

Situation Report #8 – 2 March to 17 April 2026

Situation Update

As the escalation entered its **seventh week**, hostilities across Lebanon continued with no sustained reduction despite ongoing diplomatic engagement. **On 16 April, a 10-day ceasefire was finally announced; however, its implementation and impact remain uncertain on the ground.**

The situation continues to be highly volatile, **with over 2,100 people reported killed, 7,061 injured and more than 1.2 million displaced** since the escalation began.

The operating environment for humanitarian actors remains **extremely challenging**. Access is constrained by insecurity, infrastructure damage, and movement restrictions. In the south, repeated damage to key routes and crossings has limited civilian movement and humanitarian access, affecting an estimated **150,000 people**. These conditions are exacerbating shortages of essential goods and services, particularly food, medication, and fuel. Recent incidents in Nabatieh include an 11 April airstrike on the Governorate building that killed **19 people including 13 members of the Lebanese State Security Forces and injured around 15 others**.

The health system is under severe strain, with **over 61 primary healthcare centres and several hospitals non-operational**. Since 2 March, attacks on healthcare have resulted in **88 deaths and 206 injuries**, while recent incidents, including **16 April strikes killed four paramedics and injured six others**, underscoring the heightened risks facing frontline workers. These dynamics are reducing access to essential care and limiting the ability to deliver life-saving assistance at scale.

Humanitarian needs remain severe, with most displaced populations residing outside collective shelters and facing limited access to assistance, vulnerabilities continue to deepen. Humanitarian actors continue to call for the **protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure, safe humanitarian access, and urgent international support**.



WVL Operational Footprint Day 1-45

Humanitarian Snapshot



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

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

2,167 people killed, including **168** children



141,613 IDPs in collective shelters
46,460 children **37,349** families

7,061 people injured



690 collective shelters

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

36 children injured **every day**

WORLD VISION LEBANON (WVL) RESPONSE

As of April 14, WVL reached 175,985 individuals (61,590 children)

Including:

- **146,157** Lebanese new IDPs (**51,155 children**) in **431** collective shelters.
- **29,828** newly arrived Syrians crossing into Lebanon (**10,440 children**).

Since March 2, 2026, WV distributed:

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| • 1,059,056 hot meals | • 3,477 sleeping mats |
| • 59,760 nutritious snacks | • 4,597 children through recreational activities |
| • 27,517 households water trucking | • 2,634 individuals with winterization items |
| • 7,769 family hygiene kits | • 2,138 households with light RTEs |
| • 9,971 ready-to-eat meals (RTEs) | • 5,706 bread packs |
| • 9,016 blankets | • 4,136 children for psychosocial support |
| • 8,026 mattresses | • 800 menstrual hygiene kits |
| • 4,324 pillows | • 500 cold meals |
| • 4,648 liters of bottled water | |

In line with its ongoing commitment to support registered children, WVL has started targeted assistance for affected Registered Children (RCs). The response is being implemented through an integrated, multi-sectoral approach addressing urgent needs in food security, WASH, psychosocial support, and access to primary healthcare.

Based on real-time monitoring of RC households, interventions prioritise the most vulnerable, particularly displaced families who remain underserved by existing responses. Immediate support includes the provision of food parcels and hygiene kits, access to education, alongside remote psychosocial support for children and caregivers to ensure continuity of care despite displacement.

In parallel, a health referral and gap-filling mechanism is being implemented in coordination with national systems to facilitate access to consultations, medications, and essential services. The response will be progressively scaled, with ongoing monitoring ensuring targeted, accountable, and adaptive support to affected children and their families.

ADVOCACY ASKS

- **World Vision welcomes the announcement of a ceasefire and calls for its full and sustained implementation by all parties, in line with International Humanitarian Law (IHL)**, to ensure the protection of civilians, humanitarian personnel, and civilian infrastructure, and to enable affected children and families to live in safety and dignity.
- **Scale up immediate, flexible and unearmarked humanitarian financing** to address critical gaps and enable both life-saving assistance and early recovery at the scale required.
- **Ensure safe, unimpeded and equitable humanitarian access** to all displaced and conflict-affected populations, including those in hard-to-reach areas, informal settings, host communities, and outside collective shelters.
- **Place protection at the centre of the response**, with particular attention to children, women and girls, persons with disabilities, refugees, migrants, and other vulnerable groups, ensuring access to essential services including healthcare, mental health and psychosocial support, child protection, and the safe continuity of education, including alternatives to the use of schools as shelters.
- **Strengthen coordinated, inclusive and locally informed response systems**, including investment in local and community-based responses that reduce gaps, support social cohesion, and mitigate rising tensions and risks of further instability.

Media Updates

- “The scale of displacement and strikes is overwhelming response capacities,” warns World Vision Lebanon’s Response Director Elissar Gemayel in an interview with Sky News, as calls intensify to protect civilians and ensure humanitarian access in Lebanon. ([Link](#))
- The story of Hanneh, displaced six times at over 80, still holding on to hope as she lives with her two grandchildren in a collective shelter, far from the home she longs to return to. ([Link](#))

Funding

More than one month into the escalation, World Vision Lebanon (WVL) continues to mobilise resources through a combination of new funding and repurposed grants, enabling the sustained delivery of life-saving assistance. As of mid-April, WVL has secured over **USD 10.1 million in new funding toward the USD 15 million required** for the three-month response, including major contributions from WFP and UNOCHA, alongside support from KOICA, ADH/WV Germany, Irish Aid, and World Vision Support Offices. This includes an additional **USD 229,778** secured this week from World Vision US, further strengthening the response capacity.

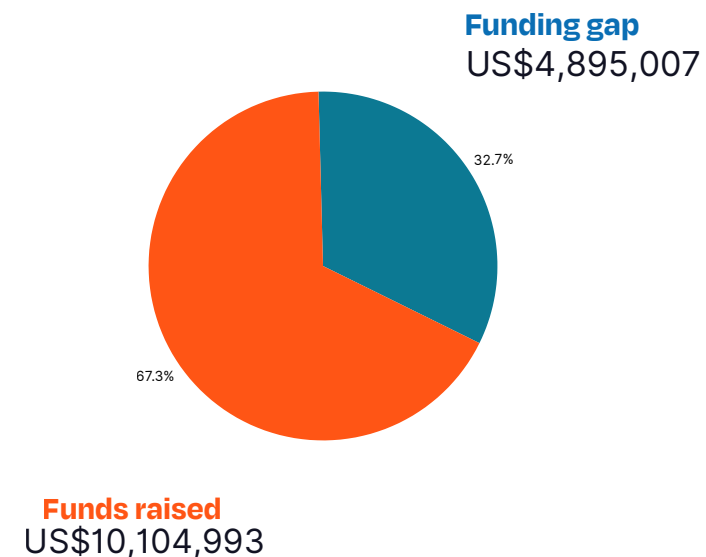
This is complemented by **USD 3.37 million** in repurposed funds from ongoing grants from WFP, OCHA, DEC, and private WV funds, enabling an immediate scale-up at the onset of the crisis. In total, WVL has mobilised approximately **USD 13.9 million to date**. While these contributions have been critical, **funding gaps remain**, limiting the ability to scale assistance in line with rapidly increasing needs.

LOCAL PARTNERS

WVL's response is anchored in its localisation approach, working through a network of **22 local partners** across food security, WASH, livelihoods, protection, and health. This includes partnerships with organisations such as ABAAD, Caritas and Genius Association, enabling flexible, context-specific support to affected communities.

Operating in a high-risk environment, WVL continues to strengthen security integration within its partnership model through ongoing risk analysis, tailored safety measures, and regular coordination. Efforts are also focused on ensuring equitable risk-sharing, supporting partners to operate safely and effectively while reaching vulnerable populations in hard-to-reach areas.

Funding Target: US \$15M for 90 days



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