Ain al Helwe clashes

Operating Budget

Planned Operations	273,444
Shelter and Basic Household Items	0
Livelihoods	0
Multi-purpose Cash	0
Health	265,599
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	7,845
Protection, Gender and Inclusion	0
Education	0
Migration	0
Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation and Recovery	0
Community Engagement and Accountability	0
Environmental Sustainability	0
Enabling Approaches	95,138
Coordination and Partnerships	0
Secretariat Services	11,759
National Society Strengthening	83,379
TOTAL BUDGET	368,582

all amounts in Swiss Francs (CHF)



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