

General overview

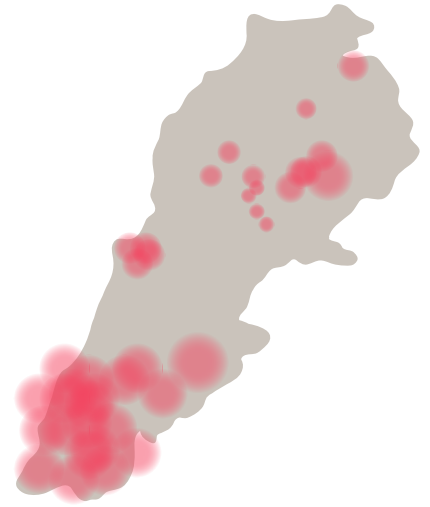
Since October 2023, World Vision Lebanon has been responding to the devastating impacts of military escalations in Southern Lebanon. On 23 September, the conflict started to escalate quickly, its impact reaching the central part of Lebanon, including Bekaa and Beirut. Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health reports that as of 26 October, nearly 2,672 people have been killed, including at least 155 children, and more than 12,468 have been injured. More than 1.2 million people have been directly affected and/or have been forced to flee from their homes for safety to other parts of the country. More than 191,692 internally displaced people (IDP), half of them women and more than 400,000 displaced children, have sought safety at one of the more than 1,097 temporary shelters set up in schools and other administrative buildings.



175,615 IDPs
reached



1,095,277 meals
provided



Between 23 September– 26 October, World Vision has reached more than 175,615 IDPs, that is 35,123 families including 61,465 children in 326 shelters with:

- Distribution of 1,095,277 meals.
- Distribution of 3,575 food parcel.
- Distribution of 1,408 snacks.
- Distribution of 56,027 packs of bread.
- Distribution of 6,357 mattresses.
- Distribution of 8,679 blankets.
- Distribution of 4,141 pillows.
- Distribution of 33,901 kilogrammes of supplies for kitchens.
- Distribution of 25,770 drinking water, 9000 L water tank, provision of 674 water trucking (m3).
- Distribution of 141 cleaning towel.
- Distribution of 8 shower heads.
- Distribution of 2 water heater.
- Provision of 1,000 gloves.
- Distribution of 12 soap.
- Distribution of 10,800 trash bags.
- Distribution of 280 waste bins.
- Distribution of 19 chlorine unit.
- Distribution of 1,492 hygiene kits.
- Provision of 50 sanitisers.
- Provision of 241 as psychosocial support (PSS) session.
- Distribution of 408 Recreational activities
- Distribution of 1380 learning kit.

Needs

Food security and nutrition

The humanitarian crisis is overwhelming, with more than 1.2 million displaced people struggling daily. The need for food is acute, and five kitchens, along with community efforts, are providing what they can. But the demand far exceeds the supply, leaving families unsure when their next meal will come.

Basic assistance and WASH

For those who fled with only the clothes they wore, even basic assistance can mean the difference between life and despair. Every displaced person urgently needs a mattress and pillow to avoid sleeping on the floor, and a blanket for warmth. Hygiene kits are a lifeline, helping to maintain dignity and health. Yet the shelters are overcrowded and under-resourced, with fuel running out to keep the lights on or provide heat. The once hopeful hum of generators is now fading.

Education and child protection

Education is on hold as public schools double as shelters, forcing a delay in the academic year. To prevent further learning loss, we must endorse remote learning solutions, ensuring children can continue their education safely, even amidst the ongoing crisis. Thousands of children are left in uncertainty, facing the trauma of displacement and homelessness with no clarity on when they will resume their studies. Psychosocial support is desperately needed for these young minds.

Protection and gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI)

For internally displaced persons, the conditions in shelters are far from adequate. Women and girls, in particular, require safe spaces to manage their hygiene needs without fear or shame. The lack of access to menstrual hygiene kits and safe WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) facilities compromises their health and undermines their dignity.



Weekly Update

In the North and Akkar, psychosocial support sessions started in four schools, providing children with a safe space to express their emotions and find moments of joy. Facilitators, who have undergone thorough training, will ensure a secure environment where children's well-being is the top priority. These sessions aim to help young ones cope with the emotional toll of conflict and displacement, offering vital support to heal from trauma.

Meanwhile, in South Lebanon and Beirut, World Vision's psychosocial support sessions continue to provide relief to families grappling with the stress of displacement. Through structured activities, children are encouraged to share their feelings, while caregivers receive guidance to help maintain resilience in these uncertain times. World Vision's ongoing efforts, including food and bread distribution, ensure families have both the physical necessities and the emotional support needed to endure the crisis.

Amid the ongoing conflict, over 425,000 people have crossed from Lebanon into Syria, with 70% of the movement consisting of Syrian nationals and the remaining 30% being Lebanese citizens. This large-scale displacement reflects the extensive impact of the hostilities, driving many to seek safety across the border. Unfortunately, the situation has worsened due to airstrikes targeting the border area, severely damaging specific official crossing points. The destruction has rendered these routes impassable for any type of vehicle, cutting off vital access for those fleeing with only the bare essentials.



Calls to Action

World Vision is appealing to international donors, governments, and global partners to:



Increase **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS** to the Lebanon Flash Appeal and World Vision's emergency response efforts.



Facilitate **HUMANITARIAN ACCESS** by ensuring safe conditions for aid delivery.



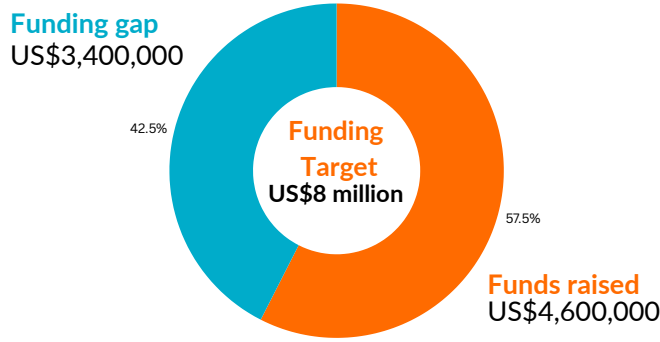
Pressure parties to **RESPECT** International Humanitarian Law with a focus on protection of civilians, aid and medical workers, and refugees and migrants.



PRIORITISE vulnerable groups, particularly women and children, including investing in child protection programmes, including mental health support for children traumatised by the conflict.

Children in Lebanon are bearing the brunt of this crisis. Without immediate action, their future is at risk. All stakeholders must come together to prevent further loss of life, protect children, and provide the resources needed to meet the massive humanitarian needs on the ground.

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