

Emergency Response in LEBANON

Situation Report #7 – 25 November 2024

Situation Overview

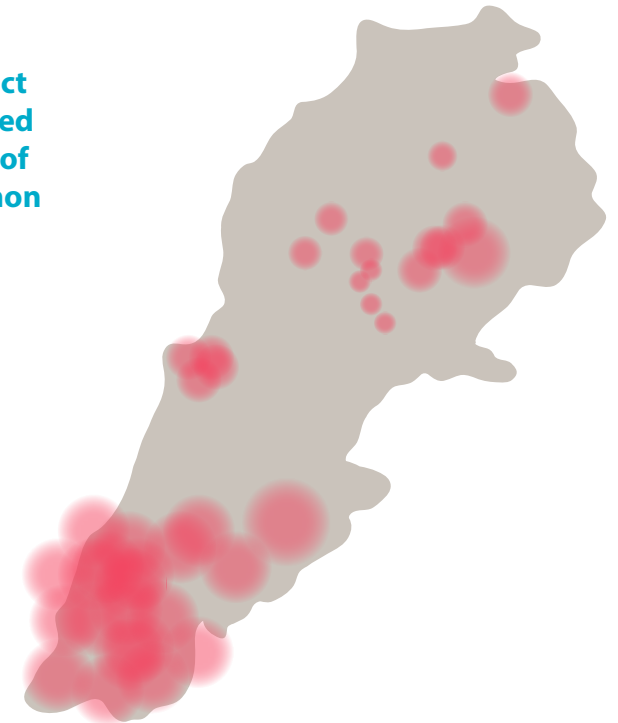
In the last ten days, the conflict in Lebanon has seen intensified attacks across the country. On World Children's Day, Lebanon mourned the tragic killing of 200 children since the escalation, underscoring the profound human cost of this crisis.

Negotiations have resumed in an effort to reach a ceasefire. At the moment, no agreement has been confirmed, and hostilities continue unabated. Amid these negotiations, heavy bombings have escalated to unprecedented levels. Recent airstrikes targeted highly populated neighbourhoods without prior evacuation orders in central Beirut—Basta, Mar Elias, and Zokak el-Blat—areas sheltering internally displaced families. These strikes killed 48 people, injured over 150, and displaced hundreds of families for a second time.

In southern Lebanon, entire villages have been destroyed, leaving critical infrastructure—water, sanitation, and electricity systems—completely inoperable. Heavy bombings in Tyre, Baalbek, Hermel and Beirut's suburbs have further deepened the destruction. Economic and physical damages are now estimated at \$8.5 billion, and even with a ceasefire, it will take at least a year of repairs before families can return home. Over 170,000 people face imminent job losses due to the destruction of infrastructure and livelihoods.

According to Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health, as of 24 November, 3,754 people have been killed, including at least 230 children, and more than 15,626 have been injured.

Conflict affected areas of Lebanon



People Reached

Since 23 September 2024:



242,818 displaced people



398 shelters



48,564 families



84,986 children

Response Updates

Deconfliction Missions

World Vision carries out vital deconfliction missions to reach some of the most vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities affected by the ongoing conflict. Operating in areas severely impacted by violence and displacement, these missions demonstrate World Vision's steadfast commitment to delivering lifesaving support in the most challenging and volatile conditions.

World Vision is equipping first responders and local volunteers—many of whom are directly affected by the crisis—with lifesaving tools, emergency preparedness materials, and essential skills. Despite their own hardships, these individuals continue to support the most vulnerable, delivering timely relief and bolstering community resilience in the midst of conflict.

- In **Arsal**, World Vision completed two critical distribution missions, supported by WFP and approved by UNOCHA's access unit, providing e-cards and Personal Identification Number (PINs) to **862** Syrian refugees.
- In **El Qaa**, World Vision distributed **8,795** essential non-food items, including mattresses, blankets, solar lamps, and sleeping mats, during its second day of distributions.
- In **Ras Baalback** World Vision distributed e-cards and PINs to **612** Syrian refugees as part of WFP's cash-based assistance programme, improving access to essential resources

Additionally, World Vision hosted WFP's Deputy Country Director in **Bekaa**, showcasing joint initiatives such as contracted kitchens, shelters, and community kitchens supporting internally displaced persons (IDPs).



Education Amid Crisis

The education sector continues to face critical challenges. The Ministry of Education and Higher Education's (MEHE) \$25 million, three-month plan to support education, remains unfunded, leaving schools and students in limbo. Efforts to improve online learning alternatives remains hindered by unstable internet and inadequate infrastructure. The school year for non-Lebanese students, which was originally scheduled to begin in November, has been postponed until December.

More than 500 public schools are being used as shelters for displaced families, and only 30 out of 169 private schools are operational, with many of the others also serving as shelters. Schools that are still running are frequently close due to attacks. The cumulative effect is that many students are out of school; 1.5 million children's educations have been impacted by the conflict.

- World Vision has established Child-Friendly Spaces (CFSs) in shelters, offering children aged 6-18 non-specialised learning sessions, recreational activities, and Psychosocial Support (PSS) and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). Children receive kits with stationery, emotional support, and recreational items.
- Those outside shelters receive similar kits, Child Protection (CP) booklets, and weekly online follow-ups. All children also participate in Psychological First Aid (PFA) sessions.
- Caregivers engage in awareness and PFA sessions, receiving activity cards to enhance resilience, coping, and skill-building with their children.



Child Protection

The ongoing conflict in Lebanon has left hundreds of thousands of children homeless and vulnerable. Unaccompanied and separated children are particularly at risk, facing severe anxiety, harassment, and exploitation. The psychological impact of war, including terror from explosions and conflict sounds, poses a significant threat to their mental health, with many at risk of developing long-term conditions like PTSD.

In response to the crisis, World Vision is implementing creative engagement activities in shelters, enabling children to express themselves through art. Emotional awareness exercises help them identify and connect with their feelings, fostering self-awareness and resilience. Personal expression activities encourage children to share aspects of their identity, linking positive traits to their sense of self while promoting mindfulness, teamwork, and belonging.

Since September, World Vision and partners have been distributed:

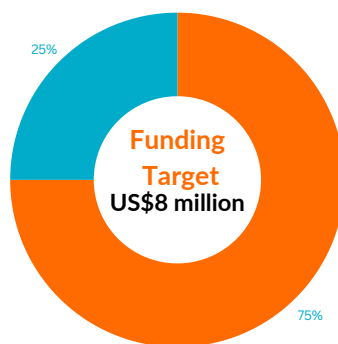
- **2.5+ million** hot and cold meals
- **12,283** hygiene items
- **36,746** liters of drinking water
- **109,602** packs of bread
- **51,250** KG of supplies for kitchens



Funding

Funding gap

US\$2,000,000



Funds raised
US\$6,000,000

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