



Lebanon IDP Crisis

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Lutheran World Relief Response Efforts

LWR initiated emergency response interventions in partnership with four local implementing partners: Caritas Lebanon (CL), Michel Daher Social Foundation (MDSF), Makhzoumi Foundation (MF), and Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA), with three areas of focus: **WASH, MHPSS, Food Security and NFIs**. In collaboration with Caritas Lebanon, **LWR will be supporting 42,000 IDPs** across the country through the distribution of 4 containers of material resources including quilts, personal care kits, school kits, baby kits and fabric kits. The WASH component aims to improve hygiene and sanitation conditions for **500 Lebanese (IDPs)** in five school/shelter settings in **Zahle-Bekaa Area**. This includes providing access to personal hygiene items and clean water through installing showers (**two** showers per school, totaling ten) and gas refilling over three weeks. To mitigate waterborne diseases, three out of the five schools (serving **300 IDPs**) will benefit from water purifiers. Additionally, MHPSS sessions will be conducted to help build resilience among IDPs, reducing trauma and stress, with participants segregated as follows: 160 women, 160 men, and 180 children. Two environmental awareness days will also be held to help reduce the environmental impact of displacement. In the **northern Beirut and Mount Lebanon governorates**, a total of **160 IDPs** will receive shelter and hygiene kits, while **100 IDPs** will benefit from menstrual pads and packages. Additionally, **150 IDPs** will receive food packages, and **25 households** (totaling **125 IDPs**) will be provided with fuel for heating. LWR will focus on food security in the **Saida and Jezzine areas**, providing hot meals for **500 IDPs** over ten days.

Situation Overview

The humanitarian crisis in Lebanon continues to deteriorate as more than 1.2 million people have been displaced internally since the conflict escalated in early October. The situation has been particularly critical in Nabatieh, Bekaa, Saida, and Beirut's suburbs, where bombardments have devastated infrastructure and livelihoods. On 16 October, an airstrike in Nabatieh killed 16 people, including local officials coordinating relief efforts, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis. Displaced communities are now struggling with a cholera outbreak in Akkar, raising urgent concerns about disease containment in overcrowded shelters. Public infrastructure is under severe pressure, with schools serving as shelters and hospitals struggling to function amidst staff shortages. Nearly half of Lebanon's primary health centers have closed due to insecurity, further limiting access to health care.

Key figures

- **Displacement:** **1,200,000** Lebanese and Non-Lebanese internally displaced ([Lebanese PM](#)); More than **410,000** have fled to Syria (70% Syrian, 30% Lebanese) ([Lebanese Government](#))
- **Casualties:** 2,412 dead and 11,285 wounded ([MoPH](#))
- **Health Effects:** **First cholera case** confirmed on 16 October 2024 in Akkar ([MoPH-WHO](#)); **45 attacks on health care** facilities resulted in 95 health workers killed and disrupted services ([UN-Lebanon](#))

Priority Needs and Gaps by Sector

1. **Health care:** Critical shortages of medical supplies and personnel persist, with many regions cut off from health care services due to insecurity. Emergency medical kits and mobile health units are



urgently needed to address health care gaps in remote areas. Funding Gap:

Only 12.5% of the \$40 million required for the health sector response has been raised so far.

2. **Shelter and WASH:** Overcrowding in shelters continues to worsen, with limited water and sanitation services increasing the risk of waterborne diseases like cholera. Damaged water infrastructure has affected over 360,000 people, while fuel shortages limit the operation of water treatment facilities. Urgent need for hygiene kits and WASH infrastructure upgrades in both collective and informal shelters. Furthermore, LWR's assessment in the Bekaa valley with MDSF showed that 87% of shelters currently have shower facilities. However, several shelters (13%) reported that installation is pending. The total number of available shower units across all shelters is 26, averaging around 2-3 units per shelter. Given that some shelters are hosting over 200 individuals, this number is inadequate to maintain hygiene standards, with some shelters reporting as few as 1 unit for over 100 people. Additionally, only five shelters (33%) have a water purification system in place, and it is reported to be insufficient to meet demand. The remaining 67% of shelters lack any form of water purification. This significant gap highlights a need for immediate intervention to ensure access to clean drinking water across all shelters.
3. **Waste Management:** LWR indicates that 80% of the shelters lack adequate garbage bins. This deficiency contributes to severe waste accumulation, reported daily or weekly in all shelters (100%). To manage waste effectively, an estimated 6 bins per shelter 15 are needed across these shelters. All shelters (100%) report waste accumulation issues, with 60% noticing accumulation daily. While 80% of shelter focal points express some familiarity with sorting waste at the source, only 20% feel "very confident" in their waste sorting abilities. Environmental awareness sessions have been requested, indicating a strong desire among IDPs and staff to improve waste management practices.
4. **Food Security:** Food security is a critical concern as supply chains are disrupted. Emergency food parcels and cash assistance are essential to support both sheltered and unsheltered IDPs.

In the News

- Rima Korjeh on **BBC World** (segment at 8:29) [Humanitarian Crisis in Southern Lebanon](#)
- Ali Hijazi, LWR Country Director on Al Jazeera, [IDPs Take Shelter in Beirut's Parks and Streets as Lebanon's Humanitarian Crisis Deepens | Corus International](#)

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Photos

LWR and partners distribute warm meals to IDPs in Saida

