

# WFP LEBANON EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## External Situation Report 9

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Nearly two months since the onset of hostilities on 23 September 2024, WFP has significantly scaled up its emergency response, **reaching almost half a million conflict-affected people** with food and/or cash assistance. To date, WFP supported 303,400 conflict-affected individuals outside shelters and 190,900 displaced individuals inside shelters.
- In response to the rising needs among Syrian refugees affected by the conflict and struggling to meet basic needs, **WFP scaled up its regular cash assistance to Syrian refugee households**, supporting an additional 220,000 refugees in November 2024.
- With rising needs outpacing available resources, and winter conditions adding further challenges, **WFP urgently requires US\$ 95 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 over 1 million affected people.

### IN NUMBERS



**1.6 million** people affected by the conflict

**640,400** conflict-affected people assisted since January 2024



Needs resourced    Need-based requirement

**US\$ 21 M**

**US\$ 95 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\*

**494,300** assisted people



**4 M** cooked meals  
**1,165 mt** of food baskets  
**US\$ 12.6 M** transferred cash

#### Regular Programmes

October 2024\*\*

**767,000** assisted people



**1,024 mt** of food baskets  
**US\$ 10 M** transferred 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 commerce, tourism, hospitality, and agricultural production forced numerous small businesses to close. As per the World Bank, **Lebanon's real GDP growth for 2024 is projected to decline by 6.6 percent**, further deepening an economic contraction of over 34 percent in the past five years, equivalent to losing 15 years of growth.
- Israel has intensified military operations**, with 3,583 deaths, including more than 231 children, and 15,244 injuries recorded since October 2023, according to the Ministry of Public Health. Nearly **1.6 million people** are affected by the conflict, out of whom **896,300 are classified as internally displaced persons (IDPs)** (IOM).
- To date, **190,100 IDPs are in 1,177 shelters**, of which 84 percent have reached maximum capacity. Others are staying with their families or have crossed to Syria and Iraq, while an estimated **19,000 households remain trapped in hard-to-reach areas**. Many affected people, 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**.
- 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, **610,900 people have crossed into Syria** since 23 September (63 percent Syrians and 37 percent Lebanese). Additionally, **39,100 Lebanese arrived in Iraq** according to UNHCR.

## WFP OPERATIONS

### WFP Response

- In 2024, WFP, in collaboration with the Government of Lebanon and its partners, reached **640,400 people affected by the conflict** with food and/or cash assistance, including **494,300 reached** after the recent escalation on 23 September.
- Between 15 and 21 November, WFP leveraged existing safety nets by providing a second round of **emergency cash assistance to 212,500 Lebanese individuals** (56,600 households) affected by the conflict and not covered by WFP regular programmes. Since 23 September, WFP has reached 263,000 Lebanese-affected individuals with cash assistance.
- As part of its efforts to **expand support to displaced people outside shelters**, WFP, in partnership with the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), reached 5,100 displaced people with food assistance in five villages in the North and 1,900 IDPs in four organisations, including two Organisations for People with Disabilities. Moreover, WFP distributed food parcels to 1,000 displaced migrant workers in Beirut and Mount Lebanon, reaching 74,000 people outside shelters since 23 September.
- In response to the rising needs among Syrian refugees affected by the conflict, in November 2024, **WFP scaled up its regular cash assistance to Syrian refugee households** by 44 percent, supporting an additional 220,000 refugees (54,200 households) and increasing monthly cash transfers from US\$ 115 to US\$ 145 for a family of five. Refugee families can redeem their entitlements as unrestricted cash at ATMs, MTOs, or shops. WFP's regular cash assistance now supports 832,700 Syrian refugees (156,750 households).
- Aligned with government efforts, **WFP is establishing community kitchens for displaced communities**, starting with functional kitchens in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) schools and later upgrading public school kitchens. Of 17 kitchens prioritised by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, 11 have been assessed, with data analysis underway to identify equipment needs for on-site cooking. Once confirmed operational, WFP will supply these kitchens with bulk commodities for hot meal production, ensuring safe and sustainable meal preparation.

### Supply Chain

- **WFP has dispatched 2,369 mt of WFP food assistance**, including light Ready-to-Eat (RTE) rations, regular RTEs, food parcels, bulk commodities, and bread packs, deploying more than 350 trucks since 23 September.
- Building on the 3,000 pallet positions established in Mount Lebanon and 1,000 pallet positions in Northern Lebanon, **WFP is further expanding its storage**

**capacity** to enhance operational efficiency. Currently, 2,600 additional pallet positions are being secured in Taanayel, Bekaa, and will be used to store WFP food commodities.

## 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 **more than 7 million hot and cold meals, RTEs, bread and food parcels**. (View more [here](#)).

### Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster, in partnership with the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ICSG), continues to **align its transport services with geographic response priorities**, ensuring efficient delivery of humanitarian aid to the most affected areas.
- Between 15 and 21 November, the Karantina warehouse in Beirut received **shelter, food, and WASH relief items designated for dispatch to hard-to-reach areas** on behalf of Nusaned, ONSUR, and Plan International NGOs. To date, 504 m<sup>3</sup> of storage capacity has been used, primarily for shelter and food security items, and 973 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian cargo has been successfully dispatched, ensuring timely support for affected people.

## ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- WFP's rapid assessment of contracted shops highlighted that **shop closures and food supply disruptions** remain a significant issue, especially in El Nabatieh, where 80 percent of shops have been non-operational with an increasing supply disruption, reaching 100 percent over the first week of November. The South and Southern Suburbs of Beirut also saw high food supply disruption rates of 83 percent and 63 percent, respectively. **The share of shops reporting two weeks or less of stock coverage**, decreased in Baalbek-El Hermel, Bekaa and Beirut, while shortages persist in Akkar and the South. **Price inflation** remains widespread, with all shops in Akkar and the North reporting increases, with high prevalences still registered in early November in Beirut, Baalbek-El Hermel, Southern Suburbs of Beirut, and Bekaa.
- Before the conflict escalation in September 2024, WFP and FAO conducted a **Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM)** in July 2024 to assess crop production, food import needs, and food insecurity. The findings highlighted agricultural impacts as well as measures to strengthen the sector and key interventions to address the conflict's impact and emerging food security needs. (Read more [here](#)).

# WFP EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE | 23 September - 21 November 2024

Total people assisted: **494,300**

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

