

WFP LEBANON EMERGENCY RESPONSE

External Situation Report 8

14 November 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- Alongside ongoing programmes, WFP scaled up its emergency response, **expanding food assistance to affected people outside shelters**, reaching **488,200 people** with food and/or cash assistance across shelters and communities, since the escalation of hostilities on 23 September 2024.
- From 8 to 14 November, WFP, leading the Logistics Cluster, facilitated **three interagency convoys for seven organisations**, delivering vital humanitarian aid to **7,400 affected people** in the South and Baalbek. To date, WFP has conducted a total of **12 convoys** delivering WFP's Ready-To-Eat (RTE) rations and bread to **62,200 affected people** in hard-to-reach areas and shelters.
- With rising needs outpacing available resources, and winter conditions adding further challenges, **WFP urgently requires US\$ 109 million by the end of the year** to sustain emergency operations. This funding is critical to support not only displaced individuals in shelters but also to expand assistance to a growing figure of over 1 million affected people.

IN NUMBERS



1.5 million people affected by the conflict

642,000 conflict-affected people assisted since January 2024



Needs resourced Need-based requirement

US\$ 7 M

US\$ 109 M

October-December 2024

*The beneficiaries' figures are to be confirmed once November 2024 reporting is completed by partners. The total beneficiaries figure accounts for the overlap between people receiving cash and food assistance.

**The figures of the regular programmes do not include the emergency response figures.

Emergency Response

Since 23 September 2024*

488,200 assisted people



3.4 M cooked meals transferred
US\$ 7 M cash
993 mt of food baskets

Regular Programmes

October 2024**

760,000 assisted people



1,000 mt of food baskets transferred
US\$ 10 M cash

Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN)

October 2024

793,000 assisted people



US\$ 19 M transferred cash

SITUATION UPDATE

- Lebanon's food insecurity is set to worsen** amid ongoing hostilities, further straining infrastructure, displacing communities, and deepening the effects of the economic crisis. The disruption of trade and agricultural production forced numerous small businesses to close, leading to rising unemployment potentially impacting up to 1.2 million workers, as per UNDP.
- Israel has intensified its military operations**, further straining Lebanon's fragile situation, resulting in 3,400 deaths, including more than 200 children, and 14,400 injuries since October 2023, according to the Ministry of Public Health.
- Since 23 September, the Israeli forces have issued displacement orders for more than 160 villages and over 150 buildings in conflict-affected regions of Lebanon. People are forced to flee their homes, impacting almost **1.5 million people**, out of whom **881,400 are classified as internally displaced persons (IDPs)**, as of 13 November ([as per IOM](#)).
- Israeli strikes near Lebanon's eastern border with Syria have closed almost all official border crossings between the two countries, **limiting people fleeing to Syria to one operational route**, in North Lebanon. As per the Lebanese General Security, **585,300 people have crossed into Syria** since 23 September (65 percent Syrians and 35 percent Lebanese). Additionally, **almost 35,000 Lebanese arrived in Iraq** between 27 September and 13 November 2024, according to UNHCR.
- To date, **188,000 IDPs are in 1,167 shelters**, of which 84 percent have reached maximum capacity. Other IDPs are either with their families or have crossed to Syria and Iraq. However, many, especially **non-Lebanese, face significant barriers to securing shelter** and urgently need adequate accommodation and essential items to stay warm and safe **as winter approaches**.

WFP OPERATIONS

WFP Response

- In 2024, WFP, in collaboration with the Government of Lebanon and its partners, reached **642,000 people affected by the conflict** with food and/or cash assistance, including **488,200 reached** after the recent escalation on 23 September.
- Between 8 and 14 November 2024, WFP reached 12,000 Lebanese people with emergency cash assistance in five heavily impacted districts in South Lebanon who did not receive their WFP regular entitlement for in-kind food assistance in October due to the ongoing conflict. Moreover, retroactive emergency cash transfers from October were implemented for 11,500 Lebanese affected by the conflict. This brings the total number of affected individuals supported with **cash assistance to 263,000** since 23 September.
- As part of its efforts to **expand support to displaced people outside shelters**, WFP, in partnership with the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) this week reached 1,000 newly displaced households with **mixed food rations** in three villages in Mount Lebanon, supporting 3,500 individuals.
- WFP started **delivering essential hot and cold meals to six UNRWA shelters** in Nahr El Bared, housing a total of 1,400 displaced Palestinian refugees. This support is set to continue over the next two weeks until UNRWA completes the setup of emergency kitchens in these shelters.

Supply Chain

- **WFP has dispatched 2,025 mt of WFP food assistance**, including light RTEs, regular RTEs, food parcels, bulk commodities, and bread packs, deploying more than 300 trucks since 23 September.
- Between 8 and 14 November 2024, **WFP conducted three convoys**, facilitated by the Logistics Cluster. The first involved 10 trucks from UNICEF, UNHCR, and WFP, delivering WFP's food assistance, medical supplies and shelter materials to 3,700 affected people in the frontline village of Rmeich, South Lebanon, marking the second delivery to this area since October 2024. The second convoy, with five trucks from UNICEF, UNHCR and WFP headed to Tebnine in Bent Jbeil district, delivering humanitarian aid to 1,100 affected people across 18 villages. The last convoy for this week consisted of 14 trucks from Solidarités International, Plan International, Order of Malta, UNHCR, UNFPA and WFP, delivering assistance to 2,600 affected people in Ras Baalbek in the Baalbek district.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Cluster

- Since 23 September, Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) partners, including WFP, have supported **displaced people in shelters and outside shelters** by providing **7.3 million hot and cold meals, RTEs, bread and food parcels**. (View more [here](#)).

Logistics Cluster

- In just one month since its activation on 8 October 2024, the Logistics Cluster has made significant strides in supporting Lebanon's humanitarian response, working alongside over **100 partner organizations to deliver essential aid to those in urgent need** (Read more [here](#)).
- **The Cluster currently provides 4,500 m³ of free storage** in Beirut and will soon open a consolidation hub in Zahle. Additionally, **the Cluster facilitates around three convoys per week**, ensuring the steady delivery of humanitarian aid to Lebanon's most affected areas. To date, 504 m³ of storage capacity has been used, primarily for shelter and food security items, and 811 m³ of humanitarian cargo has been successfully dispatched.

ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- This week, WFP conducted **remote monitoring of meal distributions** through calls with shelters' supervisors and partner focal points. Feedback showed that meals were delivered in correct quantities and arrived on time, with 83 percent of sites reporting beneficiary satisfaction. Additionally, 68 percent of focal points noted the presence of vulnerable groups in shelters, mainly children, pregnant women, and the elderly, and 38 percent reported that these groups face challenges, particularly in accessing necessary medication. WFP referred all reported cases to relevant partners and appropriate support channels.

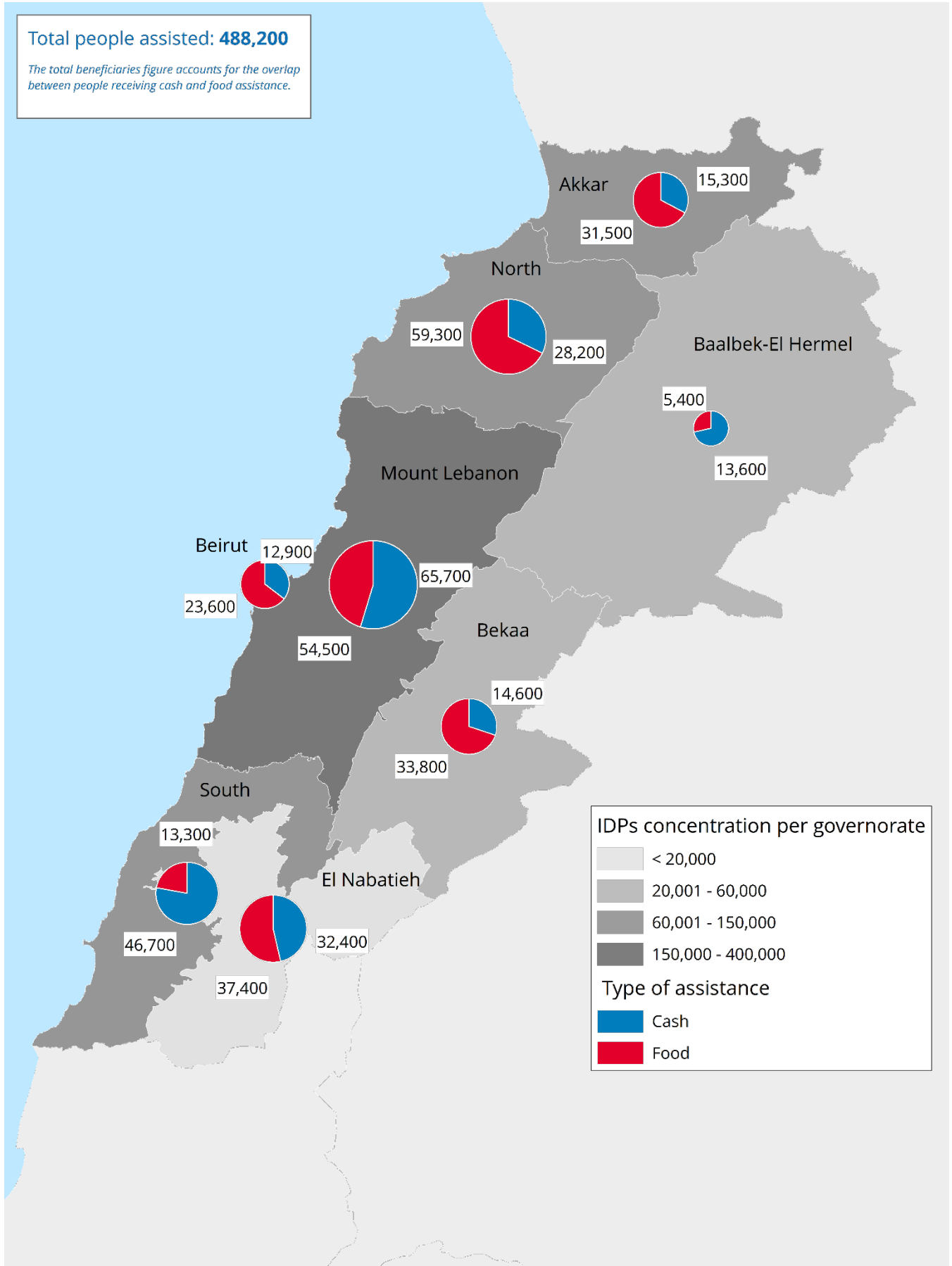
ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED PEOPLE

- Between 8 and 14 November 2024, **the WFP call centre received nearly 2,180 claims**, mostly from displaced people seeking urgent assistance. Sixty-three percent of the callers requested food or cash assistance, 9 percent asked for temporary location changes and 20 percent of the calls were related to programmes. The remaining 8 percent were protection-related calls, **highlighting shelter needs as a critical concern**. Notably, 84 percent of the shelter assistance claims came from Syrian, Palestinian and Sudanese that were referred to designated shelters.
- Additionally, **WFP trained 18 call centre operators at the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA)** on effectively managing and appropriately escalating protection cases, enhancing the quality and sensitivity in handling protection-related calls.

WFP EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | 23 September - 14 November 2024

Total people assisted: **488,200**

The total beneficiaries figure accounts for the overlap between people receiving cash and food assistance.



IDPs concentration per governorate

- < 20,000
- 20,001 - 60,000
- 60,001 - 150,000
- 150,000 - 400,000

Type of assistance

- Cash
- Food