

Situation Update

Situation Report #9– 2 March to 30 April 2026

On 23 April, the initial **10-day ceasefire was extended by three additional weeks**. However, implementation remains fragile – particularly in the south of Lebanon – and its impact on the **ground uncertain**. Violations are occurring on a daily basis, with ongoing strikes, demolitions, drone attacks, and artillery shelling. On 28 April, UNIFIL peacekeepers recorded **299 firing incidents in one day**.

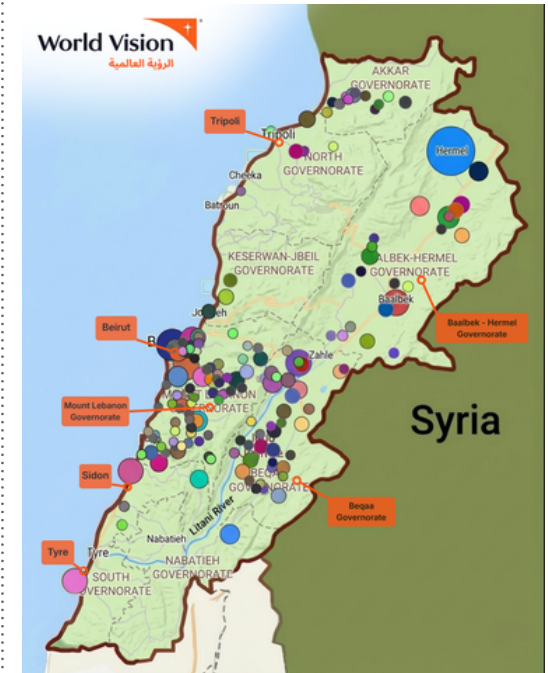
Since the ceasefire began, **240 people have been killed and 319 injured**. On 29 April, an airstrike in southern Lebanon killed 10 people, including three Civil Defense members.

Displacement warnings for southern villages are still in effect, and the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) remains high. Despite a 28.7% decrease in number of IDPs in collective shelters, **the majority of displaced persons remain outside of collective shelters**, and are unable to return due to destruction of homes and ongoing security concerns.

The operating environment for humanitarian actors is extremely challenging. The **"Yellow Line"** – a military buffer Zone stretching across several hundred square kilometers and encompassing dozens of towns and villages in southern Lebanon – is currently preventing civilian movement and blocking humanitarian access. **These restrictions are having a dire effect on an estimated 150,000 people and exacerbating critical shortages of food, medication, and fuel.**

The health system is under severe strain. Over **61 primary healthcare centres and several hospitals are non-operational**. Since 2 March, attacks on healthcare facilities and personnel have resulted in **88 deaths and 206 injuries**.

Humanitarian needs remain acute and vulnerabilities continue to deepen. Humanitarian actors are calling for the **protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure**, unimpeded access, and urgent international support.



WVL Operational Footprint Day 1- 59

Humanitarian Snapshot



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



117,126 IDPs in collective shelters
46,460 children **30,723** families



623 collective shelters

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

2,534 people killed, including **172** children

7,863 people injured

Since 16 April ceasefire announcement:

240 people killed

319 people injured

WORLD VISION LEBANON (WVL) RESPONSE

As of 30 April, WVL reached 180,872 individuals (63,300 children)

Including:

- **150,839** Lebanese new IDPs (**52,790** children) in **450** collective shelters.
- **30,033** newly arrived Syrians crossing into Lebanon (**10,510** children).

Since 2 March, WV distributed:

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| • 1,381,018 hot meals | • 3,477 sleeping mats |
| • 79,349 nutritious snacks | • 8,224 children through recreational activities |
| • 38,952 households water trucking | • 2,634 individuals with winterization items |
| • 8,501 family hygiene kits | • 2,138 households with light RTEs |
| • 10,437 ready-to-eat meals (RTEs) | • 7,104 bread packs |
| • 9,116 blankets | • 7,771 children for psychosocial support |
| • 8,176 mattresses | • 800 menstrual hygiene kits |
| • 4,324 pillows | • 500 cold meals |
| • 18,146 liters of bottled water | |

On 29 April, the Italian Ambassador, alongside representatives from the Swiss and Italian Embassies, UNOCHA, and World Vision Lebanon, conducted a high-level field visit to a collective shelter in Bir Hassan, Mount Lebanon, hosting approximately 2,800 internally displaced people, many displaced from Dahieh, South Lebanon, and the Bekaa.

WVL presented its ongoing WASH response and facilitated direct engagement with affected populations through focus group discussions, providing immediate, first-hand insights into living conditions, priority needs, and critical service gaps.

The visit reinforced the human impact behind displacement, highlighting disrupted lives, prolonged uncertainty, and the strain on basic services, including those affecting children's wellbeing and continuity. It confirmed that significant gaps in assistance persist and underscored the urgent need for sustained and scaled-up humanitarian support.

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

- WV welcomes the announcement of a 10-day ceasefire in Lebanon, offering children a fragile moment of relief after weeks of fear and displacement, though many families remain uncertain about returning home as needs continue to rise. ([Link](#))
- WV Lebanon's Response Director Elissar Gemayel speaks to ABC News Australia on the humanitarian situation following the ceasefire, warning that many families remain displaced or unable to return due to unsafe conditions. ([Link](#))

Funding

More than two months into the escalation, WVL continues to mobilise resources through a combination of new funding and repurposed grants, enabling the sustained delivery of life-saving assistance. As of 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. WVL secured an additional **USD35,469** from Humanitarian Coalition and **USD6,077** from WV France 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.

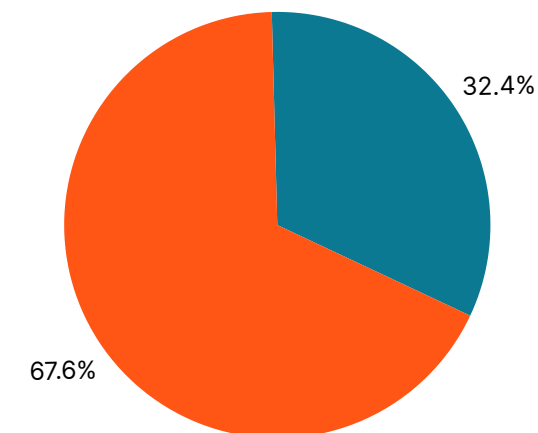
LOCAL PARTNERS

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

Funding gap
US\$4,853,531



Funds raised
US\$10,146,539

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