

Situation Report #2 – 2 March 2026 - 9 March 2026

Situation Update

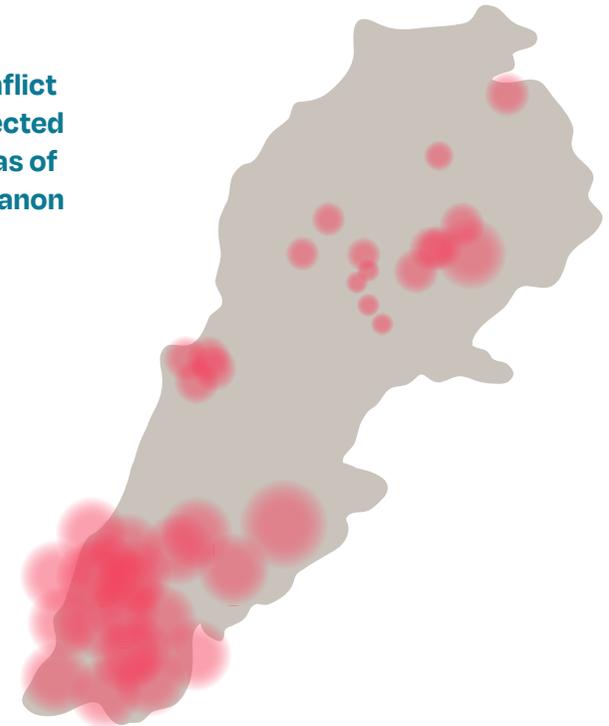
According to Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), attacks between 2 and 8 March have resulted in 394 people killed (including 42 women and 83 children) and 1,130 injured, with figures increasing daily.

Displacement orders issued in the last days, including renewed orders affecting areas south of the Litani River and the entirety of Beirut's southern suburbs, have triggered further population movements and repeated displacement for many households.

As of 8 March, the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Unit reports 117,228 displaced individuals residing in 538 collective shelters. The Government of Lebanon has launched a national self-registration platform for internally displaced persons, with over 517,000 people, indicating the potential scale of displacement beyond those recorded in collective shelters.

Recent days have seen hostilities expand beyond traditional frontline areas, including blanket evacuation orders affecting Beirut's southern suburbs, warnings and subsequent strikes targeting branches of the Al-Qard- Al-Hassan Association. Airstrikes have also impacted locations outside the declared warning zones, including a hotel in central Beirut and an earlier strike on a hotel in Hazmieh, both situated outside the primary red-zone areas. These incidents highlight the widening geographic scope of the conflict and the continued risks to civilians and humanitarian operations across areas.

Conflict
affected
areas of
Lebanon



Humanitarian Snapshot



517,000 new IDPs (from March 2)

62,000-90,000 IDPs from previous escalations



117,228 IDPs in collective shelters
29,000 children **27,775** families

394 people killed, **including 83 children**



538 collective shelters

1,130 people injured

WORLD VISION LEBANON (WVL) RESPONSE

WVL continues to actively scale up its response to respond to the escalation of violence in the country and the spike in humanitarian needs. Our staff are working around the clock to deliver assistance in **Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Baalbek-Hermel, Bekaa, South and North of Lebanon**. Our teams and local partners are delivering **hot meals, ready-to-eat food assistance, bread and nutritious snacks, blankets, mattresses, sleeping mats, hygiene kits, and support to community kitchens**. Assistance is being delivered to all affected populations, including households displaced during previous escalations, newly displaced families, minority groups, and new arrivals seeking safety.

Through its WASH co-leadership and NGO Co-Chair role in the Cash Working Group, WVL is helping strengthen Shelter-WASH integration and coordinate cash-based assistance, supporting more coherent and timely emergency response in overcrowded shelters and displacement-affected communities.

The speed and scale of WVL's early response **were made possible through strong partnerships with local civil society organizations** already mobilized in communities hosting displaced populations. Local partners, including **Basmeh & Zeitooneh** under the Start Fund response, **Genius, and Will Association**, played a critical role in facilitating immediate outreach, distribution, and community-level coordination. In parallel, **World Food Programme (WFP)**-contracted kitchens enabled the rapid preparation and delivery of hot meals in the first days of the response. One week into the escalation, these local partners remain a driving force behind the response, supporting frontline delivery of assistance and strengthening WVL's operational reach in affected communities.

WVL continues to coordinate closely with the Food Security & Agriculture, Shelter, Protection, Education, and Health sectors under the leadership of MoSA and through national and sub-national coordination mechanisms. Through the geo-split system and its sector coordination roles, WVL helps align response priorities, strengthen complementarity among partners, and reduce duplication of assistance.

As of March 7, WVL reached 75,512 individuals (26,432 children)

Including:

- **54,220** Lebanese new IDPs (**18,980 children**) in 184 collective shelters.
- **21,292** newly arrived Syrians crossing into Lebanon (**7,450 children**).

Since March 2, 2026, WV distributed:

- **5,522** blankets
- **4,169** mattresses
- **2,897** sleeping mats
- **500** cold meals
- **37,897** hot meals
- **408** light ready-to-eat meals
- **3,783** ready-to-eat food kits
- **1,470** bread packs
- **12,951** nutritious snacks
- **8** community kitchens supported with fresh and dry ingredients
- **2,949** family hygiene kits





ADVOCACY ASKS

Given the escalation of violence and needs, WVL maintains its advocacy asks:

Immediate De-escalation. WVL calls on all parties to immediately de-escalate and take urgent steps to prevent further escalation of hostilities. The protection of civilians must remain the primary consideration in all military and security calculations.

Protection of Civilians, Humanitarians, and Health Care Workers. WVL calls on all actors to fully respect their obligations under International Humanitarian Law, including the principles of distinction, proportionality, and precaution. Civilian infrastructure, including shelters, schools, healthcare facilities, water systems, and residential areas, must be safeguarded at all times.

Prioritization of Children. WVL calls for dedicated funding and targeted interventions to prevent further school disruption, child protection violations, psychosocial harm, and nutritional deterioration among children already at heightened risk. With more than 80% of collective shelters currently hosted in school buildings, WVL calls for urgent investment in alternative shelter solutions and measures that safeguard children's right to continuous education, in line with lessons learned from previous escalations.

Unhindered Humanitarian Access. WVL calls for safe, sustained, and predictable access to affected populations across all impacted areas. Assistance must be delivered impartially and without discrimination, ensuring that all affected communities receive support based solely on need.

Rapid and Flexible Funding. WVL calls on donors to urgently mobilise flexible and rapid funding to enable humanitarian actors to respond proportionately to emerging displacement and food security needs. Funding mechanisms should support both in-kind assistance and cash-based programming to reduce pressure on collective shelters and ensure dignified response options centered around the needs of displaced communities and other affected families, women and children.

Strengthened Coordination and Data Systems. WVL calls for strengthened coordination among National authorities and humanitarian partners, including harmonised registration, displacement tracking, and information sharing to support evidence-based prioritisation, equitable coverage, and de-duplication.



Media Updates

[Children and Families Seeking Shelter Across Lebanon](#)

[A Message from World Vision Lebanon National Director Heidi Diedrich on International Women's Day](#)

[Around a year after trying to rebuild their lives, thousands of families in Lebanon are being displaced once again](#)

Funding

Existing or Repurposed Funding

WVL was able to mobilize US\$2.42 million within the first week from redirecting existing funding sources to cover emerging needs for both IDPs (\$US 1.37 million) and new Syrian arrivals (\$US 1.05 million).

This was possible due to the anticipatory funding received from the Start Fund (with GFFO as the back donor) prior to the escalation, in addition to rapid internal reallocation from existing projects such as DEC and the use of contingency budget lines from WFP and OCHA grants. WVL also leveraged its ongoing WFP Emergency Project in Bekaa and Baalbek-Hermel to provide hot meals to the new IDPs that have moved to collective shelters, in addition to the new Syrian arrivals that were already benefiting from this project.

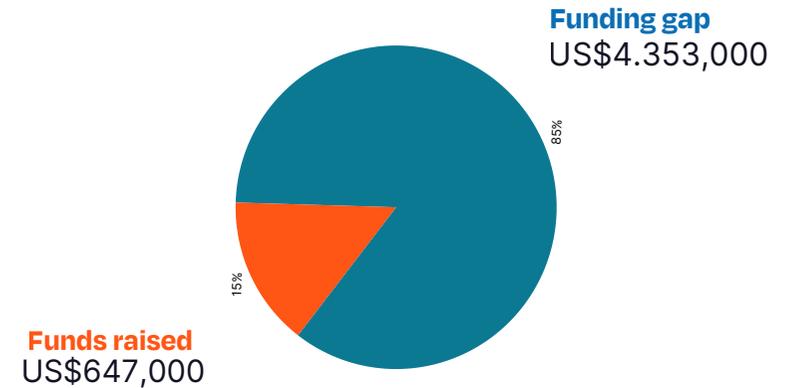
New Funding

WVL is in need of US \$5M to be able to continue supporting people in need. From this target, WVL secured \$US 200,000 from WVUS and US \$447,000 from ADH/WV Germany.

WVL has also mobilized \$US 300,000 from the EPRF.

Considering existing, repurposed and new funding, the total amount of mobilized funds is US \$3.4M.

Funding Target: US \$ 5M for 30 days



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