

WFP LEBANON EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Situation Report 2

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WFP in Lebanon has launched a hot meal operation to provide food to displaced families in Lebanon. WFP/Mustapha Ghabris

HIGHLIGHTS

- As the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah intensified during the past week, the number of affected people exceeded 1 million, with additional displacement and double the number of people residing in shelters. In response, **WFP scaled-up its food and cash assistance to Lebanese to an additional 85,000 people** from last week, **now reaching a total of 140,000 people** with food and cash assistance.
- WFP continues to also provide **critical logistical and support services** to the broader humanitarian community, leveraging its logistics expertise in close coordination with the Government of Lebanon.
- UN agencies and the Government of Lebanon launched a US\$ 426 million **emergency appeal** for urgent assistance to reach hundreds of thousands displaced people, of which **US\$ 116 million** are allocated for WFP's food assistance response including Logistics, UNHAS and Emergency Telecommunications Cluster requirements.

IN NUMBERS



93,000 received food assistance

45,700 received cash assistance

since 23 September



1.2 million people

Affected by the conflict



US\$ 105 million

needed for WFP's food response until the end of 2024

Distributed Food and Cash Assistance

since 23 September



14,000 Light Ready-to-Eat (RTE) meals

including **54,000** Bread Packs

2,200 Food Parcels



262,000 Hot and Cold Meals



US\$ 1.13 million in cash transfers

SITUATION UPDATE

- The escalation in hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah since 23 September 2024 have intensified following the assassination of Hezbollah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah and Israel's ground operation in South Lebanon. The country is experiencing its deadliest period of conflict, with over 1,200 deaths reported in just the last ten days.
- Israeli airstrikes across Lebanon have **affected around 1.2 million people**, resulting in a mass displacement of 540,000 individuals **as per IOM DTM**. Essential infrastructure has been severely damaged, with 4,000 buildings destroyed and 20,000 damaged since October 2023. Schools serving as shelters have delayed the school year, leaving children already affected by previous crises, without access to education.
- Many displaced have fled multiple times, and now lack essential items and access to food and shelter, while host communities and centres are also strained. To date, **162,000 people are newly displaced across 800 shelters**, adding to the 100,000 already displaced since October 2023.
- Refugees face worsening conditions due to limited access to shelter and services. **Some 280,000 people have departed Lebanon with an estimated 185,000 crossing into Syria as per UNHCR** in the past ten days, of which 70 percent are Syrians and 30 percent Lebanese.
- Rising local market prices** are expected to drive up the running cost of hot meal production, leading to increased resource requirements. WFP is working closely with partners to combine efforts and ensure all needs are met.

WFP OPERATIONS



WFP Response

- Since 23 September, WFP, through its cooperating partners, has provided **food assistance to 93,000 individuals** in 360 shelters and secondary residences across Lebanon. Additionally, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs, **emergency cash assistance** was distributed to **45,700 affected Lebanese**, primarily residing in the seven most impacted districts in southern Lebanon.
- Between 27 September and 03 October, WFP activated two additional kitchens **doubling its food meals assistance** compared to last week. Since 23 September, WFP distributed 262,000 hot and cold meals, 14,000 light Ready-to-Eat (RTEs) rations, 2,200 food parcels and 54,000 packs of bread.
- Additionally, WFP distributed **food parcels to an Organisation of Persons with Disabilities (OPD)** hosting people with disabilities.



Supply Chain

- Due to the **shortage of trucks and drivers willing to operate in conflict zones**, WFP is contracting a dedicated fleet to ensure the availability of trucks and drivers to support emergency transport and response effectively.
- **WFP has dispatched** 12,700 light Ready-to-Eat (RTE) rations, 3,900 regular RTEs, and 60,000 bread packs to over 160 shelters across Lebanon, since 23 September. **More than 42 trucks have been deployed** to the North, Bekaa, and South Lebanon to transport bread, light RTEs, and regular RTEs.
- **WFP has a stock** of nearly 118,800 in-kind food parcels, enough to feed 240,800 people for one

five days and 44,900 regular RTEs enough to feed 224,500 people for 15 days.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES



Food Security Sector

- The Food Security and Agriculture Sector (FSAS) scaled-up its response, but the rising number of displaced people has **pushed operations to peak capacity**. Without additional funding, **resources could run out in two to three weeks**. Partners are considering to repurpose existing resources to address newly arising and urgent needs, however this may put at risk existing activities and those assisted through them.
- Since 23 September, **the FSAS partners**, including WFP, distributed a total of 510,000 hot and cold meals, 122,000 Ready-To-Eat (RTE) rations and 9,200 food parcels to displaced people residing in shelters.

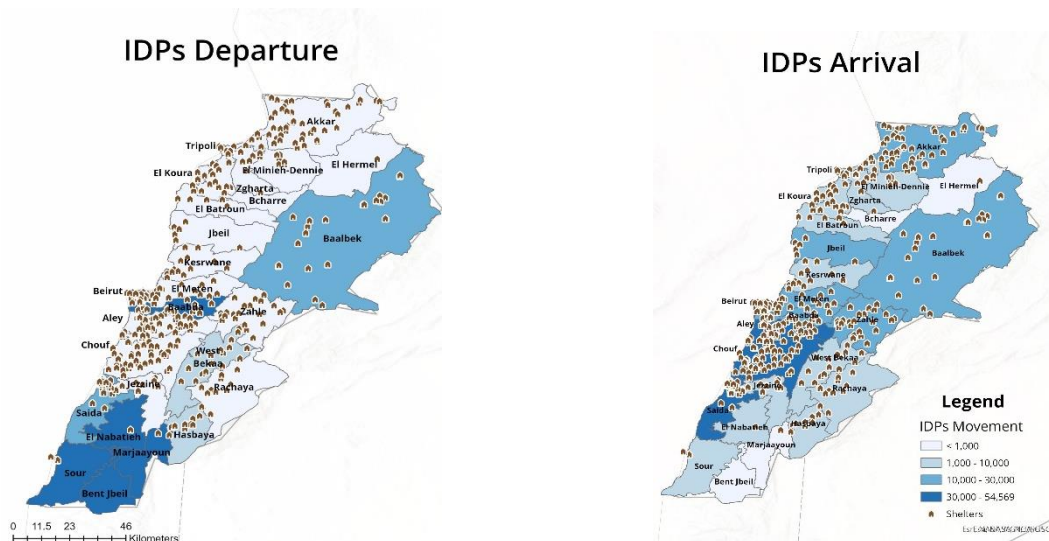


Logistics Cluster

- Some truck drivers remain reluctant to enter certain areas in the South without an escort due to ongoing liability concerns. To address this, **deconfliction coordination is being strengthened**, and the Humanitarian Notification System is currently being piloted and will be activated for one convoy delivering humanitarian assistance to the South this week.

ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- In the past week, WFP closely monitored 15 distribution sites supporting shelters for displaced people with RTE rations and hot meals. **The distribution processes ran smoothly**, with no packaging issues reported. To enhance the efficiency of emergency distributions, WFP offered on-site guidance and support to cooperating partners.



month. In addition, WFP has 2,400 light Ready-to-Eat (RTEs) rations covering the needs of 12,000 people for