

# Emergency Response in LEBANON

Situation Report #9 – 23 September to 20 December 2024

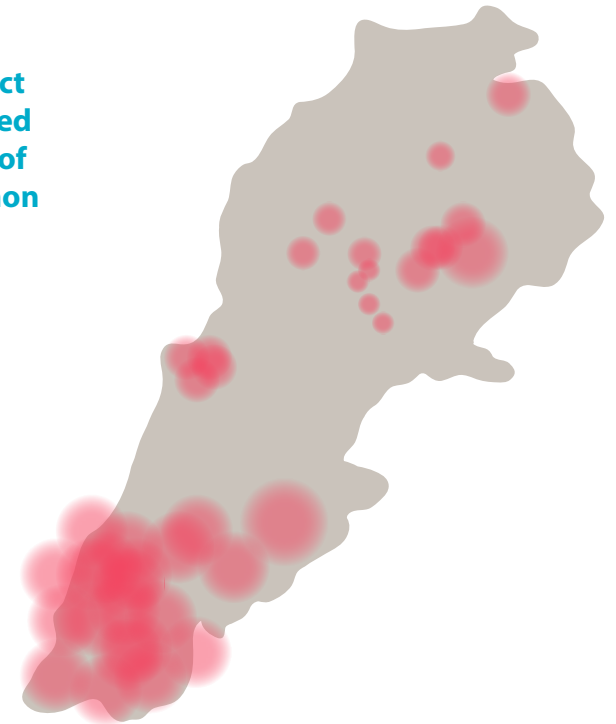
## Situation Overview

The weeks following the cessation of hostilities in Lebanon have focused on assessments of the high humanitarian needs and economic costs. The conflict has caused massive destruction, displacing nearly 1.2 million people, with **179,000 still unable to return home** due to safety concerns, destroyed infrastructure, and limited access to essential services. Though the number of people in formal shelters has dropped to 6,600, the strain on local communities and infrastructure continues to be overwhelming. The hardest-hit areas include Nabatieh and Tyre, where families with young children and elderly members face prolonged displacement are grappling with severe water shortages, unreliable electricity, and damaged facilities.

Rebuilding efforts are hindered by **extensive damages estimated at \$3.4 billion**, according to the Lebanon Interim Damage and Loss Assessment (DaLA). The economic toll has reached \$5.1 billion, driven by losses in housing, agriculture, and commerce. Nearly **100,000 homes have been destroyed or severely damaged**, resulting in \$3.2 billion in housing-related losses. Businesses have suffered immensely, with commerce disruptions totaling \$2 billion due to the displacement of employees and business owners. In the agricultural sector, **destroyed crops and displaced farmers** have led to \$1.2 billion in damages and losses. The economic crisis has deepened further, with real GDP shrinking by 6.6 percent in 2024, exacerbating a 38 percent economic contraction over the past five years.

Amid this crisis, explosive remnants pose a lingering threat, with over 2,300 munitions safely cleared by explosive ordnance disposal teams. Hazardous areas continue to be marked to reduce risks to returning communities.

Conflict affected areas of Lebanon



## People Reached

Since 23 September 2024:



**298,117** displaced people



**599** shelters



**59,623** families



**104,341** children

Despite all efforts, humanitarian needs remain immense. We have identified urgent priorities such as food, education, mental health support, water and sanitation rehabilitation, and targeted assistance for vulnerable populations, including women, children, and persons with disabilities.

The situation has been further complicated by regional instability following the collapse of the government in Damascus. **Thousands of refugees fled to Lebanon in search of safety.** Many sought shelter in Baalbek-Hermel, where mosques and public buildings have become temporary homes. As of yesterday, there were **176 new shelters in Hermel area with 39,321 individuals, mostly Syrian.** Another **52,110 people arriving from Syria are staying outside of shelters,** most of them Lebanese who were living in border towns in Syria or who had fled during the conflict. Meanwhile, Lebanon's government has kept its main border crossings with Syria closed due to recent airstrikes, restricting formal refugee movements.

## Response Updates

### Navigating Humanitarian Shifts

World Vision Lebanon (WVL) is currently responding to both the Lebanon crisis, supporting internally displaced populations and returnees, and the Syria crisis, providing aid to those seeking refuge in the country.

#### Winterization

In response to the harsh winter conditions, efforts are underway to support vulnerable communities affected by the Lebanon and Syria crises. Essential winter supplies, including blankets, heaters, and warm clothing, are being distributed to help families cope with freezing temperatures. Our response also includes weatherproofing shelters to reduce exposure to cold winds and heavy rains.



#### Al Qaa Mission

Al Qaa city currently hosts 700 internally displaced households enduring severe hardships. Reaching the city posed significant challenges due to the deteriorating security situation in Baalbek-Hermel, where damaged infrastructure has made roads difficult to navigate. Despite these obstacles, the mission successfully reached its destination, allowing planned distributions and essential activities to proceed as scheduled.

The response aims to provide critical support, including winter supplies and essential items, to help alleviate some of the burdens these families face during this difficult time.

Since September, World Vision and partners have distributed:

- **2.7 million** hot and cold meals
- **115,410** packs of bread

## Syria Crisis

- **10,713** Pillow
- **11,245** Mattresses
- **7,890** Thermal Blanket/quilt
- **10** Washing Machine
- **3,571** Sleeping mat
- **30** Temporary Showers
- **368** Kitchen Set

Amid the ongoing Syria Crisis, humanitarian response efforts scaled up significantly, reaching 4,490 households, representing 22,698 individuals across 93 shelters. In Baalbeck-El Hermel, the largest share of support was delivered, where 4,130 households (21,015 individuals) residing in 92 shelters received life-saving assistance. The comprehensive distribution included 15,510 hot meals, 15,758 cold meals, 1,262 New Light Ready-to-Eat (RTE) meals, 2,524 halawa packs, and 1,423 sugar packs (1 kg), ensuring that displaced families had access to essential food supplies.

In the Bekaa region, 360 households, representing 1,683 individuals, were supported in one shelter. Families received 1,600 hot meals, 1,683 cold meals, and 360 sugar packs (1 kg), helping meet their immediate nutritional needs and enhancing food security.



## Funding

Funding gap

US\$2,700,000



**Funds raised**  
US\$8,300,000

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