UNFPA RESPONSE TO THE SYRIAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN LEBANON
May – June 2013

587,795 refugees

- 503,724 registered
- 84,071 awaiting registration
- 114,643 households
- 78% women and children

UNFPA’s humanitarian response covers displaced Syrians, displaced Palestinians, and Lebanese communities as many refugees are living with host families in the poorest areas of the country.

More details: http://goo.gl/maps/hgNkD
## BUDGET

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| United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund | 102,533     | Reproductive health kits  
Reproductive health pharmaceuticals  
Logistical support and distribution of commodities  
Awareness raising to women/girls in host communities on Reproductive Health and Gender Based Violence  
Monitoring support |
| US Department of State / Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration | 500,000     | Women/girls dignity kits  
Training social workers on mental health, psychological support and parenting techniques  
Training school teachers on behavioural management  
Focus group discussion with girls/women on stress, gender based violence, anxiety, depression or family-related problems  
Behavioral interventions for mothers and children  
Awareness raising and public lectures  
Informative material and flyers  
Referral services for women / family members to specific gender-based violence interventions  
Treatment for severe mental distress  
Project monitoring |
| Government of Germany                      | 140,000     | Support women safe spaces and women support groups  
Training of social workers on psycho-social/mental health  
Dignity kits/ sanitary pads for women and girls  
Production of GBV informative, relevant and culturally sensitive material |
| UNFPA Programme funds                      | 250,000     | Reproductive health and gender based violence assessment  
Youth needs assessment  
Training on Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health  
Training on clinical management of rape survivors  
Rolling out of Standard Operating Procedures on Gender Based Violence  
Development of informative material  
Awareness raising on reproductive health and gender based violence  
Technical assistance |
| UNFPA Emergency funds                       | 175,000     | Support youth safe spaces  
Training of trainers on family planning mental health and counselling in reproductive tract infections for young people  
Training of young people on comprehensive package  
Awareness raising to young people on reproductive health  
Training of trainers  
Information/communication |
| Government of Kuwait                        | 1,000,000   | Procurement of RH Kits and pharmaceuticals  
Procurement and distribution of women dignity kits  
Training on Gender Based Violence and MISP  
Assessment and data collection  
Support women safe spaces  
Development and distribution of informative material  
Programme monitoring  
Technical assistance |
| National Commission for Lebanese Women      | 52,966.00   | Procurement and distribution of women dignity kits |

**TOTAL**  
2,220,499

## PARTNERS
ASSESSMENTS

Assessment of Service Delivery Points Offering Reproductive Health Services

Situation
UNFPA focuses on improving data availability and analysis around sexual and reproductive health (including family planning) as timely and reliable data is essential for efficient targeting of relief, accountability and for realistic estimation of funding.

Response
Assessment of service delivery points (primary health care centers, social development centers and NGOs with health dispensaries) offering reproductive health (RH) services for displaced Syrians conducted in order identify existing needs and explore ways to fill those critical gaps.

Reach
4 service delivery points assessed in South and Beirut.

Mapping of Gender Based Violence Service Providers

Situation
UNFPA focuses on improving data availability and analysis around population dynamics, sexual and reproductive health (including family planning) and gender equality as timely and reliable data is essential for efficient targeting of relief, accountability and for realistic estimation of funding.

Response
Mapping of GBV service providers conducted in South Lebanon in order to review the services currently provided and identify gaps and opportunities.

Reach
20 service providers in South assessed.
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Equipping Service Delivery Points with Reproductive Health Kits and Supplies Including Contraceptives

**Situation**
UNFPA needs assessment (July-August 2012) showed that while 37% of non-pregnant married women were using contraceptives, reasons for not using any was attributed to high cost, distance, quantity, and unavailability of preferred type of contraceptive. High rates of menstrual irregularity (54%) and pain (44%) and sexually transmitted infections (33%) were also identified.

**Response**
The Inter-Agency Emergency Reproductive Health (RH) Kits are essential drugs, equipment and supplies assembled into a set of specially designed pre-packaged kits. A total of 13 types of RH kits are readily available to be purchased, shipped and distributed in conflict and humanitarian situations. UNFPA provides RH kits based on thorough needs assessment.

**Reach**
30 RH kits distributed.
12 health service delivery points equipped with various RH kits.
33,000 male condoms distributed.
4,125 women recipients of oral and injectable contraception.
2,750 adult recipients of treatment of sexually transmitted infections.
480 women recipients of intrauterine devices.

**Impact**
The majority of NGO-supported health facilities offering RH services to Syrian displaced and not linked to the Ministry of Public Health network (and thus not regularly supplied) were provided with the needed contraceptive methods and STI treatments.

**Feedback**
*We all felt so relieved today when we received those kits as we have been eager to provide the community with family planning services* – Health program manager, Beirut.

Raising Awareness on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Gender Based Violence

**Situation**
UNFPA There are no camps in Lebanon and most Syrian refugees have settled in the poorest parts of the country, in districts like Akkar in the North and Baalbek or Hermel in the Bekaa. The North Governorate is home to 40% of Lebanon’s poor, with more than half the people living under US$4 a day. Although 60% of refugees are now renting their own homes, still their presence in more than 1000 villages across the country has depleted government-provided supplies in pharmacies, increased competition for jobs, raised the price of housing, and, in some cases, more than doubled the population of the town or village. Assisting poor Lebanese hosts is key in defusing tensions building between refugees and host communities.
Response
Raising awareness of women and girls from host communities on antenatal care (including nutrition), post natal care, family planning, reproductive tract infections and sexually transmitted infections, and GBV. In addition, sanitary pads are distributed to women attending the session.

Reach
3037 women and girls from hosting communities reached.
6,000 packs of sanitary pads distributed.
120 awareness sessions conducted.

Impact
95% improved knowledge among women following the awareness sessions.

Feedback
"Today’s session made me realize that I didn’t pay attention to my health and hygiene during my first pregnancy. I will definitely do so in the future." - Participant, Bekaa.

Training Service Providers on “Minimum Initial Service Package” for Reproductive Health services in crisis

Situation
UNFPA needs assessment (July - August 2012) showed a low antenatal visits among Syrian displaced women (16% had no antenatal follow up) as well as significant 37% of delivery-related complications such as bleeding (29%), preterm birth (26%), and newborn problems (52%).

Response
The Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health (RH) is a standard for humanitarian actors, outlining the RH components that are most important in preventing death and disability, particularly among women and girls, in emergency settings. Those RH components under the MISP consist of the following: reducing the transmission of HIV, preventing sexual violence, providing care for survivors of sexual violence, ensuring clean deliveries and access to emergency obstetric care.

Reach
52 service providers from UNRWA and partners trained.
22 service delivery points from UNRWA and partners reached.

Impact
92% improved knowledge reached among participants following the MISP training.

Feedback
"This training is definitely essential, especially right now with the growing number of Palestinians coming from Syria and visiting our clinics." - Nurse, UNRWA Saida Polyclinic.
GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Training Humanitarian Workers on Parenting Strategies

**Situation**

Burden of displacement generates intensive stress that can lead to increased violence within the family. UNFPA needs assessment (July-August 2012) showed that 74% of Syrian women admitted beating their children more than usual. Psychosocial support and equipping women with coping mechanisms can be one of the best ways to ensure the health, security and well-being of families and entire communities.

**Response**

Providing psychological support for Syrian women and children aimed at enabling mothers to deal with their children's behavior in the context of displacement.

**Reach**

- 300 Syrian women and girls reached.
- 65 focus group discussions conducted.
- 9 social workers trained.
- 5 Social Development Centres (Ministry of Social Affairs) engaged.

**Impact**

91% improved knowledge reached among social workers following the training.

**Feedback**

*The sessions have helped us a lot, we feel like we need to come back for each session and express our feelings more*- Participant in focus group discussion, Beirut.

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