

Emergency Response in LEBANON

Situation Report #8 – 23 September to 5 December 2024

Situation Overview

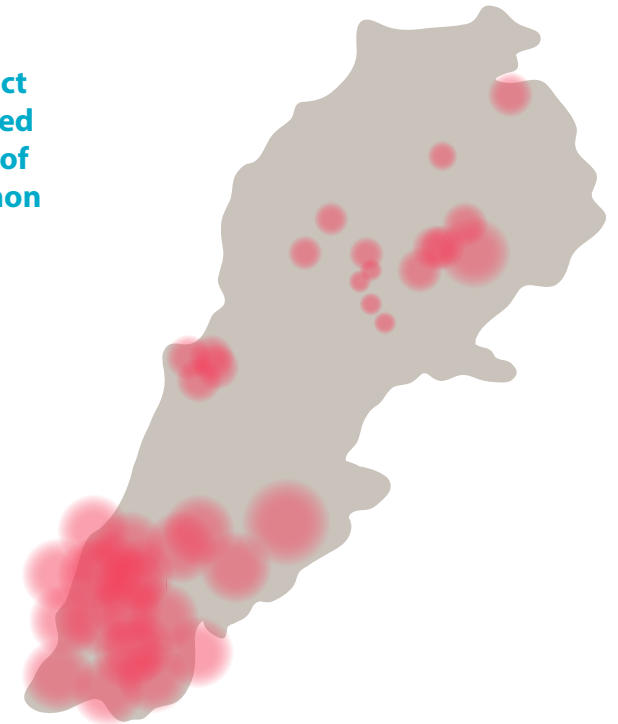
After over two months of intense conflict and nearly a year of escalating hostilities, a ceasefire came into effect on 27 November at 04:00 local time, marking a pivotal moment for Lebanon. The agreement is rooted in implementing UN Resolution 1701 (2006), establishing a 60-day timeline for withdrawing forces from southern Lebanon and deploying Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) along the border.

In the hours preceding the ceasefire, 26 November witnessed devastating airstrikes by the country to the south of Lebanon, causing significant destruction across multiple areas. Beirut was heavily impacted, particularly its central district and southern suburbs, leading to widespread panic. The Bekaa Valley suffered similar devastation, while Saida and the Rashidieh Palestinian refugee camp were targeted for the first time since October. Additionally, airstrikes severed the Aridah crossing between northern Lebanon and Syria, further isolating the country.

Since the ceasefire, many displaced families have begun returning to their communities. However, these returns are fraught with challenges, as many encounter destroyed homes, damaged infrastructure, and limited access to basic services. Others remain unable to return due to safety concerns and access restrictions, particularly in southern Lebanon.

In a significant move, Lebanon's parliament convened for the first time since the escalation, resuming legislative work and scheduling 9 January as the date to elect a new president. This step seeks to address a presidential vacuum that has persisted for over two years.

Conflict affected areas of Lebanon



People Reached

Since 23 September 2024:



253,232 displaced people



429 shelters



50,646 families



88,631 children

Response Updates

Navigating Humanitarian Shifts

The recent ceasefire in Lebanon has reshaped the humanitarian landscape, enabling many displaced families to return to their villages. However, the situation remains fluid as some families face destroyed or inaccessible homes, prompting them to return to shelters. This highlights the complexity of displacement and the need for a flexible and adaptive response.

Addressing Immediate Needs

World Vision Lebanon (WVL) is deeply committed to addressing the evolving needs of displaced families during this transitional period. By conducting regular field assessments and collaborating closely with local authorities and community representatives, WVL ensures that support is targeted, relevant, timely, and



Preliminary data from the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) unit and the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) estimate that 578,641 people have been on the move since the ceasefire. Between 27 and 28 November, IOM reported that 65% of displaced between 8 October and 26 November have returned to their communities. Additionally, 88% of displaced individuals in collective shelters have left these facilities, though 22,214 people remain in 396 collective shelters as of 28 November.

Amid the ceasefire news, the region was shocked by developments in Syria's conflict, which returned to the spotlight as series of surprise attacks were launched on Aleppo, the country's second-largest city. While over 350,000 Syrians had previously returned home, seeking refuge from earlier hostilities, the renewed violence has prompted a reverse movement. Since the ceasefire was announced, 7,000 Syrians have crossed into Lebanon to escape the escalating attacks.

and impactful. The organization's agility, flexibility, ability to pivot and its deep rooted community networks enables it to respond effectively to both immediate and emerging needs.

The team is actively exploring sustainable ways to assist affected communities, aiming to address underlying challenges and support recovery efforts. This includes providing essential resources to displaced families while working with stakeholders to create conditions that facilitate safe and dignified returns.

Ensuring No One is Left Behind

As the humanitarian context evolves, WVL is adapting its interventions to address the rapidly changing dynamics on the ground. WVL continues to exemplify resilience and dedication, ensuring that no family is left behind during this challenging time.

EDG Mission

The recent visit to Lebanon by the Emergency Directors Group (EDG) of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) highlights the pressing humanitarian needs in the aftermath of the ceasefire. The delegation's leaders, including representatives from the UN, World Vision International, UNHCR, and NRC, called for a sustained global response to address the immediate and long-term needs of affected populations across the region.

Following their two-day mission, which began on November 27, the delegation engaged with local communities, humanitarian partners, and government officials to assess the ongoing crisis. Despite the relative safety that now allows many to return to their homes, the challenges remain daunting. As families return to destroyed homes, their needs have only intensified, with women, girls, and refugee populations particularly vulnerable.



The EDG emphasized the urgency of funding the Flash Appeal and the Lebanon Response Plan to ensure aid reaches all those in need. The visit extended beyond Lebanon, with the delegation also assessing regional crises in Egypt and Jordan, alongside the escalating conflict in northern Syria. Their observations underscored the dire global humanitarian landscape, urging international commitment to political solutions to alleviate human suffering.

"The world can ill-afford yet another humanitarian crisis, anywhere. The time for political solutions to these crises is long overdue. The level of human suffering we are witnessing globally is simply unconscionable and just shameful" said Edem Wosornu, Director of Operations and Advocacy at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Since September, World Vision and partners have been distributed:

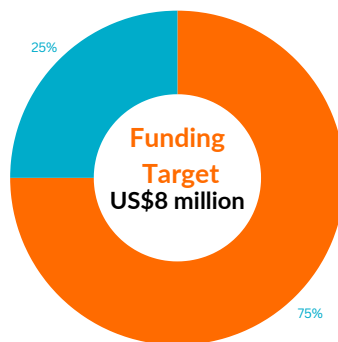
- **2.6 million** hot and cold meals
- **875** Solar lamps/Battery
- **36,746** liters of drinking water
- **113,885** packs of bread
- **73,106** KG of supplies for kitchens



Funding

Funding gap

US\$2,000,000



Funds raised
US\$6,000,000

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