

LEBANON EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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THE CONTEXT

Since 2013, JRS Lebanon has assisted displaced families through home visits, accompaniment, education and the distribution of emergency aid. Lebanon currently hosts more than one million Syrians - one of the largest refugee populations in the world. Formal reception camps do not exist in the country, so most live in informal settlements or in urban areas. In the last few years, a severe economic crisis has served to further precipitate living conditions among local and refugee communities.

Since the 7 October 2023 Hamas attack that sparked the war in Gaza, thousands of people have been displaced on both sides of the Lebanon/Israel border by armed confrontation. **In September 2024, the situation escalated dramatically.**

Airstrikes and military operations in Lebanon have killed hundreds of people, wounded thousands more and caused large-scale destruction. **More than 1.2 million people have been forced to flee their homes.** All are in need of temporary shelter and emergency assistance. JRS has established a **Crisis Management Team** under the coordination of the JRS International Office to monitor the situation, ensure the safety of staff members and mobilise resources.

AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

“Our lives and our futures changed when we woke up on 23 September”, says Roy Gebrayel, JRS Country Director in Lebanon. As the crisis unfolds, all our programmes in the country have shifted to emergency response. Although a number of our staff members have themselves been displaced, the team remains committed to offering support where it is most needed. **JRS is providing meals, food baskets, hygiene kits, mattresses, blankets and pillows to thousands of people in shelters and on the streets.**

The Arrupe Migrant Center at the Jesuit Church of Saint Joseph has opened its doors to those in need of shelter. “We were able to welcome people from Sudan or South Sudan, from Sierra Leone or from Sri Lanka, those who had been not allowed into other shelters”, explains Fr. Daniel Corrou, JRS MENA Regional Director based in Beirut. “Migrant workers from all over Lebanon descended on this space, knowing that for decades this has been the place people go to when they are in trouble, that this is a place where they can find refuge and safety.”

JRS is accompanying migrants, refugees and internally displaced people in four different locations in Lebanon. **JRS schools in the Bekaa Valley have been turned into distribution and emergency hubs.** As of the first week of October, more than 300,000 Syrians and 100,000 Lebanese people have crossed the border to Syria seeking safety. JRS teams in both countries are working closely together and a second shelter has been opened in Syria.

The impact of the ongoing conflict on mental health has been significant and is likely to have lasting consequences. “Our trained teams are providing **Psychological First Aid (PFA)** for everybody in need”, says Roy Gebrayel. In addition, individual counselling sessions and **psychosocial activities** for children have been planned. JRS is equipped to continue **non-formal education** activities as long as public schools remain closed.

Fr. Daniel Corrou is grateful for the immediate outpouring of concern from friends around the world: “It is with your support, your encouragement, your solidarity that we are able to provide the essential services that are needed in the midst of a war.”

To read more about the JRS response, [visit the dedicated page on our website.](#)



May the international community make every effort to stop this terrible escalation. It is unacceptable. I express my solidarity with the Lebanese people, who have already suffered too much.

Pope Francis



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

JRS is rapidly scaling up its humanitarian response in Lebanon. We are grateful for the support of our global community as we implement emergency response operations during the next six months. Our teams are working tirelessly to provide essential services to those who need them the most.

As we continue to answer urgent needs in a fast-changing landscape, the JRS Crisis Management Team is **grateful for your solidarity and accompaniment, which allows us to respond immediately and flexibly** to sudden crises and emergencies.

JRS ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

- Distribute **food baskets**, hygiene kits and non-food items.
- Distribute temporary shelter material including **mattresses, pillows and blankets**.
- Provide **temporary shelter** to internally displaced migrants.
- Provide safe play, psychosocial support, and **non-formal education activities** in child-friendly spaces within collective shelters, available school buildings, and other safe spaces.
- Provide psychosocial support services including **Psychological First Aid (PFA)**, group and individual sessions.
- Provide **psychosocial support services to JRS staff** involved in the response or affected by the emergency.
- Distribute **Emergency Cash Assistance (ECA)** and Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance.
- Distribute **winterisation kits** and clothing.



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Situation Overview

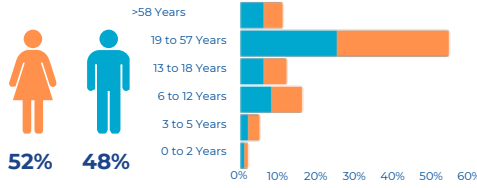
Lebanon Crisis: Immediate Help Needed



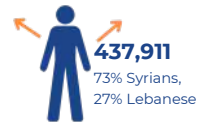
Displaced



Displacement Demographics*



Crossed into Syrian territory**



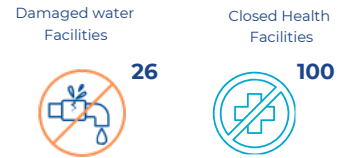
Casualties**



Established Shelters**



Affected Civilian Infrastructure***



*According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), October 10, 2024.

**According to Disaster Risk Management Daily Situation Report #17, October 12, 2024.

***According to UNOCHA: Lebanon At a Glance Report as of October 10, 2024.



JRS Response

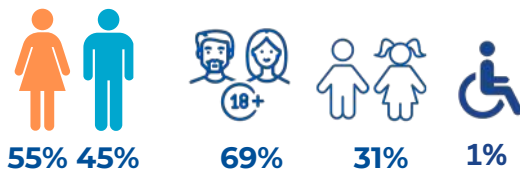
JRS continues to scale up its humanitarian response in Lebanon to address the urgent needs of those affected by the escalating conflict. Our teams are working tirelessly to provide essential services, including shelter, food, hygiene essentials and psycho-social support activities to vulnerable populations, particularly displaced persons. All numbers reported reflect JRS response activities starting **September 23, 2024** until **October 11, 2024**.



Total People Served



Demographics



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Food Security



1,804
to 79 families

Meals



1,575
to 1,280 families

Food Baskets



1,746 L
to 79 families

Drinking Water

Basic Assistance



702
to 401 families

Core Relief Items
(Blankets, Pillows, Mattresses)

WASH



501
to 601 families

Hygiene Kits



969
to 1060 families

Cleaning Materials



Protection



80
to 80 women

Dignity Kits



168
120 (shelters),
45 (medical),
3 (protection)

Referrals



54
staff
attending
PSS Sessions

Staff Care Sessions



26
children in
JRS
Shelters

Children Attending Recreational Activities

Shelter



2 shelters
hosting 79 families

Shelters Provided by JRS



157
IDPs hosted by JRS



28
Collective Shelters of Interventions