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The EU announces additional 5 million Euro to support the needs of Syrian refugees and their Lebanese host communities

With the influx of Syrian refugees into Lebanon some of the most deprived communities in the country are suffering from an additional strain on their already limited resources. The European Union is committed to ensure that these host communities in particular, are able to mitigate the impact of this unprecedented influx in the medium to long term. The EU has therefore allocated an additional 5 million Euro to alleviate this pressure, through medium-long term initiatives to improve livelihoods of the local populations of these regions directly, while also addressing the needs of the Syrian refugees in the country. This support is to be delivered through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). A specific component of the EU's support is targeted at enhancing the capacities of the Lebanese authorities to effectively respond to this constantly developing crisis.

This EU support with a medium to long term perspective builds upon the existing humanitarian assistance that has been mobilised by the EU for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Last Monday's announcement by the EU's humanitarian office (ECHO) of additional funding of 4.5 million Euro to meet the humanitarian needs of Syrian refugees in Lebanon brings the total amount of ECHO assistance for Syrian refugees in Lebanon to 7.5 million Euro. With the 5 million Euro finalised this week, the EU's total support now amounts to 12.5 million Euro.

Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon, Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst, said: "We appreciate the role taken by the government of Lebanon, with the support of the international community, to respond to this unprecedented influx of Syrian refugees into the country". She highlighted that "it is only through effective planning, coordination and management, and with continued support of the Lebanese authorities, working alongside the relevant international and local partners, that the needs of the Syrian refugee population and those of host Lebanese communities can be met effectively".