

Ali's three daughters (left to right: Amouneh, Bouchra, and Nour) rest besides the water tank installed by World Vision's WASH programme.

IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT WATER!

Ali and Zeinab have been living in a tent in Lebanon for three years with their four children, Ali's sister Khadijah and his parents.

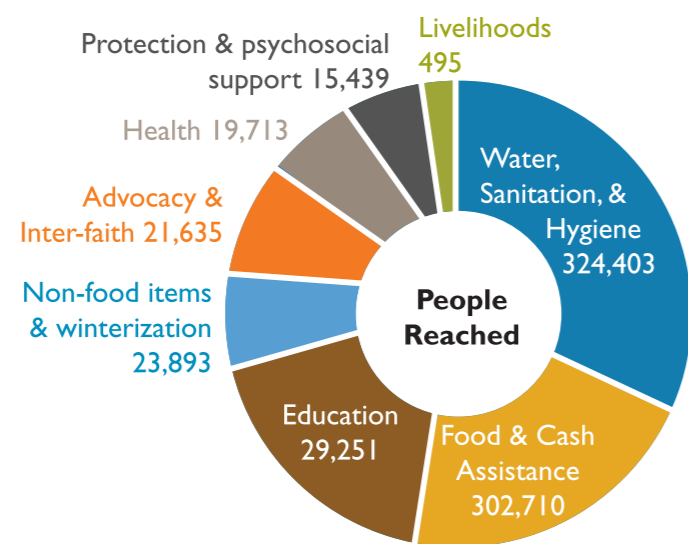
"Suffering" is simply how the 9-member family describes their hardship during their first two years in the country, primarily due to the lack of clean water. Zeinab remembers how "sacrificing bread in exchange for drinking water was the only solution available to many Syrian refugees at that time."

The biggest problem was the water they used for showering, cleaning the tent, and washing dishes and clothes. Due to a lack of running water, the family were forced to use water from the sewage. "The water was full of worms. The colour was extremely disgusting. We used to get skin irritations and fungus all over our bodies," Khadijah recalls, imitating how they would scratch their infected legs.

"Showering with that dirty water was equivalent to not showering at all. I used to go five days without showering, to avoid seeing that dirty water flowing over my body," she says.

Their situation did not improve until late 2013 when the family became part of World Vision's Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) programme, funded by UNICEF. They say WASH alleviated their suffering by distributing clean water filtered in-house, and installing latrines next to tents.

During their year without clean water, Ali built a makeshift toilet by digging a hole next to the tent and covering it with torn pieces of clothing. Khadijah fights back tears as she remembers how the curtain covering the toilet used to flap open in the wind: "We women were afraid to be seen by people outside. Now the fear is over. The whole situation changed, not only for us, but for all people living in this settlement. All of them say that World Vision saved us."



Mohammad and Zakiya with three of their children, Fatmeh, Hasan and Nour, in their tent in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon.

FOOD ASSISTANCE A LIFELINE FOR SYRIAN FAMILY IN LEBANON

In 2012, Mohammad and Zakiya, along with their eight children, sought refuge from violence in rural Syria by escaping to the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon. Now they rely on the food-assistance e-cards they receive for each family member once a month. The family lives in a tattered canvas tent situated on a vacant lot covered in piles of sand and gravel. They have no neighbours or community support, and there is no work for Mohammed. As a result, the parents struggle to meet the children's basic needs.

In 2015, due to funding shortfalls, the WFP temporarily reduced food allowances to some families affected by the Syria Crisis in Lebanon from US\$19 to US\$13.50 per person per month, with a maximum of five e-cards per family. This has created hardships for vulnerable families like Zakiya and Mohammad's. They cannot make the money stretch much beyond the first week and must go into debt to the local shop for the remainder of the month.

Zakiya's daughters, Nour and Fatmeh, are thin for their age and have dark circles under their eyes. They often eat bread, hummus and potatoes; this fills them up but doesn't provide the nutrition needed for growing children. Zakiya does not complain. Though the reduction in funds was initially a shock, she is grateful that the programme continues. "Our survival depends on the e-cards," she says. "We say thank God because we are not starving; we are still alive."

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. With more than 45,000 staff members in nearly 100 countries, World Vision is committed to working with the world's most vulnerable people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. In Lebanon, World Vision employs 225 people, supporting almost 400,000 beneficiaries in 67 municipalities, 120 villages, 230 informal tented settlements, and 25 schools located in Beirut, the Bekaa, North, and South Lebanon.

Partners

World Vision gratefully acknowledges the role of our local and international partners.

Governmental organizations:

- Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), Higher Council for Childhood at the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA), Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Bekaa Water Establishment.
- 54 local municipalities, 26 public primary health centres and hospitals, 48 public schools and 15 social development centres across Lebanon.

Local institutions:

- Nine mother action groups, 23 private hospitals, 37 youth groups, 44 private schools and 15 churches across Lebanon.
- Lebanon Cash Consortium (LCC), Lebanon Humanitarian INGO Forum (LHIF), Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), Lebanese Addictions Center (SKOUN), Beyond Association, Lebanese Association for Early Childhood Development (LAECD), Soins infirmiers et Développement communautaire (SIDC), Al Balamand University, American University of Beirut, Institute for Middle Eastern Studies (IMES) at the Arab Baptist Theological School, La Sagesse University, Right to Play International (RTP), Girls Football Academy, Youth for Christ, the National Committee to address situation of Lebanese unregistered children, ABAAD resource Center for Gender Equality, Mousawat Organization, Center Based Rehabilitation Association (CBRA), Lebanese Association for Early Childhood Development (LAECD), LACTICA, the order of mid-wives, ALEF, NAHNOO, Beyond Reform and Development (BRD), Alpha, Awfa, Charity of Tibnine, Ajdadouna, Caritas, Amalouna, Ladies of Khiam, Al Risala Scouts and the Scouts of Lebanon.

International institutions:

World Health Organization (WHO), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Agencia Espanola de Cooperacion Internacional para el Desarrollo (AICED).

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Our Child Sponsorship and Community Development programme provides children with opportunities to participate in the development of their communities while gaining life skills, learning about their rights and raising their voices and collaborating with community representatives to tackle child protection issues. It is supported by five of our Funding Offices who collectively support 22,351 children and their communities. Through this, World Vision has a presence in 486 communities and urban areas across the country. This allows us to build long-term relationships with families, communities, schools, municipalities, faith communities and other civil society actors.



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A better world for children

This year World Vision celebrates 40 years in Lebanon. In the last four decades we have focused on supporting vulnerable communities across the country, and we are continuing to develop and expand this work. Because of our experience in responding to emergencies, dating back to our humanitarian activities during the 1975-1990 Civil War, World Vision was able to respond quickly when the Syria crisis began in 2011, forcing hundreds of thousands of people to flee to the safety of Lebanon.

In the coming year, World Vision remains committed to supporting the people of Lebanon, as well as Syrian and Palestinian refugees. To achieve this, we plan to implement programmes, invest in social cohesion, and intensify our work with local partners in the areas of:

- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Food Security, Basic Assistance and Livelihood
- Child Protection, specifically in the areas of Child Labour and Violence against Children
- Early Childhood Care and Development

Since 2011, World Vision has assisted over 2.37 million refugees, internally displaced people and members of vulnerable host communities in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq. In Lebanon, there are now an estimated 1.5 million Syrian refugees and more than half of them are children. These children have faced many challenges such as interrupted schooling, inadequate shelter, limited healthcare, food insecurity and severe protection concerns.

We are pleased to provide you with an overview of our programmes in 2015.

Rein Dekker
National Director
World Vision Lebanon

Where we work



	Sector	Types of projects	Number of individuals benefitting			Cost	Donors
			Lebanese	Syrian	Palestinian & Iraqi		
	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)	Water, sanitation, hygiene, infrastructure and waste management assistance for Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese host communities.	2,910	321,493		\$3,873,429	EU, Spanish Cooperation Agency (AECID), UNICEF
	Non-food items and winterization	The distribution of blankets, coupons, fuel and other winter items as well as other non-food items to Syrian and Iraqi refugees.	1,560	22,202	131	\$1,159,876	UNHCR
	Food and Cash Assistance	Cash and food assistance to vulnerable Syrian refugees and Lebanese families who live below the poverty line.	597	302,113		\$51,177,639	Global Affairs Canada (GAC), UNHCR, WFR, ECHO, Fons Català de cooperació al desenvolupament (FCCD), Austrian Government (ADA), PMU/Radiohelp, Government of New Zealand- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
	Education	Education projects for vulnerable boys and girls between 3 and 16 years old.	16,933	5,783	6,535	\$4,998,453	EU, UNESCO, Global Affairs Canada (GAC), Pingstmissionions Utvecklingsamarbete (PMU)
	Protection and psychosocial support	Supported vulnerable Syrian refugees and Lebanese boys and girls between 5 to 16 years, as well as men and women.	637	14,802		\$1,538,081	UNICEF, GAC
	Health	Maternal and Child Health Nutrition (MCHN) for mothers, breast-feeding, and food security.	14,183	4,705	825	\$689,094	Spanish Cooperation Agency (AECID)
	Livelihoods	Policy influence and inter-faith dialogue.	395		100	\$232,119	World Vision Australia, Australian Government (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade DFAT), World Vision US.
	Advocacy and Inter-faith	Policy influence and inter-faith dialogue.	21,455	180		\$454,550	World Vision Australia, World Vision US, and World Vision Taiwan
	Regional Urban Programming	Improved urban programming through research and learning.				\$190,690	World Vision Australia
Totals			58,670	671,278	7,591	\$64,313,931	

Individuals often benefit from more than one intervention, thereby reducing the number of unique beneficiaries from the totals stated to almost 400,000.



FOOD & CASH ASSISTANCE

The vast majority of Syrian refugees in Lebanon, as well as an increasing number of Lebanese households, live below the poverty line and struggle to meet their basic needs. World Vision responded in two key ways:

- **Cash Assistance:** In 2015, World Vision partnered with SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONALE, ACTED, CARE, Save the Children and IRC to form the Lebanon Cash Consortium (LCC). By working together, INGOs were able to provide US\$174 in cash assistance each month to 8,575 vulnerable Syrian refugee households across Lebanon, including 2,926 households reached by World Vision each month.
- **Food Assistance:** World Vision provided food assistance cards, funded by World Food Programme (WFP), to 160,153 individuals in 2015.



WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

- **Relief:** World Vision provided Syrian refugees in Lebanon with access to clean and safe water through the distribution of water storage material, water filters and provision of water trucking in informal tented settlements.
- **Development:** Through the rehabilitation of water treatment stations and extension of piped water network, World Vision assisted the Lebanese population in the Bekaa area.

World Vision also adapted a participatory development model for sanitation and hygiene, known as 'Designing for Behaviour Change', to suit the urban environment. No similar data existed in Lebanon prior to World Vision's analysis, and the report was widely used by other NGOs when planning their own water, sanitation and hygiene projects.



ADVOCACY & INTER-FAITH

The main issues World Vision advocated for this year were:

- **Trafficking of Children:** World Vision developed a national plan in partnership with the Higher Council of Childhood at the Ministry of Social Affairs.
- **Children with no IDs:** Worked on strengthening the systems and procedures for registering children with no IDs.
- **Gender-Based Violence:** Addressed this on a national level and in partnership with local faith leaders.
- **Inter-faith programme:** Worked on enabling Lebanese youth of different faiths to form real friendships and grow in their understanding of each other's faiths and their own, and become peacemakers among their peers.



LIVELIHOODS

- In the Palestinian camps in south Lebanon, capacity building training programmes supported women and business owners to start new businesses or improve existing ones.
- In Akkar in north Lebanon, youth-employment training supported skill improvement and access to the labour market, as well as startup businesses training.
- In Bcharreh, also in North Lebanon, World Vision helped improve the lives of farmers by enhancing their agricultural practices and reactivating the apple processing unit which would enable them to market their products better.



HEALTH

- World Vision designed an intervention which improves Maternal and Child Health Nutrition (MCHN) for mothers and children under the age of 5.
- Led the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, alongside the Ministry of Public Health. This campaign raised awareness of the importance of breastfeeding and the need for a supportive environment for breastfeeding, beginning at the hospital. The campaign has reached over 2 million people to date.



EDUCATION

In 2015, World Vision's education projects benefited vulnerable Syrian, Palestinian and Lebanese boys and girls aged between 3 and 16 years old in the areas of Accelerated Learning, Basic Literacy and Numeracy, Early Childhood Education and Development and Life Skills. These projects also targeted adults who influence these children's education.



NON-FOOD ITEMS & WINTERIZATION

Roughly 90 percent of Syrian refugees arrived in Lebanon with little personal possessions, and most do not have the means to purchase basic Non Food Items (NFI) due to low income and unemployment. World Vision's basic assistance operations focused on the following:

- **Distribution of Newcomer Kits:** blankets, mattresses, clothing vouchers, kitchen utilities.
- **Distribution of Winter Kits:** blankets, clothing vouchers, heating stoves, fuel vouchers.



PROTECTION & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

In addition to operating standard Child Friendly Spaces as a model for child protection in emergencies, World Vision adapted this model in Lebanon to meet more long-term and deep-seated psychosocial support needs. Our centres provided children with a 12-week cycle of psychosocial support and education to build resilience and restore confidence and self-esteem.