

Syria Crisis Bi-Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report

Date: 8 February 2013

Reporting Period: 25 January – 7 February 2013

LEBANON

Highlights

- The vaccination effort in collaboration with the Ministry of Health is well underway, with over 53,000 children receiving measles vaccinations, over 44,000 receiving vitamin A supplements, and over 10,000 polio doses administered.
- Phase two of winterization activities has begun, with the targeted beneficiaries increasing to nearly 65,000 children.
- WASH activities have started in Tripoli, with installation of water tanks for over 500 people, as well as maintenance to provide appropriate sanitation facilities for nearly 1,000 people.
- Delivery of fuel for heating to schools will continue, providing warmth to over 21,000 students in 63 schools. It is hoped that this will encourage children to attend school during the cold winter months.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

Registered Refugee Population <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 07 Feb 2013)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	172,361	82,733	89,628
Children Affected (Under 18)	89,628	44,814	44,814
Children 0-4 Years	34,472	17,236	17,236
Children 5-11 Years	34,472	17,236	17,236
Children 12-17 Years	20,683	10,342	10,342
18 – 59 Years	75,839	34,472	41,367
60+ Years	6,894	3,447	3,447

* An additional 88,582 Syrians have been in contact with UNHCR to be registered, bringing the total number of Syrians to 260,943.

Refugee flows into Lebanon continue unabated. To date, a total of 260,943 refugees are registered or awaiting registration, an increase of some 70,000 over January. This means that the number of refugees initially projected to arrive by mid-year has already been reached. In addition to Syrian refugees, more than 18,000 Palestinians from Syria are estimated to have also arrived in Lebanon.

Programme response

WASH: WASH activities have started in Tripoli, with installation of water tanks and maintenance works to provide appropriate sanitation facilities in Wadi Nahle, Mankoubin, and Jabal Badawi. This will provide 527 beneficiaries with access to water for drinking and domestic purposes by early March, and 984 people with access to appropriately designed toilets and sanitation services by end March. To date, UNICEF is providing more than 14,000 people with safe water every day. Delivery of WASH winterization supplies is also on-going, with 2,200 beneficiaries receiving buckets, family hygiene kits and jerry cans in the Akkar. In addition, baby hygiene supplies (diapers, talcum powder, soap, etc.) were provided for 2,326 babies in the north and 1,697 in Bekaa.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water	105,000	14,370	13.6%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and other hygiene items	105,000	NA*	NA
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets and sanitation services	105,000	NA*	NA

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Comments/Background			
* Data is still being compiled and verified for the provision of soap and hygiene items. Cumulative results will be reported in the next Situation Report.			

Child Protection: An inter-agency child protection needs assessment is on-going. Information has been collected on coping strategies and protection concerns, including issues such as child labour, sexual violence, early marriage, prostitution, child trafficking, the presence of unaccompanied and separated children, and association of children with armed forces and groups. The initial findings of this needs assessment will be presented at an inter-agency workshop on 8 February 2013. The final report, which is expected to be completed in early March 2013, will inform a response plan for the child protection sector. A joint UNICEF child protection/education project has meanwhile also commenced with AVSI, targeting more than 400 families. Interventions are being delivered through schools and communities, providing 1,000 school-aged children with direct access to community-based and mobile psychosocial support in targeted districts (Ben Jbeil and Marjeyoun).

To date, UNICEF and its partners have provided psychosocial support to 13,717 children in January through on-going group work in schools and community centres, festivals and interactive dramas, and recreational activities. This represents 18.5 per cent of UNICEF's overall target for provision of psychosocial support services. As of 23 January, 514 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) have also been identified, according to UNHCR. Only a few are unaccompanied, with the majority being separated boys living with relatives. Implementing partners are reporting structural constraints in facilitating family-based care, with few families able to foster or adopt children.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with access to psychosocial support services	74,000	13,717	18.5%	NA	NA	NA
Comments/Background: N/A						

Education: Two new projects have commenced with Mouvement Social and SAWA group, covering remedial classes and accelerated learning programmes for 1,100 children over the next five months. The enrolment of Syrian students in public schools is on-going through UNICEF partner Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre. An additional 1,763 students have been enrolled since the last report, bringing the total to 13,863 students to date (out of an estimated total population of 93,000 school-aged refugee children, of which UNICEF is targeting 35,530). These children have received school supplies, including school bags, uniforms, and educational materials, as well as parent committee fees that all students need to contribute for the running costs of public schools.

Enrolment of Syrian students in public schools will continue as long as there are vacant places in hosting schools. Once these schools are full to capacity, UNICEF will assist school-aged children arriving from Syria through remedial classes and accelerated learning programmes, in addition to providing psychosocial support.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	35,530	13,863	39%	NA	NA	NA
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	32,720	2,050	6.3%	70,560*	NA	NA
Children and adolescents benefitting from non-formal and informal educational services	32,720	2,050	6.3%	70,560*	NA	NA
Comments/Background: * From RRP4, adding up ALL figures for targets against "Number of children (6-14 years old) enrolled in alternative primary education"						

Health: The vaccination effort is well underway, with over 53,000 Syrian and Lebanese children up to the age of 18 receiving measles vaccines, over 44,000 receiving Vitamin A supplements, and over 10,000 children up to age five being vaccinated against polio. The Minister of Health has officially extended the duration of this immunization effort to 9 February, due to constraints and delays in some schools. Health authorities in Qada have indicated that they expect to exceed initial coverage targets; accordingly, an extra 100,000 doses of measles vaccines were provided. During the first week of implementation, two cases of measles were confirmed by Ministry of Health surveillance – one in Tripoli, and one in Minniyeh-Danniyeh. One case was a 13 month-old Syrian refugee, and the other an 8 year-old Lebanese student. UNICEF is following with the Ministry on these cases. Meanwhile, UNICEF collaborated with UNHCR to establish vaccination teams in UNHCR registrations centres in Tripoli and Merj, in order to ensure that newly-arrived and newly-registered children were reached.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
# of children 9 months to 15 years receiving measles vaccination	74,000	25,369	34.3%
# of children 6 months to 15 years receiving Vitamin A supplementation	74,000	23,703	32%
Comments/Background : Note that the cumulative results are lower than totals provided in the narrative, as targets are for a smaller age group and exclude a large portion of the Lebanese and other non-Syrian recipients of vaccinations.			

Nutrition: NTR

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
# of children <5 receiving multi-micronutrient supplementation	50,000	0	0
Comments/Background : partners not yet reporting.			

Communications for Development

With UNICEF support, International Medical Corps (IMC) is supporting health awareness for Syrian refugee families in the Bekaa and northern Lebanon, providing 4,000 families with information resources on safe motherhood, early childhood development, nutrition, and major causes of childhood illnesses and death. UNICEF has provided IMC with technical material for trainers, social workers, and health professionals.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships

In addition to Syrian refugee children, 2,259 Palestinian children from Syria have been enrolled in UNRWA schools. UNICEF is providing material support to UNRWA to assist these children, in the form of stationery kits, school-in-a-box kits, and other recreational / school supplies for 3,000 children.

Supply and Logistics

The first phase of winterization is now complete, with winter clothing and other non-food items delivered to over 27,000 beneficiaries, and WASH supplies provided to over 43,000 people. In the second phase, which began this week, UNICEF will target nearly 65,000. This consists of: (i) 32,964 receiving NFIs and vouchers; (ii) 21,550 receiving blankets and winter clothing kits distributed by the Ministry of Social Affairs; (ii) 10,000 receiving winterization supplies directly from UNICEF in informal tented settlements. In addition, delivery of fuel for heating to schools began this week, providing warmth to over 21,000 students in 63 schools. It is hoped that this will encourage children to attend school during the cold winter months.

Regional

Communications

The RO supported a mission to Turkey to collect communication materials. MENA social media continued to cover the crisis, including with a Syria photo essay, tweets, Facebook posts, and You Tube, while the "Children of Syria" newsletter continues to be distributed widely fortnightly.

Funding

Funding Status		Child Protection	Education	Health & Nutrition	WASH	NFIs	Safety & Security	Ops. Mgmt	Total
In millions of US Dollars									
Syria	Required	8.82	20.05	15.88	22.50		1.19		68.44
	Funded	1.77	1.96	0.50	7.34	-	0.59		12.16
Jordan	Required	11.19	17.76	3.69	24.35				57.00
	Funded	0.37	0.08	0.37	3.80				4.61
Lebanon	Required	7.77	13.83	1.06	10.81	1.72			35.19
	Funded	3.61	8.81	0.00	2.62	0.22			15.27
Iraq	Required	1.45	2.41	1.45	9.30			5.40	20.00
	Funded	0.33	0.00	0.00	1.97			0.00	2.30
Turkey	Required	6.00	6.50						12.50
	Funded	0.31	0.00						0.31
Egypt	Required	0.26	0.35	0.09					0.70
	Funded								0.00
MENA RO	Required								2.00
	Funded							2.74	2.74
Total	Required	35.49	60.90	22.17	66.96	1.72	1.19	5.40	195.83
	Funded	6.38	10.85	0.87	15.73	0.22	0.59	2.74	37.39
	Gap	29.11	50.05	21.30	51.23	1.50	0.60	8.14	158.44

*Being allocated refers to funds recently received and in the process of being allocated within the Country Office or across the sub region by the Regional Office

Next Situation Report: **22 February 2013. For further information, please contact:**

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