

Situation Report #12 – 3 March 2025

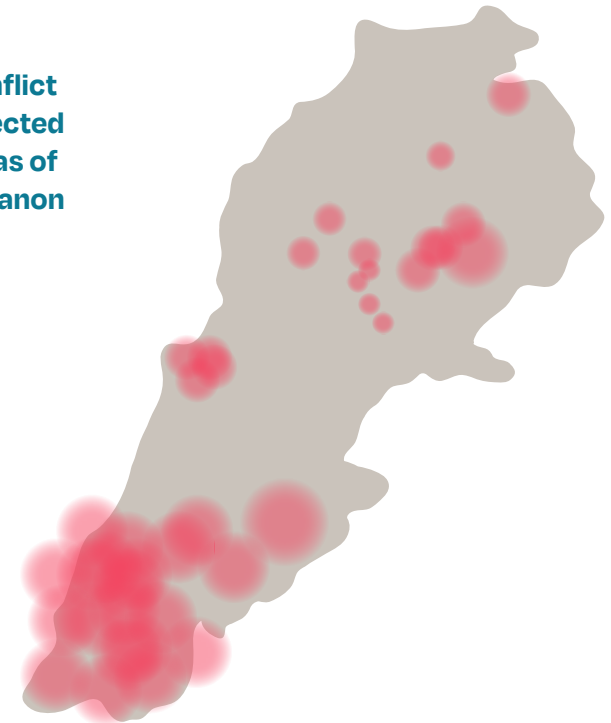
Situation Overview

Following the second deadline for the cessation of hostilities on 18 February 2025, the country to the south of Lebanon withdrew from population centres in southern Lebanon while maintaining a military presence in five strategic locations along the Blue Line. Despite these developments, military tensions persisted, with reports of demolitions and shelling in border villages before and after the withdrawal, resulting in civilian casualties, raising the total number to 4,200 civilian deaths since the escalation. Meanwhile, protests erupted in Beirut, Bekaa, and Mount Lebanon between 14 and 16 February over internal political disputes, further heightening instability in the country.

Humanitarian conditions remain critical, with 98,994 people still displaced outside their district of origin, while 950,652 have returned home despite extensive damage to infrastructure and limited access to essential services. Entire neighbourhoods, particularly in border villages, have been left in ruins due to sustained bombardments, with water networks, electricity grids, and medical facilities heavily damaged or rendered inoperable. Schools and hospitals have suffered significant destruction, depriving communities of essential healthcare and education services. Additionally, roads and bridges in affected areas remain impassable, further obstructing aid delivery and recovery efforts.

Lebanon is also facing an increasing humanitarian burden due to the arrival of 89,400 people from Syria into Baalbek Governorate, including 20,000 returning Lebanese, further straining already overstretched resources. With fluctuating displacement trends and ongoing security challenges, the country remains in a fragile state, requiring sustained international support to stabilise affected communities, rehabilitate vital infrastructure, and ensure access to essential services for those in need.

Conflict
affected
areas of
Lebanon



People Reached

since 23 September 2024



352,377 displaced people



70,475 families



622 shelters



123,332 children

Response Updates

Education

Across Lebanon, efforts are underway to ensure children have access to safe, supportive, and inclusive education. World Vision Lebanon and partners are working to rehabilitate schools, creating safe and protective learning environments where children can thrive. Ten schools have already been identified for minor renovations, with assessments completed and plans in place to start improvements soon. This work is essential in helping students return to classrooms that are safe, welcoming, and conducive to learning.

Beyond infrastructure, ensuring children stay in school and catch up on lost learning is a priority. Retention programmes have been launched, providing both online and in-person support for children at risk of dropping out due to academic challenges.

More than 1,000 children will soon begin online retention classes, while hundreds more are receiving face-to-face learning support in their communities. Back-to-school campaigns have also successfully encouraged families to enrol their children, ensuring they don't miss out on education. In addition, child-friendly spaces have been set up in two centres, offering children a safe place to learn, play, and regain a sense of normality. Plans are also in motion to teach children about safety risks through special awareness sessions. These collective efforts aim to give every child, no matter their background, the chance to learn and build a brighter future.



Food Security

Efforts are being made to support vulnerable families and displaced individuals with essential relief and winter assistance. To help families cope with harsh conditions, core relief items such as mattresses, blankets, and other necessities are being distributed. In addition, in-kind winterisation support, including thermal blankets and carpets, is being provided to those living in areas above 500 metres, ensuring they have the necessary protection against the cold. To further assist during the winter months, cash support is being given to vulnerable households, allowing them to meet their specific needs and stay warm.

Food security remains a priority, particularly for displaced individuals without access to cooking facilities. Hot meals are being provided to those staying in collective shelters, ensuring they receive daily nourishment. For those in need of immediate food assistance, ready-to-eat parcels are distributed, tailored to meet diverse dietary requirements. Additionally, community kitchens are being supported with fresh and dry ingredients to prepare nutritious and diverse meals, helping to sustain displaced families and vulnerable communities with dignified and adequate food assistance.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

In response to the urgent WASH needs of conflict-affected communities, efforts are underway to restore damaged water points and networks. A thorough assessment will guide the rehabilitation of water supply systems, ensuring families regain access to safe and sustainable water. This includes repairing water sources, distribution systems, and household connections, helping communities rebuild essential services and reduce reliance on unsafe alternatives. By working closely with local authorities, these efforts aim to restore public water access and support long-term water security.

To further ease the burden on vulnerable households, water storage tanks will be distributed in Bekaa and Baalbeck-Hermel, ensuring families have a reliable water supply even during disruptions. Additionally, hygiene kits are being provided to returnees and host communities in multiple regions, offering essential items to maintain health and prevent the spread of disease. Families in need will also receive financial assistance to purchase water, hygiene materials, or make small repairs to their household water systems. For three months, this support will help households maintain basic hygiene and sanitation, offering relief in difficult times and allowing families to focus on rebuilding their lives.

Supporting Syrian Refugees

Since September 23, 2024, we have distributed:

- **82,078** KG of kitchen supplies
- **4,970** Food Parcels
- **8,997** Family hygiene kit
- **117,264** Packs of Bread
- **1,128,032** Cold Meals
- **2,288,284** Hot Meals

World Vision 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 organisation is implementing targeted interventions to support both Syrian refugees and host communities.

Key achievements include:

- **1,094,031** cold meals and **1,080,335** hot meals distributed
- Reached **234** shelters, supporting **12,234** households and **61,172** individuals

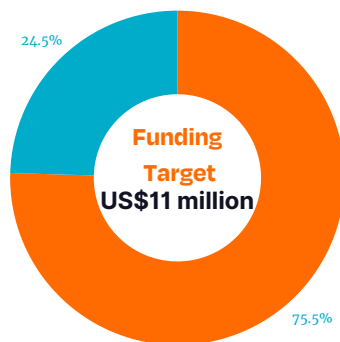
World Vision is helping vulnerable families access essential resources, rebuild their lives, and strengthen their resilience in the face of ongoing adversity.



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Funds raised
US\$8,300,000

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