

WFP LEBANON EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Situation Report 4

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The staff of WFP kitchen-partner, Faqra, preparing daily meals to be distributed to displaced people in more than 15 shelters in Mount and North Lebanon.
WFP/Mohammed Awadh

HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP continues to swiftly respond to the urgent needs of people affected by the ongoing conflict. Since 23 September, WFP has reached **202,100 people** with cash and/or food assistance, including **1.2 million meals**. These include people taking refuge in shelters, those displaced to safer areas, and residents remaining in conflict zones.
- WFP, jointly with UNHCR, UNFPA and UNICEF conducted the third **joint convoy of 14 trucks** to villages in South Lebanon, delivering WFP's Ready-To-Eat rations (RTEs), bread and other humanitarian assistance to **8,400 individuals affected by the conflict**.
- **As the conflict intensifies and humanitarian needs arise, soon exacerbated by winter challenges, WFP urgently requires US\$ 116 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 people.

IN NUMBERS*



202,100 people
assisted



114 WFP Trucks

Delivered **569 mt** of food across Lebanon



US\$ 116 million

needed until the end of 2024



1.28 million
meals distributed



530 mt
of food distributed



US\$ 1.13 million
Transferred Cash Assistance

**All reported figures are since 23 September.*

SITUATION UPDATE

- The escalation in hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah since 23 September 2024 has further strained Lebanon's fragile situation, resulting in over 2,412 deaths and 11,267 injuries (since October 2023). **The risk of regional conflict grows** as Israeli strikes last week impacted the headquarters of **the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL)**. The strikes injured five peacekeepers, damaged infrastructure, and raised concerns over the safety of peacekeepers and the mission's ability to operate effectively.
- Israeli airstrikes have hit several towns across Lebanon, **affecting nearly 1.3 million people** and causing mass displacement of almost 780,000 people [as per IOM](#). The ongoing conflict has severely **impacted the education sector**, displacing about 393,300 public and private school students while 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 1,097 shelters**, while others are staying with their families, or crossing to Syria.
- **Refugees face worsening conditions** as they have limited access to UNRWA shelters most of which reached their maximum capacities. As per the Lebanese General Security, around **466,200 people have reportedly crossed into Syria** since 23 September (of which 72 percent Syrians and 28 percent Lebanese). Almost **6,000 Syrian refugees are caught** in the ongoing conflict **in the South**. Unable to evacuate earlier due to safety concerns, they now find it too late to escape.

WFP OPERATIONS



WFP Response

- WFP, in collaboration with the Government of Lebanon and its partners, provided food and/or cash assistance to **202,100 people affected by the conflict** since 24

September, **including 1.28 million cold and hot meals.**

- Between 11 and 17 October, WFP provided food assistance, including RTEs and hot and cold meals, to an **additional 33,500 people in 122 new shelters and residences in South Lebanon.** This brings the total number of individuals supported with food assistance to 163,300 across 740 shelters, 30 Informal Tented Settlements (ITS), and secondary residences across Lebanon.

Supply Chain

- WFP conducted a **joint convoy of 14 trucks** to South Lebanon with UNICEF, UNHCR, and UNFPA to deliver food and other humanitarian aid **to 8,400 individuals affected by the conflict.**
- **A WFP shipment of 630 mt of light RTEs** has arrived from Egypt at the ports of Tripoli and Beirut and is undergoing customs clearance. In addition, **a truck carrying 4.7 mt of RTEs** entered Lebanon from Jordan and reached WFP's warehouse.
- To accommodate the growing volume of RTEs, bulk commodities, and essential non-food items, **WFP has expanded the storage capacity** of its warehouses in Zouk Mikael, Mount Lebanon by an additional 3,000 mt and plans to add an extra 1,000 square meters of storage at another warehouse in Koura, North Lebanon.
- To respond effectively to evolving logistical challenges, WFP secured a **transportation contract for a dedicated fleet of 10 mt trucks.** These trucks will be stationed at WFP warehouses and selected locations for convoy transport, with the option to expand the fleet to 20 trucks.
- **WFP has dispatched 477 mt of food** including light RTEs, regular RTEs, and bread packs to several shelters across Lebanon, since 23 September.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

- **The Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) reported challenges** related to IDP movements between shelters, particularly in Beirut, where daily airstrikes have led more IDPs to relocate to shelters where distributions had already occurred. This requires ongoing adjustments to operational plans. Additionally, registering IDPs outside shelters remains difficult, as the different sectors continue discussions on how best to reach and assist these displaced individuals.
- **The FSAC and partners have implemented a booking system for planned shelter responses,** allowing each partner to report and coordinate planned food assistance one month in advance. Partners can view the booking tool, while sub-national coordinators manage

updates to ensure smooth coordination and avoid errors.

Logistics Cluster

- Starting next week, the Logistics Cluster will begin **facilitating convoys from Beirut to areas affected in southern Lebanon.** The first convoy will have available space for cargo equivalent to eleven 10 mt trucks.
- **Advocacy efforts are underway to secure a Cabinet Decree to exempt UN agencies from duties and taxes,** streamlining humanitarian operations. Additionally, a request has been submitted to the High Customs Council (HCC) to establish a mechanism for sharing advance information, including shipping documents, at customs entry points to help prevent potential delays in the clearance process.

ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- **WFP rapid market assessment** (through a sample of shops across Lebanon) during the second week of October 2024, revealed that 50 percent of shops in the South are operational, with 83 percent in Nabatieh, 62 percent in southern Beirut and 21 percent in Baalbek-El Hermel closed.
- Nearly 40 percent of operational shops nationwide have reported disruptions in food supplies, with this figure rising to an alarming 83 percent in the Akkar governorate. However, there has been a noticeable **improvement in stock availability at the shops** over the past week, as markets have adjusted to meet the increased demand, particularly in areas outside the conflict zone. Despite these improvements, nearly **all shops nationwide are experiencing price increases.** WFP's price monitoring indicates a 2.1 percent rise in the weekly cost of the Food Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket, which increased from US\$ 35.8 per person during the third week of September 2024 to US\$ 37 by the first week of October 2024.

IDPs ARRIVAL
(as of 14 October 2024)

