



LEBANON



Country Snapshot

Population:	4.4 million
Life expectancy at birth:	80 (men 77.5, women 81.8)
Adult literacy rate:	90%
GDP per capita:	US\$ 7079
Infant mortality rate:	22 per 1,000 live births
Maternal mortality rate:	25 per 100,000 live births
Females in the labour force age 15*:	23%

Source: The World Bank, Lebanon Baseline Information SNAP/ACAPS, central Administration of Statistics, Trading Economics

PROGRAM OVERVIEW CARE first set up an office in Lebanon to meet the needs of people affected by the war in 2006. For several years CARE implemented projects through Lebanese Civil Society Organizations, such as an ongoing project on social accountability in seven Middle Eastern and North African countries, financed by the World Bank.

In April 2013, CARE decided to re-establish a full-fledged presence in Lebanon in order to address needs of Syrian refugees and host communities. Lebanon, with a population of 4.4 million people, is currently hosting more than 930,000 Syrian refugees- the largest number of Syrian refugees in the region. In addition, more than 50,000 Palestinian-Syrians have fled to Lebanon. Unlike Jordan or Turkey, Lebanon has not established refugee camps and most the majority of refugee families live in unfinished houses, work sites or tents. Although Syrian refugees in Lebanon are permitted to work, most struggle to find work or earn their living working in seasonal jobs.

CARE International in Lebanon (CIL) meets refugees' most basic and pressing needs, mainly providing WASH, NFIs and Cash assistance, in Beirut, in Mount Lebanon and Northern Governorates. This includes improving of drainage systems, distributing sanitary items, and providing health education sessions. CARE also works with municipalities to improve water supply and sanitation infrastructure for refugees as well as for host communities. Between July 2013 and January 2014, CIL has reached about 25,000 people with emergency interventions.

Winterization Programme

During the winter, CARE will reach more than 3,400 refugee families and vulnerable Lebanese households in the Mount Lebanon region and in areas around Tripoli to prepare for and cope with the cold winter, distributing cash, heaters, fuel vouchers, blankets and floor mats.

Water and Sanitation

CARE International in Lebanon started its humanitarian intervention with a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project in three Palestinian gatherings in Beirut, reaching more than 1,380 households. From July to November 2013 CARE improved the access to water and sanitation for communities hosting refugees from Syria, including hygiene promotion.

Since October 2013, CARE is supporting more than 4,000 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese families to meet water, sanitation and hygiene needs and to reduce the risk of water borne diseases. Our water and sanitation work in Lebanon currently prioritizes:

- Support to eight municipalities hosting high numbers of Syrian refugees to improve their water and sanitation infrastructure;
- Water and sanitation emergency repairs at household level;
- Distribution of hygiene kits, baby kits, and latrine cleaning kits;
- Promotion of good hygiene practices.



Partnership approach

CARE is working in partnership with two Lebanese non-governmental organisations (NGO) - Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA) and Popular Aid for Relief and Development (PARAD). CARE is also working in partnership with the INGO Secours Islamique in Mount Lebanon, and is in the process of formalizing partnerships with other NGOs working in the intervention areas. CARE

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intends to continue to explore the partnership with these organizations and to include others in the areas of intervention in order to maximize the impact of the programmes.

Major Donors

- European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO)
- Humanitarian Coalition Canada (HC)
- Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD)



SYRIA CRISIS

In Lebanon, refugees account for almost a quarter of the population. Here, CARE meets refugees' most basic and pressing needs, mainly providing water, sanitation, shelter and cash assistance in Beirut and in the areas of Mount Lebanon and Tripoli.



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