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Lebanon 2021

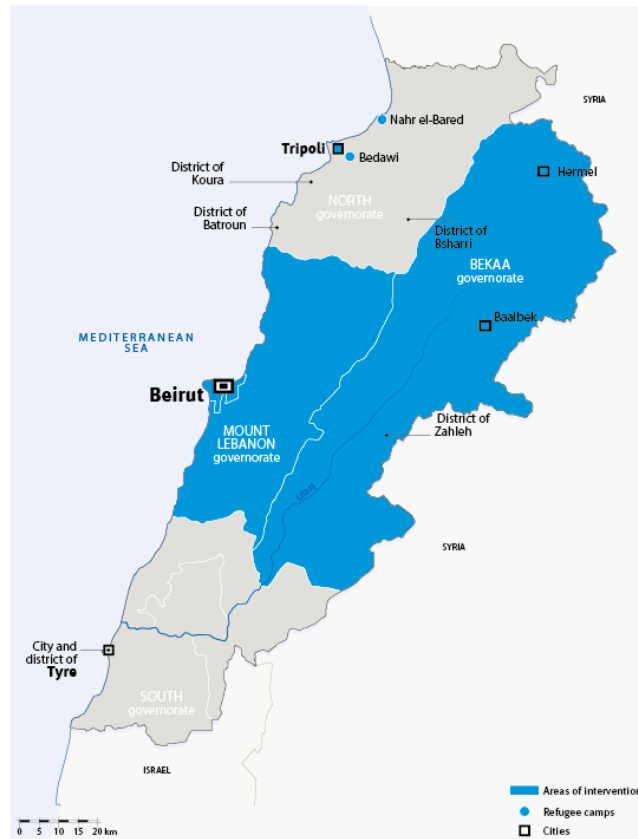




HI Team and intervention areas

HI has 82 staff members in Lebanon.

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General data of the country

a. General Data

Country	Lebanon	Neighboring country (Jordan)	France
Population	6 825 442	10 203 140	65 448 851
IHDI	0.74	0.73	0.9
Gender-related Development Index	0.892	0.875	0.987
Maternal mortality	29	46	8
GINI Index, 2011	31.8	33.7	31.6
Population within UNHCR mandate	969 641	769 260	458 919
INFORM index	5	4.4	2.2
Fragile State Index	89	75.43	30.48
Public social protection	2.1	8.9	32.6
Net official development assistance received (M USD)	1 305.5	3 941.7	N/A

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Not signed
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified 05/11/2010
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Signed 14/06/2007

c. Geopolitical analysis

Lebanon is a multi-cultural, multi-religious country with 18 state-recognized religious groups: 4 Muslim, 12 Christian, 1 Druze, and 1 Jewish. The official language is Arabic, but many Lebanese speak French or English.



Lebanon hosts 1 million Syrian refugees (¼ of the total population) as it already manages multiple challenges around acute inequality and the presence of around 208,800 Palestine refugees who live in extreme vulnerability in 11 camps around the country.

Lebanon faced a sharp deterioration of economic difficulties mixed with a political crisis and nourishing virulent social demands in 2019. The mid-March shutdown in response to the COVID-19 emergency turned the economic disaster into catastrophe for most of the Lebanese. The fiscal upheaval pushed the Lebanese economy into a downward spiral toward recession, soaring inflation, mass unemployment, shortages of imported goods and state insolvency. The economic pressure generated more unrest in the streets and threatened complete economic collapse. Depositors in Lebanese banks have been denied their savings. Bank withdrawal or credit card payments were priced at the official rate of 1,507 Lebanese pounds to the dollar, which was worth an average of 15,600 to 20,000 in the parallel market. Billions were transferred abroad by the political and business elite before the crisis took hold.

At the end of 2020, 19 per cent of Lebanese nationals reported the loss of their main sources of income. Assessments indicate unemployment among migrants was up to 50 per cent, with significant job losses in final quarter of 2020.

Summary of HI presence in the country

HI's work in Lebanon aims at increasing the inclusion of people with disabilities and vulnerable people¹ in community life, both physically (for instance, by providing access to education and health services and infrastructure etc.) and in terms of professional, cultural and social inclusion. The organisation also undertakes mine clearance work in the north of the country to protect the local population from the numerous explosive remnants of war from the 15-year civil war which ended in 1990. The Organization also provided emergency assistance in the crisis situations that have rocked the country and region, working as well with other actors and UN agencies in making sure any emergency response is inclusive and mindful of persons with disabilities. In 2018, following the continuum / merging process, HI in Lebanon has progressively readjusted its mandate to be able to cover the full mandate: Mental Health, Inclusive Education, Mine Action including Risk Education and Protection... Finally, facing the current crises HI has progressively moved into elaborating a strategy aiming at been able to respond to the deterioration of living conditions within the Health, Education, Basic needs sectors.

¹ People whose independence, dignity or physical or mental integrity is at risk. Vulnerability may be caused by age, illness, infirmity, a physical or mental impairment, or pregnancy.



Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Project title and main sector(s) of intervention	Objective of project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and donors funding it
Protection Landmine/Explosive remnants Clearance Operations	Clearance of mines and other Explosive Remnants of War (ERW).	Clearance of more than 30 minefields representing around 250 000 square meters Deployment of 4 manual mine teams	Direct benefit: 172000 people indirect: 217 000 More than 140 000 m2 field released from mines in 2018	Population of the 11 villages identified from Jbeil and Batroun, Bcharre and Koura districts 32,530 habitants 13 landlords	Lebanese Mine Action Centre (LMAC)	Province of Northern Lebanon (districts of Batroun, Becharre and Koura)	WRA 07/2018 12/2021
Protection Mental Health Reducing risks posed by explosive ordnance, Covid-19 and psychosocial distress in North Beqaa	Reducing risks posed by explosive ordnance, COVID-19 and psychosocial distress	Safe identification and referral mechanism is in place: Population at risk has access to information and is aware of safe behavior according to the existing Explosive Ordnances' risks; Population at risk has access to information and is aware of safe behaviour according to COVID-19	Males & Females, Adults & Children, persons with disabilities and other Vulnerable Individuals, Quarry Stone Workers, Farmers, Shepherds and Humanitarian Actors, in both	10,000 beneficiaries receive (4000 adults and 6000 children) 12 active Humanitarian Actors receiving explosive ordnances sessions. 500 vulnerable families receive protection kits, awareness messages related to safe use of kits and prevention measures from Covid-19.	North Beqaa	Arsal and Al Qaa	CDCS 3 10/2020 – 11/2021



		Identified population receives adequate mental health services.	local and refugees' communities	6 HI staff trained on safe identification and referral			
Mental Health AFD Touching Minds Raising Dignity	To improve the living conditions of disabled and vulnerable people	Support 3 local partners to provide multidisciplinary, users centered and community based mental health services; Support the national mental health program to the development/revision of mental health policies and/or national strategic plans; Support to local mainstream service providers to increase their inclusiveness and to be involved with in a structured referral systems with partners. To increase awareness on mental health; Support the creation/development of users groups.	Local partners' technical staff, MH stakeholders team, children with mental health problems and their caregivers.	50 organisations involved in mental health 3 partners centres 10 multidisciplinary service providers centres 75 staff 15 users groups 80 children and their parents 1200 children at risk of developing mental health problems.	MOUSAWAT partner in Bar Elias, Marj-central Bekaa New Aarsal in Aarsal – North Bekaa	Region of Bekaa: Bar Elais, Marj&Aarsal	AFD 01/2018 12/2021
Inclusion Education	Aiming to improve equitable access to quality, relevant, and	Reinforce existing referral network (Education, Health, rehabilitation...);	children with moderate and severe	100 children receiving specialized education and rehabilitation.	Mousawat Partner Beirut and Bekaa	Beirut; Baadba and mount	UNICEF 06/2021 05/2022



Specialized services and Inclusion of Syrian Refugee Children with Severe and Moderate Disabilities in Akkar, North Balbeck, and Central Bekaa	inclusive learning and early development to the most disadvantaged Syrian refugee girls and boys between 03-16 years of age.	Provision of comprehensive specialized rehabilitation services; Mobilize parents and caregivers to engage in the Individual Action Plan rehabilitation process; Improve the technical capacity of Multi-Disciplinary teams to apply User Centered Approach (UCA)	disabilities aged below 16 years old/	30 children receive comprehensive rehabilitation services and inclusive education. 16 self-help group members. 216 men, women and children reached with C4D priority child rights messages (HPM)	Rayon D'espoir (Ray of hope) LSBD Lebanese Society for Blind and Deaf	Lebanon Bekaa ; Marj and Maalaka	
Inclusion AFD-Sawa Improving the Mental Health and Well being of People Living in Lebanon	Support partners to include disability in their programs to identify current barriers to the inclusion of people with disability, to improve knowledge on disability and inclusion, to change perceptions and attitudes about disability, to build skills that can support adoption of inclusive practices to enable the participation of persons with disabilities, to make	Support Assessment of an organization level of inclusion of people with disability (assessment types : Desk Review, Key Informant Interview (KII) , KAP Survey and Non-Technical accessibility assessment NTAA); Provide Information to target staff Provide Awareness to target staff; Provide Training to target staff; Provide Advocacy with key staff of the organization and its stakeholders at field level;	Desk review for documents shared by each organization (no exact # of documents/policies/charters/etc...) KII with staff from each organization and from different managerial level (no exact #) KAP online survey (staff from each organization and from different managerial level	Training and capacity building for Organization staff (from all managerial levels). AFD SAWA: Number of staff trained on inclusive services Target: 28 (10 management staff, 18 frontline staff) Dutch:16	AFD Sawa consortium made of: Médecins du monde Amel association and Skoun organization. Dutch project with Save the Children	MdM/Skoun for centers located at Baalback governorates and Beirut Amel primary health care center located at al Ein Baalback governorate. Save the Children at Beirut governorates	AFD 01/2019 09/2021



	the decision-making processes more inclusive	<p>Provide Coaching to key staff</p> <p>Under Dutch Covid-19 response. Inclusion project will provide Assistive devices for referred beneficiaries from Save the Children and create Self-help Group to be empowered in term of inclusion disability status ensuring the equal participation in life.</p>	can participate (no exact #) NTAA for dedicated centres under the proposal				
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Donors

<p>French Cooperation(AFD)</p> 	<p>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>  <p>Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>	<p>UNICEF</p> 
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