



WFP LEBANON EMERGENCY RESPONSE

External Situation Report 7

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HIGHLIGHTS

- In addition to its ongoing programmes, **WFP scaled-up its emergency response** to affected people and has reached 448,000 people with food and/or cash assistance across shelters and communities, since 23 September. This brings the total number of assisted people affected by the conflict in 2024 to **618,000**.
- As winter approaches, WFP works with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) to enhance the **national Shock-Responsive Social Safety Net (SRSSN) cash platform**, and to ensure cash assistance reaches affected people not covered by WFP programmes.
- As rising needs outpace resources, WFP urgently calls for timely confirmation of funds for its emergency response, to ensure continued provision of assistance. **With only 6 percent** of the required US\$116 million secured for the year, there is an urgent need to expand assistance to over 1 million individuals affected by the crisis.

IN NUMBERS*



1.4 million people affected by the conflict

618,000 conflict-affected people assisted since January 2024



Needs resourced Need-based requirement

US\$ 7 M

US\$ 109 M

Until end of 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.

Emergency Response

Since 23 September 2024

448,000 assisted people



2.9 M cooked meals
856 mt of food baskets
US\$ 6.4 M transferred cash

Regular Programmes

October 2024

760,000 assisted people



1,000 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 military operations, which further strains infrastructure, displaces communities, and deepens the effects of the economic crisis. **Damages** from Israeli attacks are estimated at **US\$ 12 billion** across economic sectors, buildings, and infrastructure. The conflict also **threatens the agricultural sector** in the Bekaa and the South, accounting for more than 60 percent of Lebanon's agricultural production.
- Israel has intensified its military operations, further straining Lebanon's fragile situation and resulting in over 3,000 deaths and 13,600 injuries since October 2023. **Nearly one-quarter of the country's population** has been affected by the conflict (1.4 million people), with almost 875,200 internally displaced [as per IOM](#).
- To date, **190,200 displaced people (IDP) are in 1,149 shelters**, of which 86 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 secure shelter** and urgently need adequate accommodations and essential items to stay warm and safe **as winter approaches**.
- The recent 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. However, as per the Lebanese General Security, **561,800 people have crossed into Syria** since 23 September (66 percent Syrians and 34 percent Lebanese). Additionally, **almost 31,000 Lebanese arrived in Iraq** between 27 September and 05 November 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 **618,000 people affected by the conflict** in 2024, including **448,000 reached** after the recent escalation on 23 September.
- Between 01 and 07 November, WFP reached an additional 29,400 people with Ready-to-Eat (RTE) rations and hot and cold meals in shelters and residences in South Lebanon and Bekaa. This brings the total number of **individuals supported with in-kind food to 236,100** across shelters, Informal Tented Settlements (ITS), and secondary residences across Lebanon.
- This week, WFP provided 400 light RTEs to UNRWA to **support 2,400 displaced people in six shelters at the Palestinian camp** in Nahr Al Bared, North Lebanon.
- WFP works closely with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) to continue **strengthening the national Shock-Responsive Social Safety Net (SRSSN)** as the cash assistance platform for the shock-affected Lebanese population.

Supply Chain

- **WFP has dispatched 1,809 mt of food**, including light RTEs, regular RTEs, food parcels, bulk commodities, and bread packs, deploying more than 220 trucks since 23 September.
- **Forty trucks carrying 143 mt of RTEs arrived by land from Jordan** and reached WFP warehouses.
- This week, WFP conducted **two convoys**, facilitated by the Logistics Cluster. The first involved **12 trucks** from UNFPA, World Vision, IOM, UNICEF, UNHCR, and WFP, delivering vital humanitarian aid to 5,500 affected households in Tyr in South Lebanon. **The second convoy consisted of 11 trucks** from UNICEF, UNHCR and WFP delivering humanitarian aid to Deir El Ahmar in the Bekaa, to be distributed to 3,000 affected people.
- To date, WFP facilitated, in coordination with the Logistics Cluster, a total of **nine convoys** to the Bekaa and the South, delivering WFP's RTEs and bread, to **46,300 affected people in** hard-to-reach areas and shelters.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Cluster

- The Lebanon Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Center and the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) have launched a registration survey across Lebanon to identify IDPs outside shelters with urgent needs. The

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) and partners, in coordination with DRM and LRC, will provide **one-time in-kind food parcels to registered IDPs** through November.

- Since 23 September, the FSAC partners, including WFP, supported **displaced people in shelters and outside shelters** by providing **6 million hot and cold meals, RTEs, bread and food parcels**. (View more [here](#)).

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster is committed **to improve access to hard-to-reach (H2R) areas** by strategically focusing on geographical and needs-based prioritization and actively coordinating with the Lebanese Emergency Cell and the Inter-Sector Coordination Group to enhance service delivery. This collaboration ensures that the sector's services are tailored to the specific needs and locations identified as priorities, while partners are provided with clear schedules and sufficient time to secure essential security clearance.

ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- Since 25 September, WFP's weekly market assessments have highlighted persistent retail and food supply challenges. In El Nabatieh, 80 percent of stores remain closed, and in Baalbek-El Hermel, closures rose from 26 percent to 42 percent in late October. Bekaa maintains high functionality (85 percent), with other areas fully operational. **Food supply disruptions** decreased significantly, especially in Beirut. **Stock levels** have generally improved, though low levels persist in Akkar, South, North, and Mount Lebanon. **Price inflation** remains a concern, particularly in Akkar and the North.
- This week, **WFP and partners visited 130 shelters** providing hot or cold meals reporting no distribution issues and good or very good on-site performance. Food was consumed immediately or saved in 82 percent of visits; meals were refused in 7 percent of the visits due to limited variety or taste. Findings revealed that 70 percent of beneficiaries consumed meals fully or partially, with **92 percent rating meal quality as very good or good**. Nearly all beneficiaries (97 percent) were **satisfied with meal quantity**.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED PEOPLE

- **This week, WFP call centre received nearly 2,760 claims**, mostly from displaced people. Notably, 66 percent of the callers requested food or cash assistance, 10 percent requested temporary location changes and 15 percent of the calls were related to programmes. The remaining 9 percent were protection-related calls, **highlighting shelter needs as a critical concern**. Notably, 80 percent of the shelter assistance claims came from Syrian refugees that were referred to designated shelters.

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