

# Emergency Response in LEBANON

Situation Report #10 – 23 September to 8 January 2025

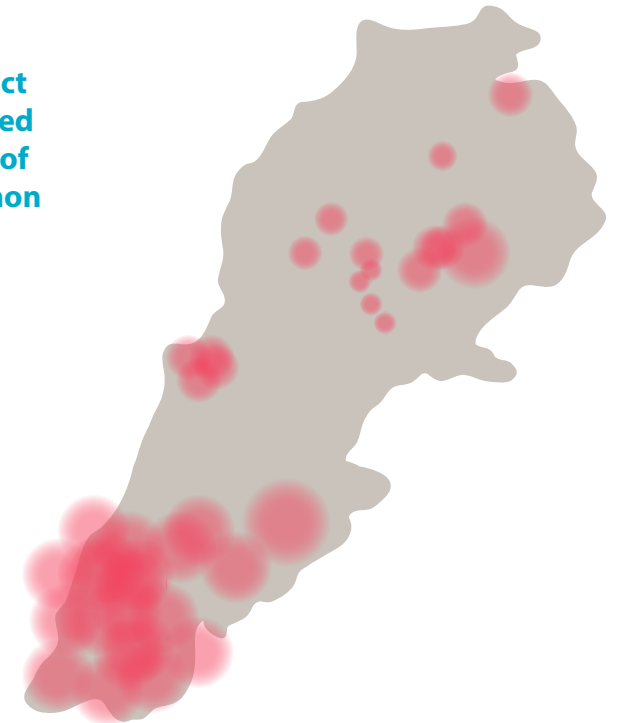
## Situation Overview

Lebanon is grappling with a severe humanitarian crisis following 14 months of escalating violence. Over 4,000 people have been killed, including 290 children and 790 women, while nearly 1.2 million people have been displaced. Despite a 60-day cessation of hostilities, fragile security conditions prevent over 160,900 people from returning home. Many remain in temporary shelters, facing destroyed infrastructure and limited access to basic services. Nearly 100,000 homes have been fully or severely damaged, rendering thousands homeless and exacerbating vulnerabilities among at-risk populations.

The economic toll has been catastrophic. In 2024, Lebanon's GDP contracted by nearly 7%, adding \$5.1 billion in losses to an already critical economic crisis. Essential infrastructure—including water, healthcare, and education has been severely damaged. Over 300 schools have been affected, with 33 completely demolished and many others converted into shelters, disrupting education for millions of children. The destruction of 43 water stations has left nearly half a million people without access to safe drinking water, further compounding the crisis.

Food insecurity has reached critical levels, with nearly half of Syrian refugees and a quarter of Lebanon's population unable to meet basic nutritional needs. Disruptions to agricultural production and supply chains have deepened the challenge for affected families. In the Hermel area of Baalbek Governorate, 90,000 new arrivals from Syria—comprising Lebanese returnees and Syrian refugees—have added significant strain to host communities. Around 36,000 displaced individuals, primarily Syrians, reside in collective shelters, while others are hosted within local communities. This dynamic and fluid situation underscores the ongoing need for adequate shelter and access to essential services.

Conflict affected areas of Lebanon



## People Reached

Since 23 September 2024:



**332,000** displaced people



**657** shelters



**66,400** families



**116,200** children

## Response Updates

### Education

The ongoing conflict has severely disrupted learning, with over 300 schools damaged, many now serving as shelters. To ensure children regain access to education, World Vision is working to restore access to education for affected children by rehabilitating damaged schools and transforming them into safe, inclusive learning environments.

In alignment with sector priorities and the LRP strategy, our current focus is on ensuring safe and inclusive access to the formal education system for children, while also promoting their retention within it. To this end, we are rehabilitating schools affected by conflict to create safe, conducive learning environments. This

initiative targets 5 schools in Akkar and 15 schools in the South, implemented in close coordination with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE).

To address learning disruptions and mitigate the risk of dropout due to poor academic performance, we are launching targeted retention programs aimed at improving academic outcomes and sustaining enrollment. These programs will be delivered in Akkar through our local partner, Hadatha, and directly implemented in the South.

Additionally, to reduce financial barriers to education, we are introducing cash-for-education assistance for children enrolled in public schools. This support will ease the economic burden on families, enhancing access to education and fostering greater learning opportunities.



### Basic Assistance

World Vision is delivering vital support to displaced households and returnees who face severe shortages of winter clothing, bedding, and heating. With markets in conflict-affected areas disrupted, the organisation is providing both cash and in-kind assistance to ensure families can access life-saving essentials.

By adapting its efforts to local market conditions and population movements, World Vision ensures aid reaches the most vulnerable efficiently and effectively. These initiatives are helping families rebuild their lives amidst challenging circumstances, offering hope and dignity in times of crisis.

### Food Security

World Vision is addressing widespread food insecurity, which has been worsened by the conflict and disproportionately affects displaced families and agricultural communities. The organisation is distributing food parcels and providing cash-based assistance in areas where markets remain operational.

In parallel, World Vision is supporting agricultural households with tools and resources to restart local food production, fostering long-term food security. These efforts aim to provide nutritious food and restore livelihoods, alleviating the devastating impact of the crisis on vulnerable populations.

## Support to Syrian Refugees

Until today we were able to distribute:

- **10,713** Pillows
- **11,245** Mattresses
- **12,214** Blankets
- **115,410** Packs of Bread
- **1,128,032** Cold Meals
- **2,288,284** Hot Meals

World Vision, as a frontliner in supporting new arrivals, is addressing the pressing challenges faced by Syrian refugees in Lebanon, focusing on their immediate needs and fostering long-term resilience. As displacement patterns remain fluid and refugee numbers grow, the organization is implementing targeted interventions to support both Syrian refugees and host communities.

Key achievements include:

- **28,618** meals distributed, including **16,632** cold meals and **16,638** hot meals
- Reached **92** shelters, supporting **3,500** households and **16,932** individuals

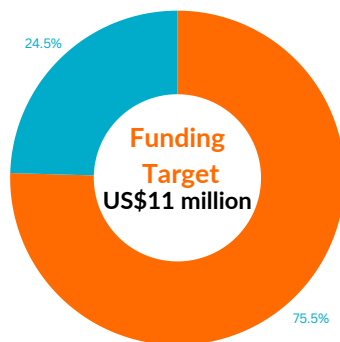
Through these efforts, World Vision is helping vulnerable families access essential resources, rebuild their lives, and strengthen their resilience in the face of ongoing adversity.



## Funding

Funding gap

US\$2,700,000



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

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