

Situation Report #5 – 2 to 26 March 2026

## Situation Update

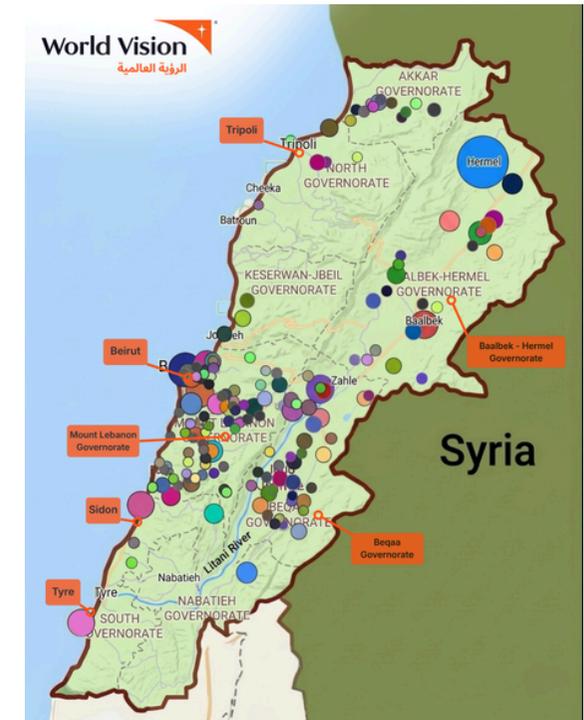
Since the escalation of hostilities on **2 March**, the situation in Lebanon has entered its **fourth week**, with **no indication of de-escalation** and continued spillover from the broader regional conflict. While diplomatic efforts by the Government of Lebanon are ongoing, reports suggest that **even in the event of a broader regional agreement, hostilities in Lebanon are likely to persist.**

In recent days, hostilities have further expanded in scope and impact. Inaugurally, **a missile was intercepted over the Keserwan area**, with debris reported across parts of Mount Lebanon, underscoring the spread of the conflict into previously unaffected areas. At the same time, targeted strikes on non-state actors within civilian residential buildings continue, causing civilian casualties and damage to surrounding infrastructure.

Attacks on critical infrastructure have intensified, with **at least seven bridges and multiple crossings destroyed across the Litani River**, effectively isolating parts of southern Lebanon and cutting off **over 150,000 people**, severely constraining civilian movement and humanitarian access.

Meanwhile, the humanitarian and economic situation continues to deteriorate. **Displacement remains high and shelter capacity overstretched**, with many families unable to access formal shelters and resorting to informal or unsafe living arrangements. **Rising fuel and commodity prices**, driven by disruptions in regional supply routes, are further increasing the cost of living and compounding vulnerabilities among affected populations.

The prolonged escalation is also contributing to **growing social tensions and localised instability**, as pressure on resources intensifies and political polarisation deepens, raising concerns over potential civil unrest and localised sectarian tensions.



WVL Operational Footprint Day 1-25

## Humanitarian Snapshot



**1,049,328** new IDPs (since March 2)  
including **370,000** children



**134,601** IDPs in collective shelters  
**46,460** children **34,269** families



**660** collective shelters

**62,000-90,000** IDPs from September 2024 escalation

**1,094** people killed, including **118** children

**3,119** people injured

**10** children killed **every day** (since March 2nd)

**36** children injured **every day**

## WORLD VISION LEBANON (WVL) RESPONSE

**As of March 24, WVL reached 138,109 individuals (48,340 children)**

Figures updated following data verification and de-duplication.

Including:

- **112,190** Lebanese new IDPs (**39,270** children) in **391** collective shelters.
- **25,919** newly arrived Syrians crossing into Lebanon (**9,072** children).

**Since March 2, 2026, WV distributed:**

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| • <b>388,769</b> hot meals         | • <b>955</b> light ready-to-eat meals    |
| • <b>32,932</b> nutritious snacks  | • <b>813</b> winterisation kits          |
| • <b>8,220</b> ready-to-eat meals  | • <b>500</b> cold meals                  |
| • <b>7,628</b> blankets            | • <b>139</b> trash bins                  |
| • <b>6,508</b> mattresses          | • <b>30</b> trash bags                   |
| • <b>5,994</b> family hygiene kits | • <b>22</b> community kitchens supported |
| • <b>3,379</b> sleeping mats       | • <b>with fresh and dry ingredients</b>  |
| • <b>3,379</b> pillows             | • <b>15</b> stoves                       |
| • <b>1,970</b> bread packs         | • <b>6</b> shelters maintained           |

After more than **two weeks of inaccessibility**, World Vision was able to reach Tyre, delivering fresh and dry food ingredients to support **over 4,000 internally displaced people**.

In parallel, **World Vision Lebanon has been recognised within the WASH Working Group as the only INGO providing complete and comprehensive WASH services across 108 collective shelters**, underscoring its critical role in sustaining essential services for displaced populations.

## Media Updates

- On Mother's Day, we honour every mother who becomes strength and shelter for her children, even in the hardest moments. ([Link](#))
- On National Child Day, childhood should mean laughter and safety, yet for many children in Lebanon it is shaped by displacement and loss. ([Link](#))
- On World Water Day, water is dignity, health, and protection, and for displaced families in Lebanon, every drop matters. ([Link](#))

## ADVOCACY ASKS

**Scale up flexible humanitarian financing:** Advocate for immediate, flexible, and unearmarked funding to address critical gaps. The response remains significantly underfunded, limiting the ability to operate at scale and sustain assistance, including both life-saving support and early recovery.

**Strengthen coordinated and inclusive response systems:** Ensure coordination remains clear, streamlined, and locally informed, enabling all partners to contribute effectively and reach all affected populations.

**Ensure access to all displaced populations:** Prioritise efforts to reach those outside collective shelters, including in informal settings and host communities, who remain underserved and face heightened protection risks.

**Embed protection across the response:** Ensure protection is central to all interventions, with particular attention to children, women and girls, refugees, migrants, and other vulnerable groups.

**Safeguard humanitarian access and infrastructure:** Advocate for safe and unimpeded access, particularly to hard-to-reach areas. Damage to critical infrastructure continues to restrict movement and limit response capacity.

**Protect civilians and uphold International Humanitarian Law:** Reinforce the protection of civilians, humanitarian personnel, and civilian infrastructure, and ensure respect for International Humanitarian Law.

**Prioritise children and education:** Ensure continuity of education and child protection, including alternatives to the use of schools as shelters to prevent long-term harm.

**Support community stability and social cohesion:** Invest in local and community-based responses to mitigate rising tensions and reduce the risk of civil unrest and localised conflict.

## Funding

Since the onset of the escalation, World Vision Lebanon (WVL) has mobilised funding through a combination of existing resources, repurposed grants, and new contributions.

In addition to anticipatory funding from the Start Fund secured prior to the escalation, WVL successfully **repurposed USD 3,370,054** from key donors, including WFP, UNOCHA, DEC, GAC, and WVUS, enabling the immediate scale-up of life-saving assistance. In parallel, **new funding amounting to USD 1,149,228** has been secured from donors including Irish Aid through WV Ireland, Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) through WV Germany, WVUS, WV Korea, WV Hong Kong, WV New Zealand, and WV Malaysia, complemented **by USD 300,000** from the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund (EPRF).

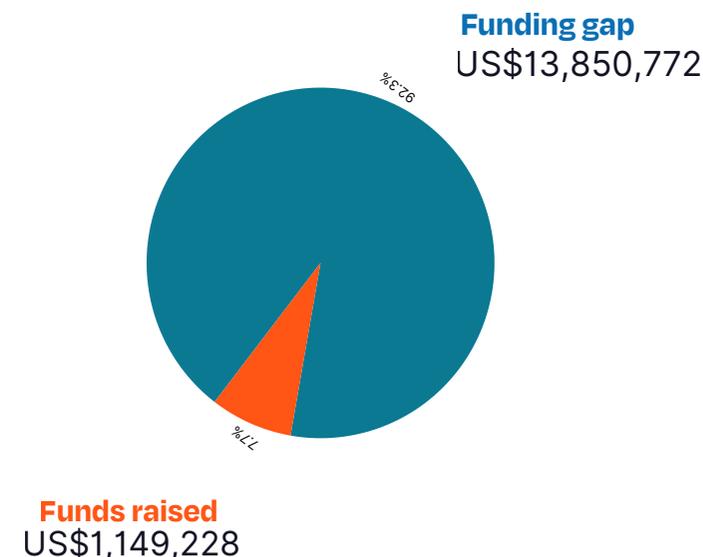
While these contributions have been critical in initiating and sustaining the response, significant funding gaps remain. WVL requires **USD 15 million over the next three months to reach 250,000 vulnerable people** with life-saving assistance.

## LOCAL PARTNERS

WVL's response is anchored in its **localisation approach**, with local partners playing a critical role in enabling rapid, contextually appropriate assistance and access to affected communities. WVL has mobilised 20 local partners, including Basmeh & Zeitooneh, Will Association, Genius Association, and Caritas, to deliver immediate support to vulnerable households.

By leveraging a pre-assessed partner database and flexible partnership modalities, WVL ensures rapid activation and scale-up while maintaining accountability. Ongoing efforts focus on expanding partnerships in hard-to-reach areas, strengthening partner capacity, and promoting equitable risk-sharing in line with localisation commitments.

### Funding Target: US \$15M for 90 days



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