EU response to the Syrian crisis

Lebanon

Following the January 2014 donor conference in Kuwait the allocation of the European Union and its 28 Member States has reached €2.8 billion in response to the conflict in Syria and its spill-over into neighbouring countries – €1.3 billion through the various instruments of the European Commission and almost €1.5 billion from the 28 EU Member States. While the bulk of the funds are committed to humanitarian interventions inside Syria, an increasing amount goes towards alleviating the pressures in neighbouring countries, Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq.

LEBANON SPECIFIC NUMBERS

Out of the 2,853,975 Syrian refugees in the region to date (registered or awaiting registration by the UNHCR) more than 1,095,557 have requested assistance from UNHCR in Lebanon by 9 June 2014 (regularly updated numbers can be found on https://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php). In addition there are more than 53,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria. The number of Lebanese returnees is estimated at around 17,500.

So far, the European Commission has allocated €304.2 million to the response in Lebanon:

- €141.9 million has already been allocated through the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) and the Instrument for Stability (IFS) budgets focusing on assisting Lebanese structures respond to the crisis. These funds come in addition to the regular annual allocation for Lebanon.

- The Directorate General of the European Commission for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO) has so far contracted and pledged €162.3 million for humanitarian assistance in Lebanon.

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ACTIVITIES FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION CURRENTLY UNDER IMPLEMENTATION IN LEBANON

EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT

Support for areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon
Amount: €5,000,000
Implementation period: August 2012-February 2015
Objective: Reinforce the capacities of the Lebanese authorities and organisations in dealing with the crisis.
Expected results: The capacity of existing Lebanese institutions to deal with the crisis is improved; the capacity and quality of the national primary and secondary education structures in the regions hosting refugees from Syria are reinforced; the social and economic tissue of communities is strengthened (community empowerment).
Main partner: UNHCR
Beneficiaries: Refugee and host community children of school age and adolescents; public and private Lebanese institutions and organisations involved in the response to the influx of refugees; host communities.

Support for areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon II
Amount: €10,000,000
Implementation period: December 2012-June 2015
Objective: Improve access to educational and related services for refugee and host community children.
Expected results: Strengthening the access to educational and related services for refugee and host community children in Lebanon; facility to support vulnerable refugee and host community populations in areas particularly affected by the influx of refugees.
Main partners: UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRWA
Beneficiaries: Refugee and host community children of school age as well as adolescents; teachers and parents; Lebanese institutions and organisations; men and women at risk of or victims of sexual and gender based violence.

EU contribution to the ‘Government of Lebanon Response Plan to the Syrian crisis’
Amount: €36,000,000
Implementation period: August 2013-February 2016
Objective: Alleviate the medium and longer term needs of both refugees from Syria and host communities in areas in Lebanon with high refugee concentrations. The intervention will be a direct response to the Government of Lebanon’s response plan to the Syrian refugee crisis.
Expected results: The intervention will focus on: strengthening Lebanese institutions; community empowerment and livelihood activities; education; support to the response of UNRWA to the influx of Palestinian refugees from Syria.
Main partners: UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRWA, Mercy Corps, UNDP
Beneficiaries: Local host communities and refugees; children, teachers and parents; Lebanese institutions and organisations; Palestinian refugees from Syria.

EU response to the consequences of the Syrian conflict in Lebanon
Amount: €40,000,000
Implementation period: September 2013-March 2016
Objective: Mitigate the impact of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon by alleviating medium and longer term needs of both refugees from Syria and host communities in areas in Lebanon with high refugee concentrations.
Expected results: Access to educational and related services for refugee and host community children in Lebanon strengthened; coordination capacity among and within Lebanese institutions and agencies involved in responding to the crisis strengthened; Palestine refugees from Syria supported in the area of education.
Main partners: UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRWA
Beneficiaries: Local host communities and refugees; children, youth, teachers and parents; public institutions, including schools; community leaders; Palestinian refugees from Syria.

Support to the Syrian population affected by the unrest [Lebanon component]
Amount (Lebanon): €2,448,908
Implementation period: October 2013-January 2016
Objective: Assist Syrian refugees cope with the effects of the Syrian conflict.
Expected results: Access to educational and related services for refugee and host community children and youth in Lebanon strengthened; improved livelihood opportunities for host communities and refugees alike; improved life skills and professional capacities for youths.
Main partners: AMEL, Mercy Corps, British Council
Beneficiaries: Refugees and local host communities; children, youth, teachers and parents; public institutions, including schools.
Recovery of local economies in Lebanon
Amount: €7,000,000
Objective: To recover local economies in Lebanese communities particularly affected by the influx of refugees.
Main partners: Ministry of Interior and Municipalities; Economic and Social Fund for Development (ESFD)
Beneficiaries: Local communities across Lebanon.

Upgrading solid waste management capacities in Beqaa and Akkar regions in Lebanon (SWAM)
Amount: €14,000,000
Objective: To upgrade provision of basic services regarding solid waste management, in particular to contribute mitigating the impact of the Syrian crisis on Lebanese communities.
Main partner: Office of the Ministry of State for Administrative Reform (OMSAR)
Beneficiaries: Inhabitants of communities in the Beqaa and Akkar.

INSTRUMENT FOR STABILITY

Building the resilience of conflict-affected Palestinian refugees
Amount: €2,570,750
Objective: Provide adequate shelter to displaced Palestinian refugees from Syria through cash subsidies towards rent.
Main partner: UNRWA
Beneficiaries: Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon.

Conflict reduction through improving health care services for the vulnerable population in Lebanon
Amount: €20,000,000
Objective: Strengthen existing Lebanese health structures under or affiliated to the Ministry of Public Health to provide quality services to the general population with a focus on disease surveillance and response, primary health care services for mother and child, and chronic disease medication.
Main partner: UNHCR (WHO)
Beneficiaries: General public, patients at primary health care clinics, Ministry of Public Health.

Emergency shelter assistance to Palestine refugees from Syria in Lebanon
Amount: €5,000,000
Objective: Provide adequate shelter to displaced Palestinian refugees from Syria through cash subsidies towards rent.
Main partner: UNRWA
Beneficiaries: Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon.

1- Part of an overall €7,500,000 intervention covering both Syria and Lebanon entitled “Building the resilience of conflict-affected Palestinian refugees in Syria and Lebanon” (with activities also benefiting people living in Syria).
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