

EU RESPONSE TO THE SYRIAN CRISIS - LEBANON

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The European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid, Kristalina Georgieva, during a visit to Lebanon in December 2012

With the latest pledge of European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid, Kristalina Georgieva, of €65 million, the **European Union and its Member States have so far identified more than €860 million** in response to the crisis in Syria and its spill-over into neighbouring countries – **more than €460 million through the various instruments of the European Commission and more than €400 million from EU Member States.** While the bulk of the funds are committed to humanitarian interventions inside Syria, an increasing amount is going to alleviate the pressures in neighbouring countries, in particular Lebanon and Jordan.

LEBANON SPECIFIC NUMBERS

Out of the more than 1,440,000 Syrian refugees in the region (registered or awaiting registration by the UNHCR) **more than 463,000 were in Lebanon by 9 May 2013 (31.6%)** (*regularly updated numbers can be found on <https://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>*). In addition there are **approximately 48,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria and an estimated 60,000 Lebanese returnees.**

So far, the **European Commission** has allocated **€113.3 million** to the response in Lebanon. The funds are channelled through UN agencies and NGOs in coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs.

- Of the above mentioned funds, the **Humanitarian Office of the European Commission ECHO** has ear-marked **€65.8 million** for assistance in Lebanon, including €20 million of the latest €65 million announced by Commissioner Georgieva in May 2013.

- Through the **European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)** budget **€45 million** have already been contracted for Lebanon. In addition, **€2,570,750** has been contracted from the **Instrument for Stability (IfS).**

ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON FINANCED BY THE EU COMMISSION TO DATE

ECHO (€45,8 million)

Partner	Type of intervention	Area of intervention
Norwegian Refugee Council	Shelter, protection	Beqaa, North Lebanon
UNHCR	Protection, coordination, shelter, non-food items	Country-wide
Danish Refugee Council	Non-food items, winterisation, shelter	Beqaa, North Lebanon, South Lebanon
Première Urgence-AMI	Shelter	North Lebanon, Mount Lebanon, South Lebanon
Action Contre la Faim	Water/sanitation	Beqaa
World Food Programme	Food	Country-wide
Handicap International	Protection, health, rehabilitation, winterisation	North Lebanon, Beqaa
International Rescue Committee	Protection, mental health	North Lebanon, Beqaa
UNRWA	Protection, coordination, health	All Palestinian camps
Terre des Hommes – IT	Food, winterisation, non-food items	Palestinian camps in South Lebanon
Terre des Hommes – CH	Non-food items, winterisation	South Lebanon
Gruppo di Volontariato Civile	Non-food items, water/sanitation, winterisation	Beqaa
AVSI Foundation	Winterisation, non-food items	Beqaa
MEDAIR	Shelter, non-food items	Beqaa
Solidarites	Water/sanitation, shelter, non-food items	North Lebanon
Caritas	Protection, non-food items	Beqaa and Beirut Palestinian camps
Mercy Corps	Non-food items	Beqaa, South Lebanon
Save the Children	Non-food items, shelter, cash	Beqaa, North Lebanon
Accion Contra el Hambre	Water/sanitation	Beqaa

EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT (€45 million)

Title	Support for areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon
Amount	€5,000,000
Objective	Reinforce the capacities of the Lebanese authorities and organisations in dealing with the crisis.
Expected results	1 - The capacity of existing Lebanese institutions to deal with the crisis is improved. 2 - The capacity and quality of the national primary and secondary education structures in the regions hosting Syrian refugees are reinforced. 3 - The social and economic tissue of communities is strengthened (community empowerment).
Main partner	UNHCR

Beneficiaries	Refugee and host community children of school age and adolescents; public and private Lebanese institutions and organisations involved in the response to the influx of refugees; host communities.
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Title	Support for areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon II
Amount	€10,000,000
Objective	Strengthening access to educational and related services for refugee and host community children in Lebanon.
Expected results	<p>1 – Strengthening access to educational and related services for refugee and host community children in Lebanon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pre-school and school aged children in targeted communities in areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees access quality education in safe learning environments. – Services and mechanisms are in place and operational in areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to address specific child needs and vulnerabilities. – The capacity of existing Lebanese institutions and structures to deal with the crisis is improved. – The social and economic tissue of local communities is strengthened (community empowerment). <p>2 – Facility to support vulnerable refugee and host community populations in areas in Lebanon particularly affected by the influx of Syrian refugees.</p>
Main partners	UNHCR, UNICEF, NGOs (to be identified through a call for proposals)
Beneficiaries	Refugee and host community children of school age as well as adolescents; teachers and parents; Lebanese institutions and organisations; men and women at-risk of or victims of sexual and gender based violence.

Title	EU Contribution to the 'Government of Lebanon Response Plan to the Syrian crisis'
Amount	€30,000,000
Objective	To alleviate the medium and longer term needs of both refugees from Syria and host communities in areas in Lebanon with high refugee concentrations. The intervention will be done through the Ministry of Social Affairs as the coordinator of the Government of Lebanon's response plan to the Syrian refugee crisis and will be a direct response to the response plan.
Expected results	The intervention will focus on strengthening Lebanese institutions; community empowerment and livelihood activities; education; and support to the response of UNRWA to the influx of Palestinian refugees from Syria.
Main partners	Ministry of Social Affairs – UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRWA, NGOs (to be identified through a call for proposals)
Beneficiaries	Refugee and host communities; children, teachers and parents; Lebanese institutions and organisations; Palestinian refugees from Syria.

INSTRUMENT FOR STABILITY (€2,570,750)

Title	Building the resilience of conflict-affected Palestinian refugees¹
Amount	€2,570,750
Objective	Provide adequate shelter to displaced Palestine refugees from Syria through cash subsidies towards rent.
Main partner	UNRWA
Beneficiaries	Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon.

¹ Part of an overall €7,500,000 intervention covering both Syria and Lebanon entitled "*Building the resilience of conflict-affected Palestinian refugees in Syria and Lebanon (with activities also benefiting Syrians)*".