

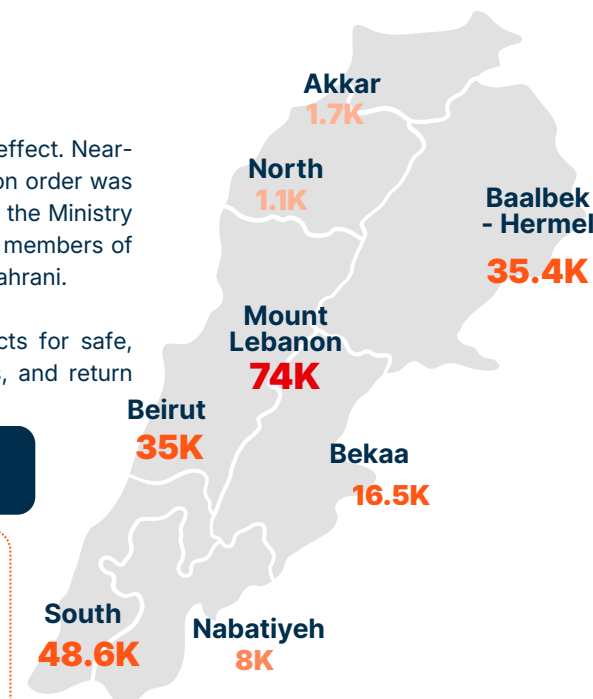
EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN LEBANON

Situation Update | 2 March - 20 August 2026



The ceasefire continued to hold in broad terms but deteriorated markedly in August, in the sharpest escalation since it took effect. Near-daily airstrikes, shelling and demolitions persisted across South and Nabatieh governorates. On 5 August a forced evacuation order was issued for Mansouri in Tyre district, the first since the ceasefire, displacing 130 families present in the village. On 15 August, the Ministry of Public Health reported at least 11 people killed, including several children, in strikes across Nabatieh, among them seven members of one family in Ansar, reportedly the deepest strike inside Lebanon since the ceasefire began, alongside casualties in Deir al-Zahrani.

The mid-August strikes triggered a fresh wave of displacement, with hundreds of families fleeing northwards. Prospects for safe, sustainable return remain constrained by damaged housing, unexploded ordnance, insecurity and limited basic services, and return remains impossible for residents of border villages falling within the restricted Yellow Line area.



Number of internally displaced individuals reached by WVL per governorate

HUMANITARIAN SNAPSHOT



~352,793
PEOPLE DISPLACED
~834,651
RETURNEES



4,335
PEOPLE KILLED
including **253**
Children



12,250
PEOPLE INJURED
including **1,037**
Children



232
ACTIVE
COLLECTIVE
SHELTERS

KEY DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD (2 March till 20 August 2026)



Ceasefire violations continue

Recurring ceasefire violations in the south. UNIFIL recorded 455 projectiles fired into south Lebanon and 97 airspace breaches between 14 and 16 August alone.



Displacement continues

Since the ceasefire, roughly **71.1%** of displaced families have returned to their areas of origin, though the pace of new returns has slowed compared with the sharp increase seen immediately after the ceasefire took effect. But heavy damage and a fragile ceasefire are keeping most civilians from going home.



High human cost persists

At least **4,335 deaths** and **12,250 injuries** recorded due to hostilities since 2 March, with **355 people killed and 276 injured since the 19 June ceasefire** announcement, according to the Ministry of Public Health. Since 2 March, more than **253 children have been killed** and **1,037 injured**.



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 221,082 INDIVIDUALS (INCLUDING 77,378 CHILDREN)

↳ 190,595 IDPS (INCLUDING 66,708 CHILDREN) IN 548 COLLECTIVE SHELTERS.

↳ 30,487 NEWLY ARRIVED SYRIANS CROSSING INTO LEBANON (INCLUDING 10,670 CHILDREN).

**The number of beneficiaries reached through PHCC services has decreased compared with the previous SITREP following data cleaning and validation of beneficiary records. The current figure reflects the revised and verified cumulative reach.*



2.7M+
HOT MEALS



133K+
NUTRITIOUS
SNACKS



17,229 m³
WATER
TRUCKING



13,145
FAMILY
HYGIENE KITS



58,682
CHILDREN BENEFITED
FROM PSYCHOSOCIAL
SUPPORT



6,522
REACHED PRIMARY
HEALTHCARE SERVICES*



105
EDUCATION KITS
DISTRIBUTED



3,629
MENSTRUAL
HYGIENE KITS



25,758
CHILDREN SUPPORTED
WITH RECREATIONAL
ACTIVITIES

OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS

- Fluid displacement and return movements continue to complicate beneficiary targeting and service delivery.
- Extensive destruction of housing, infrastructure, and basic services in South Lebanon continues to hinder sustainable returns.
- UXO contamination, access constraints, and damaged infrastructure continue to affect humanitarian operations.
- Slow progress in recovery and shelter decommissioning is contributing to prolonged displacement for vulnerable households.
- Funding gaps continue to constrain humanitarian and early recovery programming.

ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

World Vision calls on all relevant actors for:

- Protection of civilians: Full respect for IHL, with particular attention to children and to civilian infrastructure.
- Consolidate the ceasefire: Urgently move from partial agreements to a durable, fully implemented end to hostilities, with real accountability for violations
- Enable safe, voluntary, dignified return and unimpeded humanitarian access particularly in areas still under military occupation
- Close the funding gap: Increased, flexible funding to meet the \$639.9M Flash Appeal, now only 48% funded.
- Expanded cash-based assistance, where markets allow, to enable families to meet priority needs.
- Sustain child-focused services like Child protection, MHPSS, education, and recovery support for children.
- Maintain safe, inclusive, in-person learning opportunities for vulnerable children - especially those in shelters, with disabilities, or in hard-to-reach areas - in line with MEHE priorities.

LOOKING AHEAD

Lebanon is now facing a protracted humanitarian crisis. Needs are rising in areas of return, from safe shelter and clean water to education, livelihoods, child protection, and psychosocial support. More than 352,793 people remain displaced, including thousands living in collective shelters and more than 80% outside of shelters without coordinated support:

- Expand rehabilitation of community infrastructure and essential services in areas of return.
- Continue multi-sector assistance for displaced and conflict-affected households.
- Strengthen child protection, MHPSS and community-based support mechanisms.
- Support safe, dignified, and informed returns through coordination, needs assessments, and early recovery interventions.
- Mobilize additional resources to address unmet humanitarian and recovery needs.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

22 PARTNERS ACROSS LEBANON

- Continued humanitarian and recovery programming through local partners across Lebanon, maintaining a strong local delivery footprint across WVL's response portfolio.
- Advanced the digitisation and standardisation of the partnership business process, strengthening partner mapping, assessment, onboarding, agreement management, partnership health checks and end-of-partnership learning.
- Strengthened portfolio-wide partner oversight and coordination through regular partnership reviews, joint follow-up on implementation progress, emerging challenges, lessons learned and agreed actions with local partners.
- Progressed partner screening, due diligence and implementation-readiness processes to support faster and more consistent activation of local partners across current and upcoming awards.
- Expanded partner-led programme delivery, including WILL Association's preparations for WASH implementation and Imam Sadr Foundation's completion of required Ministry of Public Health-coordinated training, enabling locally delivered health activities to commence under the DFAT response.

Voices from the Field

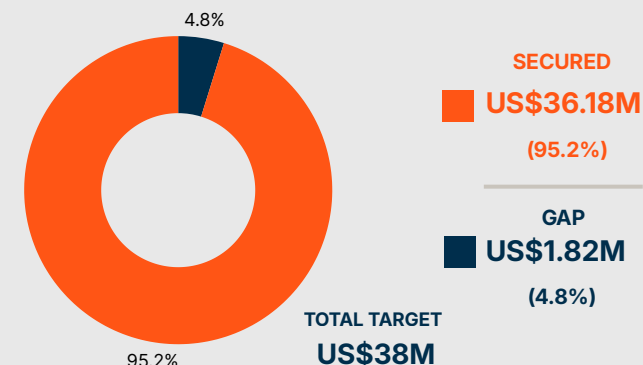
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“At first, I found school difficult because the classroom where I used to study became the place where I ate, slept and drank.”



Nour, 11 Years old

WVL FUNDING PROGRESS



Recent funding secured includes:

- **US\$3.44 million from the USG Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (DHR)** under the RISE Consortium, as part of a global application led by World Vision US.
- **US\$170,000 from World Vision Hong Kong** to support **education and protection interventions**, two sectors identified as significantly underfunded within the current response.
- As part of WVL's engagement in the **Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA)-led “Rooted for Lebanon” initiative**, WVL received the first tranche of **US\$112,000**, administered by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to provide multipurpose cash assistance. The funding is complemented by a **10% contribution of US\$11,200 from World Vision Korea** to support implementation and operational costs.

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