



**LEBANON EMERGENCY  
FLASH UPDATE  
1 October 2024**

UNHCR and partners distributing core relief items to displaced people living in collective shelters in Tripoli © Rene Moawad Foundation



**346,209**

Internally displaced people in Lebanon  
(source: IOM/DTM)

**165,088**

new displacements over the past week  
(source: IOM/DTM)

**142,361**

registered IDPs in 711 collective shelters  
(source: IOM/DTM)

**Situation overview**

- The escalating violence in densely populated areas and rapidly worsening security situation are endangering the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.
- Lebanese authorities refer to 1 million people affected, while IOM's tracking is ongoing and shows that as of 29 September, **346,209 Lebanese and Syrian people** have been internally displaced (Source: IOM/DTM).
- UNHCR has been approached by over **8,500** refugees who have fled their homes and displaced internally in Lebanon during last week week.
- The **most urgent needs** currently are access to safe shelters, core relief items, healthcare, food, cash assistance, and protection services.
- The latest hostilities have resulted in some **1,745** deaths and **8,767** injured, according to the Ministry of Public Health. UNHCR is aware of at least **113** Syrians who were killed (including 40 children and 19 women) and close to **343** injured (including 127 children and 95 women) as a result of this conflict.
- **Over 100,000** people are estimated to have crossed from Lebanon to Syria since the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon. It is estimated that around 70 per cent are Syrians and 30 per cent are Lebanese nationals.

**Key highlights**

- In support of the Government-led emergency response, the humanitarian community launched a **Flash Appeal** to enable partners to rapidly deliver humanitarian assistance. The appeal seeks **\$425.7 million to assist 1 million people** affected by the crisis over the next three months.
- As part of the appeal, **UNHCR's financial requirements are estimated at \$83 million** to cover immediate needs across all vulnerable population groups, **Lebanese and refugees**.
- UNHCR continues to **step up its emergency response** and working with partners to provide urgent humanitarian and protection support to families in need.
- UNHCR continues calling on all actors to maintain and apply humanitarian principles and allow **equal access to assistance**.



## UNHCR RESPONSE

On 1 October, UNHCR declared an **internal Level 3 Emergency for Lebanon and Syria** to scale up its response efforts and coordination on the ground. UNHCR continues to respond to the needs of **refugees and Lebanese** displaced across Lebanon, coordinating closely with the authorities and other humanitarian organizations and providing **protection services, emergency cash assistance, core relief items, access to safe shelter, health care, and psychosocial support.**



### Protection

- UNHCR continues to ensure the provision of protection assistance and services, with emphasis on high-risk cases, including through **case management, Emergency Protection Cash Assistance (EPCA) and access to specialized services** (safe shelter, legal and social services) as well as complementary **community-based support.**
- Through undertaking **protection monitoring**, UNHCR and its partners provided **data and protection analysis** for the Protection snapshots issued by the sectors, contributing to collective advocacy.
- In areas not directly affected by bombardment, UNHCR continues to operate and support **Community Centres** for safe 'one-stop-shop' support services and activities, including protection, psychosocial, social and legal programme.



### Health

- UNHCR is working with the Lebanese Public Health Ministry and WHO to deploy **60 trauma kits and prepositioned medical equipment** which will support hospitals in the treatment of injured Lebanese and refugees.
- UNHCR expanded its network of hospitals in the South and Bekaa, enhancing access to critical health treatments through **42 additional contracted hospitals.**
- Since 23 September, UNHCR covered treatment of **71 war-wounded refugees** in contracted hospitals.



### Basic assistance

- Since 23 September, over **82,105 items** including mattresses, blankets, sleeping mats, solar lamps, kitchen sets and solar lamps were distributed to **41,800** displaced people.
- UNHCR continues to expand its existing **multi-purpose cash assistance** to affected vulnerable refugee families not receiving regular assistance, in addition to **Emergency Protection Cash Assistance** for families to address specific protection needs and **Cash for Shelter support.** Since October 2023, close to **70,000 people benefited from cash assistance**, allowing them to cover their most urgent needs.



### Shelter and WASH

- UNHCR and partners provide collective sites and shelters with upgrading works such as **weatherproofing and rehabilitation of WASH utilities**, in addition to the provision of **cash-for-shelter** to vulnerable families. **105 sites** were assessed for repairs since the beginning of the escalation and UNHCR stands ready to proceed with rehabilitation work, in addition to the provision of **cash-for-shelter** to vulnerable families.



Voices from the field



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*I did not pack or anything. Just the clothes me and the kids were wearing (...) There was no time at all. It reminds me a lot of the war in Syria.*

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*Hameeda standing in a collective shelter where she found safety with her family after fleeing South Lebanon. © UNHCR/Houssam Hariri*

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