

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN LEBANON

Situation Update | 2 March - 21 May 2026



Since the escalation began in 2 March, communities across Lebanon continue to face repeated displacement, disrupted services, and growing humanitarian pressures. While some families attempted to return following the 16 April ceasefire announcement, ongoing insecurity, damaged infrastructure, and limited access to essential services continue to drive humanitarian needs and deepen vulnerabilities across affected areas.

HUMANITARIAN SNAPSHOT



1,049,328

PEOPLE DISPLACED

including **~390K**
Children



2,988

PEOPLE KILLED

including **209**
Children



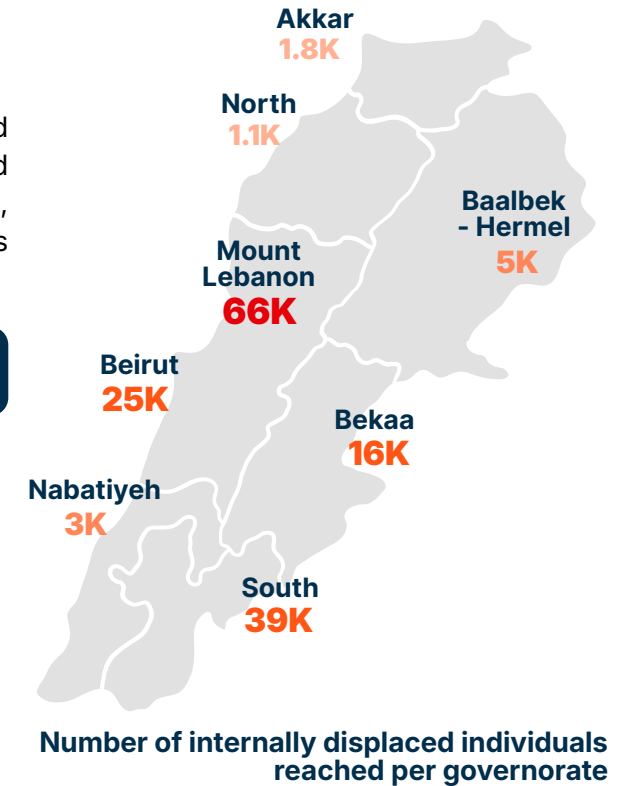
9,210

PEOPLE INJURED



634

ACTIVE
COLLECTIVE
SHELTERS



KEY DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD (11 till 19 May 2026)



Ceasefire violations continue

A new 45-day ceasefire extension was announced on 15 May, yet airstrikes, shelling, and military activity continued across southern Lebanon, marking some of the most intense attacks since the initial ceasefire in April.



New displacement orders issued

6 renewed displacement orders affecting at least 27 villages triggered further population movements, increasing pressure on collective shelters hosting over 130,000 displaced people, while many others remain in informal shelters and unsafe conditions.



High human cost persists

23 children killed and 93 injured since the 16 April ceasefire despite continued diplomatic efforts.
164 attacks on healthcare systems since 2 March resulted in 110 deaths and 259 injuries.



Access Remains severely constrained

Movement restrictions, damaged infrastructure, and funding gaps continue to limit humanitarian access and threaten critical services, particularly WASH and healthcare.



WE HAVE REACHED **187,327** INDIVIDUALS (INCLUDING **64,001** CHILDREN)

↳ **157,279** LEBANESE NEW IDPS (INCLUDING **55,048** CHILDREN) IN **466** COLLECTIVE SHELTERS.

↳ **30,048** NEWLY ARRIVED SYRIANS CROSSING INTO LEBANON (INCLUDING **10,517** CHILDREN).



1.8M+
HOT MEALS



96K+
NUTRITIOUS
SNACKS



9,205 m³
WATER
TRUCKING



9,884
FAMILY
HYGIENE KITS



10,226
CHILDREN REACHED
WITH PSYCHOSOCIAL
SUPPORT



9,427
BLANKETS



8,553
MATTRESSES



11,262
READY-TO-EAT
FOOD



1,649
MENSTRUAL
HYGIENE KITS



10,758
CHILDREN REACHED WITH
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



414
LATRINES
REHABILITATED

OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS

- Security risks and movement restrictions continued to affect field operations in conflict-affected areas.
- Ongoing displacement and population movement increased operational challenges and humanitarian needs.
- Funding gaps and rising transportation, food, and operational costs placed additional pressure on response delivery and affected households.

ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

World Vision calls on all relevant actors to:

- Respect international humanitarian law and protect civilians and civilian infrastructure.
- Ensure safe, unimpeded humanitarian access to all affected populations.
- Enable conditions for safe, voluntary, and dignified return.
- Provide flexible, timely humanitarian funding to address critical gaps.
- Prioritise child protection, ensuring all children can access safety, education, and essential services.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our priorities for the next period:

- Scale emergency food assistance, WASH, cash, protection, MHPSS, and healthcare support in high-risk and underserved areas.
- Strengthen support for vulnerable groups, including children, women, older persons, and persons with disabilities, through integrated protection and inclusion approaches.
- Expand education in emergencies and education system strengthening initiatives.
- Reinforce coordination, operational readiness, and pre-positioning of emergency supplies to respond to potential escalation scenarios.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

22+
PARTNERS
ACROSS
LEBANON

- Together with our partners we work across food security, WASH, livelihoods, protection, and health.
- Partners feedback highlighted strong communication, responsiveness, and operational flexibility during the response.
- Areas for improvement included faster administrative processes, sustainable support modalities, and stronger joint contingency planning.
- Findings are informing the next phase of response planning through enhanced partner coordination, security capacity strengthening, and improved emergency management tools.
- WVL also contributed to the LHIF Partnership and Localisation Working Group, helping shape sector discussions on localisation standards and partnership practices.

Voices from the Field

“Several families who attempted to return to their villages after the ceasefire found homes heavily damaged, essential infrastructure disrupted, and basic services no longer functioning. Without reliable access to water, electricity, healthcare, or daily necessities, many were forced to return to collective shelters and continue relying on humanitarian assistance to meet their most basic needs.”

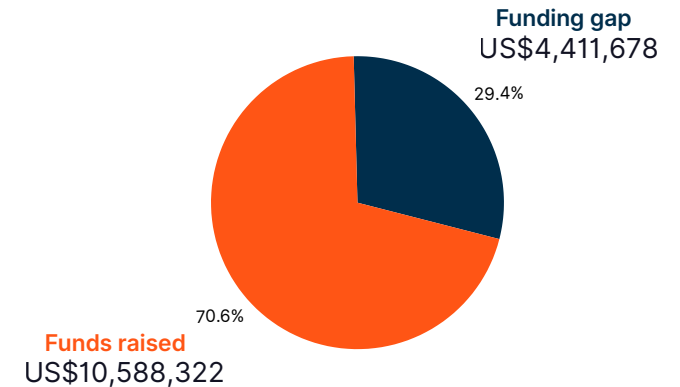
- Fares Samaha, Deputy Response Director for WVL

“I didn’t even have time to take my school bag. We ran away so fast... I left behind my things, my books, my notebooks, my clothes, and all my toys.”



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Funding Target:
US\$ 15M for 90 days



- WVL received its fourth funding allocation from DEC (\$441,853).
- Education, Child Protection, and Food Security remain the most underfunded sectors in our response and require urgent support.
- Field Visit with the Italian Ambassador, Swiss and Italian Embassies, UNOCHA and WVL to a shelter hosting ~2,800 IDPs. Key needs: WASH gaps, overstretched shelter conditions, limited basic services, and child wellbeing concerns.
- Field Visit with UK FCDO, Australian DFAT, UNOCHA and WVL to a shelter hosting ~1,600 IDPs. Key needs: ongoing WASH gaps, inadequate services, and protection and wellbeing concerns, especially for children.

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