

Situation Report #6 – 2 March to 2 April 2026

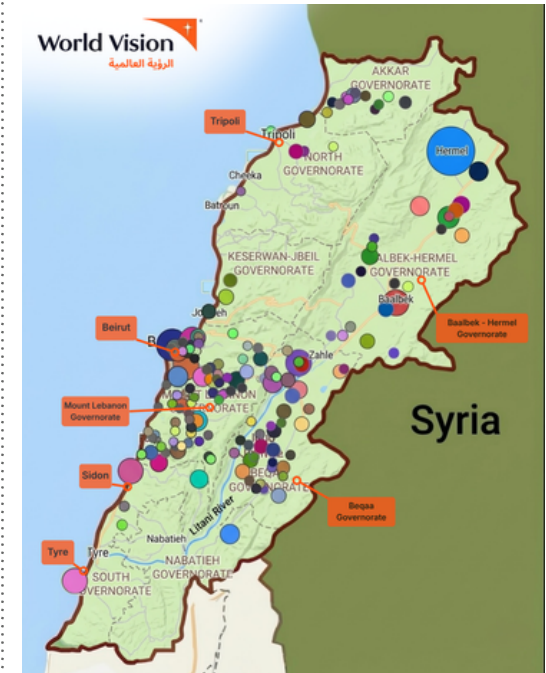
Situation Update

Lebanon has now entered its **fifth week of escalation since 2 March 2026**, marking one month of sustained hostilities, continued regional spillover, and **no clear trajectory towards de-escalation**. Strikes are increasingly affecting **areas previously considered relatively safe**, signalling an expanding conflict footprint and heightened risks for civilians. Incidents affecting media personnel, including the **killing of three journalists**, further underscore growing protection concerns.

In the south, damage to critical transport routes has effectively **isolated an estimated 150,000 people**, with reports indicating worsening **shortages of essential goods, including medication**. In areas such as Rmeish, where residents have largely remained, the **withdrawal of the Lebanese Armed Forces** has further diminished the security presence, increasing protection risks for civilians.

The **operating environment for humanitarian actors continues to deteriorate**. Access remains constrained due to insecurity, infrastructure damage, and movement restrictions, particularly in **South Lebanon, Baalbek-Hermel, and Beirut's southern suburbs**. Attacks affecting healthcare are raising serious protection concerns, with at least 64 reported incidents impacting health facilities, personnel, and emergency services, resulting in **at least 51 deaths** and forcing the closure or reduced functionality of key facilities. These dynamics are significantly limiting access to life-saving care and undermining the reach, predictability, and effectiveness of the humanitarian response.

During his visit to Lebanon this week, **Tom Fletcher**, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, called for expanded humanitarian access and reiterated the need to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure in line with **International Humanitarian Law**. Discussions with national authorities and partners highlighted severe access constraints, mounting pressure on responders, and the need for sustained international engagement.



WVL Operational Footprint Day 1-31

Humanitarian Snapshot



1,049,328 new IDPs (since March 2)
including **390,000** children



136,321 IDPs in collective shelters
46,460 children **35,960** families



669 collective shelters

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

1,318 people killed, including **125** children

3,935 people injured

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

36 children injured **every day**

WORLD VISION LEBANON (WVL) RESPONSE

As of March 31, WVL reached 149,438 individuals (52,304 children) including:

- **123,519** Lebanese new IDPs (**43,232** children) in **407** collective shelters.
- **25,919** newly arrived Syrians crossing into Lebanon (**9,072** children).

Since March 2, 2026, WV distributed:

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| • 611,343 hot meals | • 3,477 sleeping mats |
| • 32,932 nutritious snacks | • 2,547 children through recreational activities |
| • 15,819 households for water trucking | • 2,634 individuals with winterization items |
| • 9,993 family hygiene kits | • 2,138 households with light RTEs |
| • 8,916 ready-to-eat meals (RTEs) | • 1,970 bread packs |
| • 7,648 blankets | • 1,867 children for psychosocial support |
| • 6,678 mattresses | • 800 menstrual hygiene kits |
| • 4,502 pillows | • 500 cold meals |

Within days of the escalation, a rapid needs assessment covering **over 5,000 households and 7,700 registered children** was conducted.

- **Over 2,800 children are displaced**, including **1,600+ (57%) outside their original governorates**
- Displacement is highest in **Sour (88%)** and Beirut & Mount Lebanon (68%)
- **Saida and Hermel** show lower displacement but increasing vulnerability among host communities
- Across all locations, **food insecurity, lack of basic items, protection concerns, and limited access to essential services** have emerged as critical needs.
- Our operation in Akkar AP remain functional

In response, operations are proceeding immediately with life saving interventions services: **Child Protection, Basic assistance, Food assistance, Education, Health, WASH. the main modality employed will be in kind distributions, awaiting the registration of our RCs on the MoSA platform.** Interventions are prioritized across four groups, with highest priority given to displaced children in critical conditions outside shelters. Response teams are leveraging existing grants and the 20% AP funding flexibility to address gaps—particularly in child protection, health, and education—while actively promoting registration on the MoSA platform as the primary channel for future assistance.

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.

Media Updates

- She wrote this after her home was bombed - Elsa's message to children forced to feel their homes ([Link](#))
- Elissar Gemayel, Response Director at World Vision Lebanon, speaks to CTV News about the impact of repeated displacement on children ([Link](#))
- Displaced twice: how repeated displacement affects children's lives, and the struggle to maintain a sense of normalcy ([Link](#))

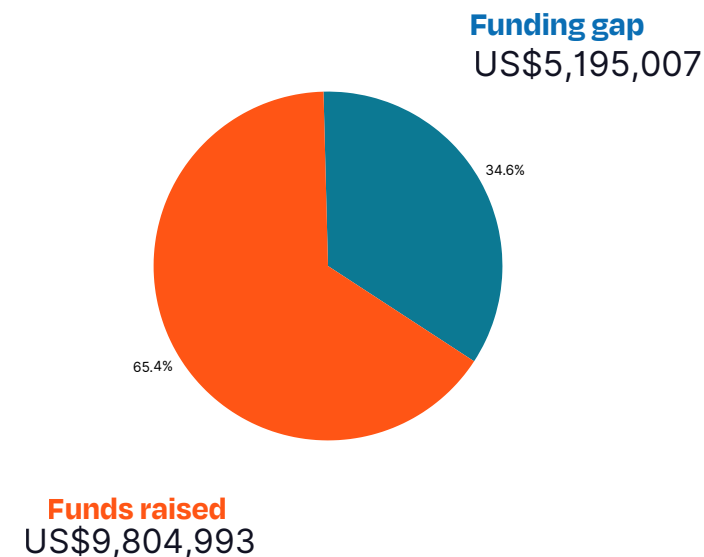
Funding

One month into the escalation, World Vision Lebanon (WVL) continues to expand its funding base through a diversified mix of institutional and private contributions, enabling sustained delivery of assistance at scale.

As of April 2, WVL has secured **USD 9,804,993** in new funding toward the **USD 15 million required for the three-month response**. This includes major contributions from **WFP (USD 7.34M)**, **UNOCHA (USD 1.15M)**, and **KOICA (USD 219K)**, alongside funds from **Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) / WV Germany (USD 477K)**, **Irish Aid (USD 164K)**, and **WV Support Offices (US, HK, NZ, Taiwan) (USD 458K)**.

This funding comes in addition to the **USD 2.4 million** in repurposed resources that enabled WVL to respond immediately at the onset of the escalation, and demonstrates continued momentum in mobilizing resources to sustain and scale the response.

Funding Target: US \$15M for 90 days



LOCAL PARTNERS

WVL is actively integrating a strengthened security component within its partnership approach, recognizing that local partners operate in high-risk environments. This includes enhanced security risk analysis, tailored safety protocols, and regular communication to support safe access and operations. Efforts are also underway to reinforce risk-sharing and risk transfer mechanisms, ensuring partners are not disproportionately exposed to operational, financial, or security risks, while promoting fair and equitable partnership arrangements.

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