

Syria Crisis Bi-Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report

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Reporting Period: 21 December-11 January

LEBANON

Highlights

- Severe weather across Lebanon is causing unprecedented damage to settlements and infrastructure, with heavy rain and snow causing dire consequences for refugees.
- An additional 1,650 students have been enrolled in schools, bringing the cumulative total to 8,942 students to date. Basic education materials have been distributed to 151 schools, benefitting 30,155 Lebanese and Syrian students.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

Registered Refugee Population (Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 10 Jan 2013)			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	137,620	66,058	71,562
Children Affected (Under 18)	71,562	35,781	35,781
Children 0-4 Years	27,524	13,762	13,762
Children 5-11 Years	27,524	13,762	13,762
Children 12-17 Years	16,514	8,257	8,257
18 – 59 Years	60,553	27,524	33,029
60+ Years	5,505	2,752	2,752

* An additional 56,390 Syrians have been in contact with UNHCR to be registered, bringing the total number of Syrians to 194,010.

Severe weather struck the country this week, affecting Syrian refugees sheltered in the mountain region of Bekaa. Heavy rains and snowfall have flooded some settlements, and a number of refugee families were forced to seek shelter elsewhere. Reports on 9 January indicate that snow is continuing to fall, with most UNICEF partners facing increased access challenges as a result. In spite of these conditions, UNICEF is assessing the situation of refugee settlements in Zahle, in coordination with UNHCR. A planned mission to the municipality of Baalbek has been suspended due to the weather, and the Government has halted heavy road movement over the mountain pass, leaving queues of trucks parked along the main roads to Bekaa.

Programme response

WASH: The total cumulative figure for water tanks distributed remains at 1,000, covering 6,879 people. Water voucher distribution has increased by 501 vouchers – 307 in Saadnayel and 194 in Talabaya – bringing the total to 3,421, which covers 4,688 beneficiaries.

The severity of the current weather events has several implications from a WASH perspective, including inundation of settlements and shelters. It is anticipated that the urgent response requirements will increase challenges in the coming weeks whilst available resources in the field are diverted to respond to immediate needs resulting from the storm. ACF is however providing immediate assistance to worst affected locations with de-watering activities. The challenge is however significant as de-watering is difficult in farmland settlements as the ground is saturated leaving nowhere for floodwater to drain to. UNICEF will look to respond with Medair in order to assist ACF in their response.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water	105,000*	14,370	13.6%
Comments/Background			
*Adjusted target			

Child Protection: To date, 10,318 children have accessed UNICEF-supported psychosocial services, an increase of 1,939 from a month ago. UNICEF expects the total number of children reached is higher as more partners are active and will be providing additional reports. An inter-agency needs assessment for child protection is scheduled to start in the Bekaa Valley next week, with technical support provided by the Global Working Group Rapid Response Team. Training of assessors will start on 14 January. The assessment will also extend to the north, Beirut, and the south during the remainder of January and early February. During the reporting period, 24 field staff were trained in case management in Qobayat and Tripoli. Training in Bekaa has been postponed due to severe weather; it is now scheduled for 22-25 January.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with access to psychosocial support services	74,000	10,318	14%	89,500*	N/A	N/A
Comments/Background : N/A						

Education: With partner Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre, an additional 1,650 students have been enrolled since the last report, bringing the total to 8,942 students to date. These children have received the full Back-to-School Package, which includes school bags, school uniforms, educational materials, and parent committee fees that all students need to contribute for the running costs of public schools. Basic education materials have been distributed to 151 schools, benefitting 30,155 Lebanese and Syrian students. Enrolment in public schools will continue up until the 15 January deadline. UNICEF will assist school-aged children arriving from Syria after this date through remedial classes and accelerated learning programmes, as well as through psychosocial support.

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) has provided UNICEF with a list of 200 schools identified as having the highest number of refugee students (both UNHCR registered and non-registered). UNICEF will target these schools with remedial classes, teacher training and major infrastructural rehabilitation.

With the arrival of winter, fuel for heating schools has become a priority. It is intended that UNICEF will provide 2000L per school to around 100 of the 200 target schools by early next week. The schools are mostly in the Bekaa Valley, north (Akkar), and Mount Lebanon (the mountain region).

Stigmatisation of Syrian children in schools has also at times been reported, and in response the MEHE will reinforce the existing directives against violence in schools, and the Education Working Group will form a task force to address the issue. UNICEF is working closely with the MEHE to build the Ministry's coordination capacity for education in emergencies, in order to enable it to play more of a leading role in the sector working group.

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	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	49,950	8,942	17.9%	100,000	N/A	N/A
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	32,720	2,050	6.3%	70,560	N/A	N/A
Children and adolescents benefitting from non-formal and informal educational services	32,720	2,050	6.3%	70,560	N/A	N/A
Comments/Background : N/A						

**Health:
Immunisation**

Action plans for the implementation of the Enhanced Immunization Activity (EIA) initiative have been received from ten Qadas, compiled and completed by the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH). The

budget for the implementation is being finalised, and an agreement will be signed with the NGO Beyond to oversee logistics, social mobilisation, and monitoring.

Training and orientation sessions have been completed for Qada physicians and heads of health facilities in all municipalities. The vaccines, immunisation materials, and required cold chain systems have arrived and are stored in the MoPH's warehouse.

Other health issues

Due to increasing reports of cases of scabies and lice among children, UNICEF is coordinating with MoPH to develop a strategy to control these health problems, through a health education and hygiene promotion programme, as well as adapted medical treatment protocols. Emergency health kits and essential life-saving drugs procured for winterisation have begun to arrive. These supplies focus mainly on medicines to treat the expected increase of acute respiratory infections and diarrhoeal diseases, as well the expected increase of emergency obstetric problems faced by pregnant women. These supplies are expected to benefit 60,000 women and children.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
# of children (boys and girls) vaccinated against measles	74,000	*	N/A
Comments/Background * Activity not yet started.			

Nutrition: Following the influx of displaced Syrians into the south of Lebanon, UNICEF partner International Orthodox Christian Charities will implement another workshop on infant and young child feeding in emergencies. This workshop will encourage appropriate infant and young child feeding, as well as cautioning about unnecessary and potentially harmful donations and use of breast-milk substitutes. In response to the anticipated deterioration of the nutritional status of children under 5, anthropometric equipment has been ordered, some of which has arrived in the country. This equipment is intended for setting up a monitoring system in 35 primary health care centres to screen all children under the age of 5 for malnutrition, and to facilitate referring them for appropriate management.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships

It is estimated that the number of Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Lebanon has exceeded 17,000, with most located in camps in Siade. In addition to the hygiene kits mentioned above, UNICEF will provide UNRWA with 4,000 winter clothing kits next week. Regarding support that UNICEF will provide to Palestinian children from Syria, it was discussed with UNRWA that UNICEF will support school enrolment (through the provision of bags, uniforms, stationery, books and school fees), as well as recreation kits, early childhood development kits, and School-in-a-Box.

Supply and Logistics

General distribution

The distribution of education supplies under the Back to School (BTS) operation is still on-going. Distribution of School-in-a-Box and recreation kits took place in Nabathie, in the south, reaching 1,480 children. Additionally, 117 kits containing stationery and textbooks were distributed in the north, Bekaa, and south, reaching 4,680 Syrian children. In response to the sudden influx of Palestinians refugees from Syria, UNICEF has released baby kits for 1,000 babies, and adult hygiene kits benefitting 4,000 adults, to UNRWA.

Winterisation

Funding has been transferred to five partners to allow the distribution of vouchers, which can be used by families to purchase winter supplies, and to set up the logistics for distribution of the winter clothing kits. In total, UNICEF aims to reach 33,000 children with non-food items related to winter. Some 11,000 winter clothing kits are currently being packed in the UNICEF warehouse, and the first batch of 2,000 will be released during the week. An additional 4,000 kits are in the pipeline. In addition, 9,000 plastic sheets (4x5 metres) and 10,000 blankets are being distributed to partners; the distribution is expected to be complete next week, depending on weather conditions.

Funding

<i>Funding Status</i>		Child Protection	Education	Health & Nutrition	WASH	NFIs	Safety & Security	Ops Mgmt.	*Being Allocated	Total
<i>In millions of US Dollars</i>										
Syria	Required	8.82	20.05	15.88	22.50		1.19			68.44
	Funded	-	1.50	-	4.24	-	0.20		-	5.94
Jordan	Required	11.19	17.76	3.69	24.35					57.00
	Funded	0.06	0.00	0.00	2.64				0.20	2.91**
Lebanon	Required	7.77	13.83	1.06	10.81	1.72				35.19
	Funded	2.12	7.46	0.00	1.08	0.20			0.00	10.86
Iraq	Required	1.45	2.41	1.45	9.30			5.40		20.00
	Funded	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.59			0.00	1.36	1.96
Turkey	Required	6.00	6.50							12.50
	Funded	0.14	0.00							0.14
Egypt	Required	0.26	0.35	0.09						0.70
	Funded									0.00
MENA	Required									2.00
RO	Funded								3.37	3.37
Total	Required	35.49	60.90	22.17	66.96	1.72	1.19	5.40		195.83
	Funded	2.32	8.96	0.00	8.56	0.20	0.20	0.00	4.93	25.18
	Gap	33.17	51.94	22.17	58.40	1.52	0.99	5.40		170.65

*Being allocated refers to funds recently received and in the process of being allocated within the Country Office or across the sub region by the Regional Office

**..In addition to the funding reflected, the Jordan CO is currently under-going a roll-over exercise and will be re-phasing part of the KfW contribution of US\$32.5 million and EC contribution of \$12.6 million for use in 2013.

Next Situation Report: **18 January 2013. For further information, please contact:**

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