

WFP LEBANON EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Situation Report 5

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Food parcels loaded and dispatched from WFP warehouse to internally displaced people.
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HIGHLIGHTS

- One month into the ongoing escalations, WFP has rapidly responded to the growing needs of the affected people through food and/or cash assistance to **402,000 people across shelters and communities**.
- Building on the Government's Shock Responsive Social Safety Net system and WFP's extensive cash transfer network, WFP provided **emergency cash assistance to over 200,000 individuals**, allowing them to meet their urgent basic needs during these critical times.
- WFP led **two interagency convoys this week**, in collaboration with the logistics cluster UNICEF, UNFPA, and UNHCR. Consisting of 20 trucks, the convoys delivered vital humanitarian assistance to 6,700 individuals affected by the conflict in the South and Baalbek.

IN NUMBERS*



402,000 people
assisted



140 WFP Trucks
Delivered **1,089 mt** of food across



US\$ 116 million
needed until the end of 2024



1.79 million
meals distributed



620 mt
of food distributed



US\$ 6.37 million
Transferred Cash Assistance

**All reported figures are since 23 September.*

SITUATION UPDATE

- The increased hostilities have further strained Lebanon's fragile situation and have resulted in over 2,574 deaths and 12,119 injuries since October 2023. **Internal tensions in Lebanon have escalated** due to competition for assistance among displaced people. This caused rising inter-communal conflict, anti-Syrian sentiment from secondary displacement, and increased insecurity following expanded airstrikes. Misinformation, including false evacuation threats, has fuelled panic, further worsening the situation in host areas.
- Israeli airstrikes have hit several towns across Lebanon, **affecting nearly 1.3 million people** and causing mass displacement of more than 800,000 people [as per IOM](#). The ongoing conflict has severely **impacted the education sector**, displacing about 400,000 public and private school students. Additionally, 77 percent of the public schools are not providing educational services due to either being used as shelters or being in directly affected areas.
- To date, **193,000 displaced people are staying in 1,094 shelters**, while others are staying with their families, or crossing to Syria and Iraq.
- **Refugees face worsening conditions** as they have limited access to basic needs. As per the Lebanese General Security, around **491,000 people have reportedly crossed into Syria** since 23 September (of which 70 percent Syrians and 30 percent Lebanese). Moreover, **almost 16,800 Lebanese arrived in Iraq** between 27 September and 19 October 2024, as reported by UNHCR.

WFP OPERATIONS



WFP Response

- WFP, in collaboration with the Government of Lebanon and its partners, provided food and/or cash assistance to **402,000 people affected by the conflict** since 24 September.

- Building on the Government's Shock Responsive Social Safety Net system and WFP cash transfer network, WFP expanded existing safety nets by providing **emergency cash assistance to 200,700 Lebanese individuals** (52,700 households) affected by the conflict and not covered by WFP regular programmes. Since 23 September, WFP reached almost **240,500 affected individuals with cash assistance**.
- Between 18 and 24 October, WFP provided food assistance, including Ready-to-Eat (RTE) rations and hot and cold meals, to an **additional 24,600 people in shelters and residences in South Lebanon and Bekaa**. This brings the total number of individuals supported with food assistance to 190,200 across shelters, Informal Tented Settlements (ITS), and secondary residences across Lebanon.

Supply Chain

- **WFP has dispatched 1,089 mt of food** including light RTEs, regular RTEs, food parcels, bulk commodities, and bread packs deploying more than 140 trucks since 23 September.
- **WFP facilitated its fourth interagency convoy** of 6 trucks jointly with UNICEF to Baalbeck, delivering WFP's RTEs, bread, and other humanitarian assistance to 1,000 individuals in three shelters.
- **Two WFP shipments carrying 630 mt of light RTEs** from Egypt have been cleared and dispatched from Tripoli and Beirut ports to WFP's warehouses.
- **An additional 53 containers, carrying 652 mt of RTEs** from Egypt, arrived at Beirut port and is under clearance.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

- In collaboration with the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) central unit and the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), all sectors, including the Food Security and Agriculture (FSAC) Cluster, are discussing strategies for a robust **registration process for IDPs living outside of shelters** across the country. The FSAC has initiated discussions with partners to establish an interim process for coordination and implementation until a full registration solution is in place.
- Since 23 September, the FSAC partners, including WFP, supported **260,000 displaced people staying in shelters** by providing **3.5 million hot and cold meals**, Ready-To-Eat (RTE) rations and food parcels. The cluster

also provided cash assistance to 240,500 affected Lebanese (see more [here](#)).

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster is collaborating with responders to **improve the Physical Access Constraints tool**. Partners can now report road and access conditions through the [live mapping tool](#). Additionally, the Lebanon Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) has been integrated for better reporting on infrastructure status.
- **The Cluster is offering free transportation services** to all partners from Beirut to hard-to-reach areas. This week, the Logistics Cluster, led by WFP, coordinated a **convoy of 14 trucks from WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, and UNFPA** to deliver vital humanitarian aid to 5,800 affected people in Hasbaya in South Lebanon.
- **The Logistics Cluster is facilitating convoys through Amman Corridor**. The first convoy of 13 trucks from Amman successfully reached Beirut, delivering essential supplies to UNICEF and UNRWA warehouses. More convoys are planned.

ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- **WFP conducted a rapid market assessment** of a sample of shops across Lebanon during the third week of October 2024, which revealed that 56 percent of shops in the South are operational, with 82 percent in Nabatieh, 69 percent in southern Beirut and 25 percent in Baalbek-El Hermel closed. **Disruptions in the supply of essential food products** significantly decreased in Akkar (from 83 percent to 38 percent) and Baalbek El Hermel (from 64 percent to 47 percent) compared to the second week of October but rose in the Bekaa by 11 points reaching 58 percent. **Stock levels stabilized, though prices continued to rise**, with WFP monitoring showing a 4.5 percent increase in the Food Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket, from US\$ 35.8 during the third week of September to US\$ 37.4 per person by the second week of October.
- **WFP continues its rigorous monitoring of kitchens and IDP centres**, closely overseeing meal preparation and distribution. Findings are being used to improve the challenges faced, particularly those related to food waste. Suggestions for improvement include diversifying menus and increasing protein options. Monitoring outcomes showed no major barriers for vulnerable groups accessing assistance, but **elderly individuals in some shelters faced difficulties with staircases**, indicating a need for improved accessibility.