



# WFP LEBANON EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## Situation Report 3

10 October 2024

WFP and UNICEF moved the first humanitarian assistance convoy from Beirut to Tyre, one of the hardest-hit areas in South Lebanon delivering food, bottled water, and hygiene items. WFP/Mohammed Awadh

### HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP significantly scaled-up its food assistance and reached over 169,000 people with food and cash assistance. Out of the total, **130,000 displaced people in shelters were assisted with meals** covering **around 70 percent** of the people staying in shelters.
- Since the onset of the conflict in October, WFP procured **locally 610 MT** of food for distribution to affected people. This local procurement has **injected US\$ 1.27 million into the Lebanese economy** demonstrating WFP's commitment to both addressing urgent humanitarian needs and supporting Lebanon's economic resilience. However, WFP monitors the market carefully and limits local purchases in line with constant market assessments.
- WFP, along with UNICEF, conducted **two joint convoys (18 trucks) to South Lebanon**, with WFP food items and UNICEF water and hygiene supplies to support affected **people on the frontlines of conflict zones**. Additional deliveries will follow later this

### IN NUMBERS



**169,000 people**

assisted since 23 September



**US\$ 1.27 million**

injected into the economy through local food procurement since the conflict started in October 2023



**US\$ 105 million**

needed for assistance until the end of 2024



**734,000**

meals distributed



**372MT**

of food distributed



**US\$ 1.13 million**

Transferred Cash Assistance

*\*All reported figures are as of 23 September.*

### SITUATION UPDATE

- The catastrophic escalation in hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah since 23 September 2024 exacerbates Lebanon's already fragile state. With 2,170 deaths and over 10,200 injuries since October 2023.
- Israeli airstrikes have hit several towns across Lebanon, **affecting around 1.2 million people** and causing mass displacement of 690,000 people [as per IOM](#). **The healthcare system has endured a series of devastating attacks**, with close to 100 primary health care centres (PHCCs) and dispensaries and three hospitals closed since October 2023. This significantly restricts access to essential medical services in affected areas.
- To date, **187,000 displaced people are staying in 1,021 shelters**, while others are staying with their families, in rented houses or hotels, public or private places, or travelled to Syria.
- **Refugees face worsening conditions** as they are denied access to government shelters and have limited access to basic services. Around **403,000 people have reportedly crossed into Syria** in the past fifteen days (of which 70 percent Syrians and 30 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 **169,000 people affected by the conflict** since 24 September.
- To date, WFP provided food assistance, including Ready-To-Eat (RTE) rations and hot and cold meals, to **130,000 individuals in 618 shelters, 30 Informal Tented Settlements (ITS)** and secondary residences across Lebanon. Additionally, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs, **emergency cash assistance** was distributed to **45,700 Lebanese individuals** affected by the ongoing conflict, primarily residing in seven of the most impacted districts in southern Lebanon.
- Most of the displaced persons are **seeking refuge in host communities rather than in shelters, making them less visible and harder to reach**. To address this, WFP is collaborating with the National Disaster Risk Management Unit, the Food Security Cluster, and other partners to expedite the identification of these internally displaced people (IDPs) and ensure that all people in need of food assistance can be reached.



### Supply Chain

- WFP conducted two **joint convoys (18 trucks)** to South Lebanon with UNICEF, to deliver food (WFP), water and hygiene items (UNICEF) **to people who stayed in conflict zones**.
- **WFP has dispatched 350 mt of food** including light Ready-to-Eat (RTE) rations, regular RTEs, and bread packs to several shelters across Lebanon, since 23 September.
- **WFP has a stock of** nearly 122,300 in-kind food parcels, enough to feed 244,600 people for one month. In addition, WFP has 1,970 light Ready-to-Eat (RTEs) rations enough to feed 9,850 people for 5 days and 40,700 regular RTEs, enough to feed 203,500 people for 15 days.
- **A 630 mt of light RTEs** will be allocated to Lebanon from Egypt. WFP is increasing its storage capacity by 4,000 to 5,000 pallet positions to accommodate incoming RTEs and bulk food commodities.

## CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES



### Food Security Cluster

- **The Food Security Cluster conducted a gap analysis**, identifying 99 shelters, in Beirut, Nabatiyeh, and the south, that have not received RTEs or hot meals. The FSAS advised partners to redirect funds to support these shelters with lifesaving food assistance.



### Logistics Cluster

- To support efficient planning and timely response, the Logistics Cluster conducted a Rapid Capacities and Pipeline Assessment among partners. **Key concerns** raised include the need for **expedited customs procedures, secure entry points, road congestion and damage, and in-country logistics services**.
- **The Logistics Cluster is preparing to facilitate access** to common storage and transport services, provide communication and information management, and ensure coordination to avoid overlaps between humanitarian logistics partners. For more detailed information, please visit the Lebanon Logistics Cluster page: <https://logcluster.org/en/lbn24a>.

## ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- **WFP conducted a rapid market assessment** of a sample of shops across Lebanon, which revealed that only 39 percent of shops in the South are operational, with 75 percent in Nabatieh and 77 percent in southern Beirut closed. Baalbek-El Hermel faces growing challenges, with stock shortages rising from 23 to 60 percent. Price hikes of essential goods were reported nationwide, particularly in the South.
- **WFP remotely monitored meal distributions** across 172 IDP centres, findings revealed 88 percent of meals were delivered on time or earlier. While 68 percent of beneficiaries were satisfied, dissatisfaction at four sites stemmed from food quality. Suggestions included offering dry food for cooking, menu variety, and adding refrigerators and stoves to shelters.
- **WFP conducted nine kitchen monitoring** visits across seven kitchens. During the visits, all food handlers consistently adhered to hygiene protocols. Kitchen cleanliness was maintained in five out of seven kitchens. No damaged or expired food was identified, and there were no signs of pest infestations or contamination at any of the sites.

## ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- Since the conflict escalated on September 23, 2024, the call center has received **nearly 1,000 claims, mostly from displaced refugees (91 percent)**. Notably, 42 percent of the callers sought shelter assistance and were referred to shelters, though many faced difficulties as services prioritized Lebanese nationals. 51 percent food or cash assistance, and 4 percent sought medication and essential items. The remaining 3 percent requested resettlement.