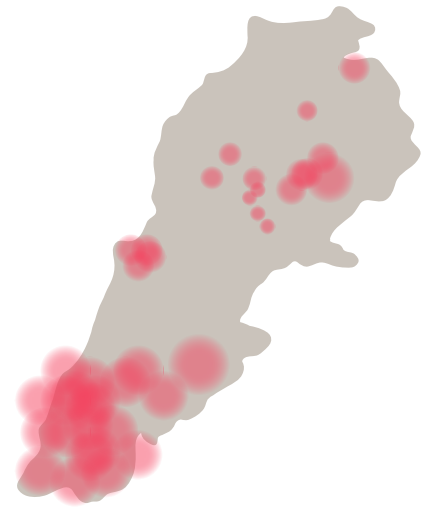


MIDDLE EAST CRISIS (MEC) | SITREP #5

24 SEPTEMBER - 4 NOVEMBER 2024

General overview

World Vision Lebanon remains on the frontlines of humanitarian action in response to the devastating effects of the military escalation in South Lebanon since October 2023. On 23 September, the conflict escalated quickly, reaching into central and northern Lebanon including Bekaa and Beirut. Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health reports that as of 4 November, nearly 3,002 people have been killed, including at least 166 children, and more than 13,492 have been injured. More than 1.3 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 191,769 internally displaced people (IDP), half of them women and more than 400,000 displaced children, have sought safety at one of the more than 1,135 temporary shelters set up in schools and other administrative buildings.



193,590 IDPs
reached



1,508,813 meals
provided

World Vision has reached more than 193,590 IDPs, that is 38,718 families including 67,757 children in 354 shelters with:

- 1,508,813 meals
- 3,575 food parcels
- 1,408 snacks
- 75,739 packs of bread
- 7,979 mattresses
- 12,197 blankets
- 7,142 pillows
- 8 prefab showers
- 33,901 kilogrammes of supplies for kitchens
- 28,296 L drinking water, 9000 L water tank, provision of 854 water trucking (m3).
- 141 cleaning towels
- 8 shower heads
- 2 water heaters
- 1,000 gloves
- 12 soaps
- 10,800 trash bags
- 280 waste bins
- 19 chlorine unit
- 2,068 hygiene kits
- 50 sanitisers
- 241 psychosocial support (PSS) sessions
- 408 recreational activities
- 1380 learning kits

Needs

Food security and nutrition

The humanitarian crisis is exceptional, with over 1.3 million displaced people struggling daily. Food insecurity is acute and rising. World Vision supports community kitchens and related community efforts to provide what they can. But the demand far exceeds the supply, leaving families unsure when their next meal will come.

Cash and Basic assistance

WVL is strongly advocating for a return to Cash as a lead modality for humanitarian action. Markets are open and banks are functioning, two key indicators for administering multi-purpose cash, especially in a crisis. A demand for cash remains and, in fact, is increasing as more people are displaced and the safe delivery of humanitarian aid is more and more challenging in a context that witnesses civilians, health care workers, and humanitarian at increased risk of injury or death due to the escalation. More than 200,000 families are facing severe economic insecurity, and vulnerable household saving are being depleted as the displacement crisis continues. Supply chain stability is still managed through operational borders, which enables humanitarian aid to flow, but coordination needs to be strengthened among and between organizations so that, that aid is reaching the most difficult and underserved areas effectively.

Education and child protection

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) announced that, beginning 4 November, the academic year would begin in 326 public schools that are not currently used as shelters. This model will be tested and adapted by MEHE to address the specific needs of displaced children. Education remains on hold for the more than 1,000 public schools still functioning as shelters, further delaying the academic year for thousands of students. WVL is supporting remote learning modalities to ensure children can continue their education safely, regardless of the crisis.



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WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene)

Access to WASH services is a fundamental basic need, yet these resources are severely strained by the ongoing crisis. Essential WASH services are lacking in all high-risk areas, especially in those areas outside collective shelters. Isolated cases of cholera were reported in shelters, the absence of proper sanitation, along with limited access to affordable safe water and food, risks of rapid spread, further endangering displaced families. The urgent need for WASH funding, especially for hygiene kits for women and children, cannot be overstated.

Protection and Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI)

For internally displaced families, 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 facilities compromises their health and undermines their dignity.

Weekly Update

Baalbek's Evacuation: Standing by the Community Amid Crisis

Baalbek, Lebanon, a city and region located in the central-eastern part of Lebanon, was targeted with an evacuation order on 30 October, forcing immediate action to flee among the more than 200,000 residents of the city. Thousands of families fled immediately, becoming another wave of internally displaced people forced to leave everything behind: their homes, their belongings...and often generations of family history, in only minutes. Other families were not able to flee. Still others chose to stay, despite the danger from the escalation. WVVL quickly scaled up to respond to the surge of displaced, as well as to support those who remained. Together with WFP and UNICEF, WVVL is providing lifesaving food, hygiene items, and relief supplies through a carefully orchestrated delivery and storage approach that ensures the humanitarian aid reaches those most in need. In Zahle, another central-Lebanon city located south of Baalbek, WVVL distributed ready-to-eat meals and bread to collective shelters for IDPs.

Breaking Barriers in Halbata, Baalbek: A Historic Mission in a Red Zone

WVVL remains a fierce and assertive advocate for people most in need of humanitarian support. In October, that advocacy turned to action as WVVL became the first NGO to gain access to a 'red zone' in Lebanon's northeast region of Baalbek after deep engagement with UNOCHA's access unit. Access allowed WVVL to both deliver lifesaving food supplies and to conduct a rapid assessment that helps the humanitarian community overall understand the immediate- and long-term needs of highly vulnerable, grossly underserved displaced population. Located about 70 kilometers away from the WVVL office in Baalbek-Hermel Governorate, Halbata's community remains trapped in this red zone, unable to leave to seek work. The latest escalation targeting Halbata resulted in its residents seeking refuge in the city's public school; the vast majority lost their homes and livelihoods. This mission, a literal lifeline for those WVVL was able to serve, demonstrates the power of partnership, community engagement, and a steadfast commitment to reaching people most in need.



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.



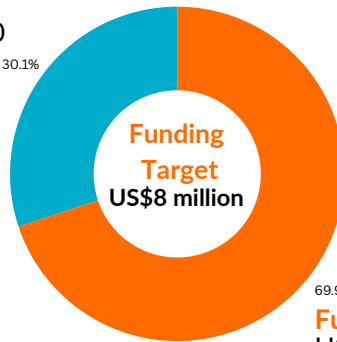
PRIORITISE vulnerable groups, particularly women and children, including investing in child protection programmes, including mental health support for children traumatised by the conflict.

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 critical humanitarian needs on the ground.

Funding Update:

Funding gap
US\$2,400,000

30.1%



69.9%

Funds raised
US\$5,600,000

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