

WFP LEBANON EMERGENCY RESPONSE

External Situation Report 6

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **As the conflict intensifies and humanitarian needs rise, WFP scaled-up its emergency response, to reach 420,000 people** across shelters and communities since 23 September, in addition to its regular programmes. This brings the total number of people assisted by WFP in October to nearly 2 million, across both regular and emergency programmes.
- **WFP is deeply concerned about the widespread destruction, contamination, and abandonment of farmland in the South and Bekaa regions, which account for more than 60 percent of Lebanon's agricultural production.** The ongoing escalation has already affected nearly a quarter of the population (1.4 million people) and forced over 834,000 people to flee their homes.
- **WFP urgently requires US\$ 110 million by the end of the year to sustain its emergency operations.** This funding is critical to support not only displaced individuals in shelters but also to expand assistance to over 1 million affected

IN NUMBERS*

 **1.4 million** people affected by the conflict

 **420,000** conflict-affected people assisted since 23 September








Needs resourced	Needs-based requirement
US\$ 6 M	US\$ 110 M

Until the end of 2024

The beneficiaries' figures are to be confirmed once October 2024 reporting is completed by partners. The total beneficiaries figure since 23 September accounts for the overlap between people receiving cash and food assistance.

Emergency and Regular Assistance

October 2024

Emergency Response		Regular Programmes		ESSN
				
172,000	201,000	98,000	663,000	793,000
assisted people		assisted people		assisted people
2.2 million	US\$ 6.4 M	1,000 mt	US\$ 10 M	US\$ 19 M
cooked meals	transferred cash	of food baskets	transferred cash	transferred cash
700 mt				
food baskets				

SITUATION UPDATE

- The increased hostilities have further strained Lebanon's fragile situation and have resulted in over 2,710 deaths and 12,592 injuries since October 2023. Israeli airstrikes continue to hit several towns across Lebanon, **affecting one-quarter of the country's population** (nearly 1.4 million people) and resulting in mass displacement of 843,000 people [as per IOM](#).
- The conflict has also severely disrupted trade and agricultural production and forced numerous small businesses to close. According to UNDP, **Lebanon's economy could contract by 9.2 percent by year-end** amid escalating hostilities, with **rising unemployment** potentially affecting up to 1.2 million workers.
- To date, **188,400 displaced people are in 1,130 shelters**, while others are with their families, or have crossed to Syria and Iraq.
- The recent Israeli strikes near Lebanon's eastern border with Syria have closed almost all official border crossings between the two countries. **People fleeing to Syria can now cross through only one operational route**, in North Lebanon. To date, **523,000 people** (according to Lebanese General Security) **have crossed into Syria** since 23 September (68 percent Syrians, 32 percent Lebanese). Additionally, **almost 22,500 Lebanese (UNHCR) arrived in Iraq** between 27 September and 27 October 2024.

WFP OPERATIONS



WFP Response

- WFP, in collaboration with the Government of Lebanon and its partners, provided food and/or cash assistance to **420,000 people affected by the conflict** since 24 September out of whom **352,000 reached in October**.

- In October, WFP reached **172,300 people** with Ready-to-Eat (RTE) rations and hot and cold meals, in shelters, Informal Tented Settlements, and secondary residences across Lebanon. Additionally, WFP expanded safety nets, and reached **200,700 affected Lebanese** with **emergency cash assistance** (not covered by regular programmes), using the Government's Social Safety Net and WFP's cash transfer network.
- Alongside its emergency response, WFP reached **1.6 million people** through its regular **food and cash assistance** in October, broken down as follows: in-kind food to 98,000 Lebanese, cash assistance to 663,000 Syrian refugees, and ESSN (Government) cash transfers to 794,000 vulnerable Lebanese.
- Some in-kind and cash modality beneficiaries face challenges in accessing their assistance due to displacement or ongoing hostilities. In response, **WFP is actively tracking redemption patterns to identify challenges and adapt its programmes**, accordingly, including shifting assistance modalities to better meet people's needs.
- **WFP conducted two nutrition training sessions for 32 shelter managers**, to raise awareness about nutrition's role in health and food safety. The sessions emphasized recognizing essential standards for healthy food choices and identifying substandard food sources.

Supply Chain

- **WFP has dispatched 1,707 mt of food** including light RTEs, regular RTEs, food parcels, bulk commodities, and bread packs, deploying more than 212 trucks since 23 September.
- This week, WFP conducted **two convoys**, the first one facilitated by the Logistics Cluster, involved **10 trucks** from WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, World Vision and Islamic Relief to deliver vital humanitarian aid to 2,800 affected households in Saida in South Lebanon. **The second convoy consisted of eight WFP trucks** with RTEs and bread to WFP's partner World Vision in Zahle, to be distributed to 8,400 displaced people in shelters.
- In October, WFP facilitated, in coordination with the Logistics Cluster, a total of **seven convoys** to the Bekaa and the South, delivering WFP's RTEs and bread, to **36,400 affected people** in hard-to-reach areas and shelters.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Cluster

- The Food Security Cluster and WFP will **support the Government of Lebanon (GoL) to streamline the distribution** of around 100,000 food parcels received by the Government from different international donors, ensure organized and equitable

delivery **across regions**, and prevent the duplication of food assistance.

- Since 23 September, the FSAC partners, including WFP, supported **displaced people in shelters** and outside shelters by providing **4.4 million hot and cold meals**, RTEs, bread and food parcels. (see more [here](#)).

Logistics Cluster

- This week, **the Logistics Cluster established a new warehouse** in Karantina, Beirut, offering 1,700 pallet positions, including temperature-controlled storage for up to two weeks (see more [here](#)). This adds to the 1,000 sqm of storage in Zouk, Mount Lebanon. Additional facilities in Mount Lebanon and Bekaa will open next week.
- Since the Logistics Cluster activation on 8 October 2024, **nearly 180 metric tons of relief items have been dispatched through the Amman corridor to Beirut**, supporting UNICEF, UNRWA, and UNHCR warehouses as key transition hubs to reach affected populations.

ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- **WFP conducted 10 monitoring visits across five kitchens** in Lebanon last week, to ensure that all were equipped with solar power in case of power shortages, as well as that staff follow hygiene standards. No expired or damaged food items were found.
- This week, **WFP and partners visited 372 IDP centres** providing hot or cold meals. Findings revealed that 72 percent of beneficiaries consumed meals fully or partially and 85 percent rated meal quality as "very good" or "good." Nearly all beneficiaries (97 percent) were satisfied with portion sizes. Moreover, **WFP conducted 157 remote monitoring calls**, feedback indicated that 99 percent of meals were delivered accurately, and 92 percent arrived on time. While 76 percent of beneficiaries expressed satisfaction with meal quality and taste, concerns about meal diversity and taste were noted for follow-up.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED PEOPLE

- **This week, the WFP call centre received nearly 3,250 claims**, mostly from displaced people. Notably, 62 percent of the callers requested food or cash assistance, 11 percent requested temporary location changes and 17 percent of the calls were related to programmes. The remaining 10 percent were protection-related calls, mainly from displaced individuals facing high rent costs. Key requests included safe shelter, non-food items like blankets and mattresses for collective shelters, and cash assistance for rising rent costs.