



LEBANON



Health Emergency Response

Situation update #7

01 - 07 November 2024

****MOPH hotline for the displaced 1787****

Highlights of the week

- During the reporting period (01- 07 November), **731** injuries and **214** registered deaths were reported.
- In those 7 days, **3** attacks on health care were registered, resulting in **2** deaths and **7** injuries among health workers.
- Insecurity and restricted access of health workers and first responders is impacting work on the ground.
- Southern Suburbs of Beirut, Bekaa, South and Baalbek continue to be systematically targeted leading to increased forced displacement of civilians. This increase in numbers of displaced people with sub-optimal shelter conditions is a heightened risk of infectious diseases spreading.
- **14** Trauma kits were distributed on 5 November to **13** hospitals in the Beqaa Governorate (Rashaya, Western Beqaa and Zahle).
- The capacity of **4** functional water laboratories has been strengthened through procuring reagents and supplies.
- The influenza vaccine rollout targeting high-risk groups is moving forward. So far over **6 761** doses of influenza vaccine have been administered at **307** Primary Health Care Centres.
- A field assessment took place to the newly opened Turkish Hospital in Saida, one of six designated trauma centers, to assess the EMT response.
- WHO and other health partners accompanied the Minister of Public Health during the opening of the Turkish hospital.
- WHO Regional Trauma Initiative donated **25** MCM (Mass Casualty Management) kits to Lebanon.

People in need 2024



Facts & Figures as of 31 October 2024



Hospital functionality: Out of hospitals in conflict areas (Baalbek, Mount Lebanon, Baabda, Marjeoun, Bint Jbeil & Tyre district) **8** non-functional | **9** semi-functional | **6** infrastructural damage

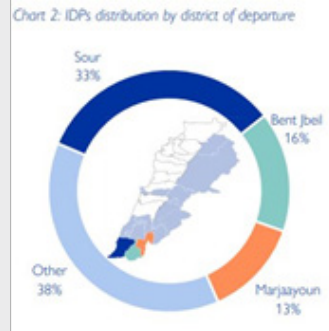
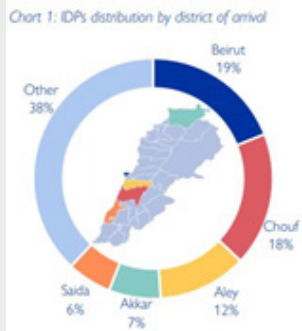
Displacement (Reported by IOM-DTM round 58 and National Operations Room for Disasters and Crisis Management, 07 November)



Cross over to Syria

- **561 794** people estimated to have crossed from Lebanon to Syria as estimated by the Lebanese General Security as of 07 November.

Attacks on health care (Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA) as of 07 November 2024)



Source: IOM/DTM 07 November 2024

Continuity of health services for IDPs (Updated as of 07 November 2024)

- **127** health centers (PHCCs and dispensaries) in war zone out of 207 are closed
- **245** MMUs teams.
- **197 718** IDPs received consultations in PHCs/MMUs
- **239** PHCs serving displaced
- **303** centers received medications to support IDPs
- **76 333** IDPs receiving chronic medications.

IN RESPONSE

Supplies

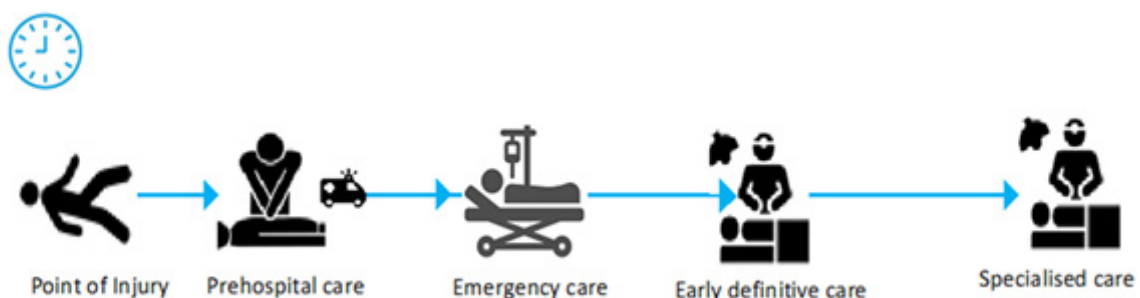
- During the reporting period, **14** kits were distributed to **13** hospitals in the Beqaa, including Rashaya, Western-Beqaa and Zahle.
- **10** TESK (Trauma and Emergency Surgery) kits left as contingency stock at the Central Drug Warehouse.
- A total of **140** TESK kits were distributed to the referral hospitals across the country since the beginning of the conflict and thousands patients with war related injuries benefited from these lifesaving trauma kits.
- 80% of the medication on the Essential Medication List are available in-country.
- TESK kits and life-saving medical supplies were donated to the country's only specialized Burn Center at the Geitaoui Hospital in Beirut.

In the pipeline

- **1 500** First Aid kits are to be distributed to collective shelters across the country starting next week.
- Hep A RDTs (Hepatitis A Antigens Rapid Tests) are being procured, and to be donated to the ESU for hepatitis A testing and confirmation.

Coordination (health sector and PHEOC)

- **968** collective shelters are now linked with Primary Health Care Centres (PHCCs) to ensure continuity of health services.
- **245** PHC Satellite Units (PSUs) supported by MOPH and health partners have visited a total of **734** collective shelters during this reporting period.
- Health sector partners are supporting the MOPH at the Central Drug Warehouse to pack and distribute medications (essential, chronic, and SRH drugs) to **39** PHCCs in West Bekaa, Zahle, Rachaya, Baalbak, and El Hermel districts. Access to clinical management of rape (CMR) services have been provided in Baalbak, Nabatieh, and South Governorates where facilities have either limited capacity due to hostilities or healthcare workers have been displaced.
- Health sector coordination at central and subnational levels have been enhanced to ensure the proper coordination and support to the partners.



Case Management Capacity for trauma care

- Assessment of staffing needs was conducted for the 6 hospitals designated by MOPH as trauma centers, namely Baabda Governmental Hospital, Karantina Governmental Hospital, Rafik Hariri University Hospital, Sibline Governmental Hospital, Elias Hrawi Governmental Hospital and the Turkish Hospital in Saida.
- Besides ICRC and 4 different MSF teams, there are currently 10 EMTs involved in the emergency health response- from the UK (4), US (3), Qatar (1), Norway (1), Canada (1).
- EMTs are primarily focused on the 6 designated trauma centers – and providing capacity building, supply donation, funds for recruiting staff as well as specialized care by e.g. reconstructive and orthopedic surgeons, burn specialists, ICU and ER staff.
- Turkish trauma and emergency hospital was opened on 3rd November 2024 by the Minister of Public Health as one of the trauma centers, and over six EMTs will be supporting the trauma and burn management at Turkish hospital.
- Training for the cholera preparedness and response was initiated, supported by PHEOC, targeting 13 health facilities, including 12 hospitals and 1 PHCC in North and Akkar governorates.

Surveillance

- Between 30 October and 4 November, **17** signals of infectious diseases were received among IDPs in shelters, including AWD, food poisoning, hep A, respiratory infections, suspected TB, measles, scabies and lice. Epidemiological Surveillance Unit (ESU) teams have started an investigation and verification of signals and referrals.
- ESU team is currently investigating of AWD cases following an increase in Koura.
- **223** AWD cases were sampled from the vicinity of Sammouniyeh with all stool samples testing negative for cholera with RDTs.
- To enhance AWD surveillance in hospitals and medical centers in Akkar and Minieh Danieh, two field visits were conducted last week to collect 5 sewage samples from Sahel Akkar and surrounding areas. All samples tested negative for Cholera.
- Ongoing coordination with the Municipality of Meshmesh to conduct RDT testing of samples from households in the area following one cholera case reported few weeks back.
- So far, **6 761** out of **9 000** doses of Influenza Vaccine have been administered in **307** Primary Health Care centers.
- Surveillance training sessions continued with **6** additional hospitals, attended by **118** participants. So far, **1 183** participants have attended **39** sessions, in total.
- Continued support to the call center 1787 at ESU through provision of health information and referrals to displaced people and other vulnerable people. The call center received over **8 693** cumulative calls since September 2024, with **720** calls received this week.

Challenges

- Increased and recurring attacks on health care are impacting the access and availability of health services in conflict-affected areas.
- Increased number of closed health facilities and health worker shortages.
- Patient referral is restricted in conflict-affected areas and the mass casualty capacity at referral hospitals is limited in some areas.
- A large increase in numbers of displaced people with sub-optimal shelter conditions may lead to a resurgence of emerging infectious disease.
- Funding shortage for health sector partners.

Continuity of Essential Health Services

- WHO delivered two series of Psychological First Aid trainings, to a total of 40 participants; both frontline workers and call centre operators.
- Over 197,718 displaced people received consultations by the 245 MMUs (Mobile Medical Units), linked to the PHC network.
- The use of the e-mental health application Step-by-Step has increased, with 22 new users joining between 28 October and 3 November 2024.
- 185 new calls to the national hotline for emotional support and suicide prevention; the 1564 Lifeline managed by Embrace.
- 59 PHC centers with specialized mental health services are functioning.

Flash appeal

- WHO Lebanon launched a [Flash Appeal](#) to provide comprehensive response to the current and unprecedented health crisis, seeking support in the amount of USD 50 million to scale up trauma care, ensure continuity of essential health services, and prevent disease outbreaks.

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