



# WFP LEBANON

COUNTRY BRIEF  
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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP Lebanon demonstrated strong agility in responding to the building collapses in Tripoli and floods in Akkar, delivering cash assistance to almost 500 affected households and providing food assistance to 230 displaced people, in close coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs.
- With rising needs outpacing available resources, WFP urgently requires USD 136 million for the next six months to expand critical assistance to over 1.2 million vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugees.

## IN NUMBERS



**617,000** people assisted in February 2026



**47%**  
Male



**53%**  
Female



**645 mt** food distributed



**USD 10 M** cash transferred



**USD 136 M** (Mar – Aug 2026) net funding requirements

**Photo Caption & Credit:** A student's desk with Lebanese and Korean flags and the school snack during the Korean Ambassador's visit to WFP-supported school.  
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## SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Lebanon continues to navigate a highly complex security environment. In February, tensions with Israel remain elevated, while evolving regional diplomatic dynamics further contribute to concerns over a potential escalation.<sup>1</sup>
- Since January 2025, 581,100 Syrian refugees were inactivated from UNHCR's records due to verified or presumed returns, while an estimated 115,000 Syrians entered the country since December 2024. According to UNHCR, return intentions in 2026 remain cautious, shaped by perceptions of access to housing, services and livelihoods. Inside Syria, damaged homes, limited services, and scarce jobs continue to constrain reintegration, potentially affecting the scale of return trends in the coming months.
- Food security in Lebanon continues to be undermined by the persistent economic crisis, slow reconstruction and widening funding gaps. As per Lebanon [IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analysis November 2025 - July 2026](#), 874,000 people (17 percent of the analysed population) are experiencing acute food insecurity. This is projected to rise to 961,000 people (18 percent) between April and July 2026.
- WFP remains committed to addressing urgent humanitarian needs in Lebanon, responding to the economic and refugee crises and the additional needs linked to the conflict escalation since October 2023.

<sup>1</sup> The conflict had escalated before this report was published.

## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

### Assistance for Syrian Refugees

- In February, WFP assisted 399,100 individuals (84,000 households) out of 412,000 prioritized individuals (88,700 households). Around 5,200 eligible households remain on hold pending verification by UNHCR.
- WFP provided emergency food assistance to 40,500 post December 2024 arrivals from Syria. Through six commercial kitchens and four rehabilitated TVET school kitchens, WFP delivered hot and cold meals to 30,000 people (7,500 households) across 132 shelters and distributed monthly food parcels to around 10,500 individuals (2,600 households) outside shelters.
- Moreover, to ease the financial burden on families hosting displaced Syrians, WFP distributed food assistance to around 285 host households in Akkar governorate, reaching around 1,150 individuals hosting displaced Syrians.

### Economic Crisis Response Supporting Lebanese

- In February, WFP supported 49,000 vulnerable Lebanese (9,800 households) with in-kind food parcels, meeting 67 percent of the average daily calorie intake needs.
- Moreover, following the collapse of one building in Tripoli in February, displacing its residents, WFP provided immediate food assistance, supporting 230 displaced Lebanese (57 households) with hot meals, dry rations, and/or ready-to-eat (RTE) rations.

### School Meals for Lebanese and Refugees

- In February, WFP reached 123,000 Lebanese and Syrian students in 319 public primary schools, with in-school snacks and cold sandwiches prepared and distributed in 51 school kitchens.
- To further mainstream inclusion of persons with disabilities, WFP extended its school meals coverage to four specialized schools for children with disabilities, reaching 1,000 additional students with healthy cold sandwiches.
- As part of its commitment to promote the Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) model, WFP linked Bionord, a woman-led dairy company supported under WFP Livelihoods programme to supply fresh and locally sourced dairy products

to two school kitchens in North Lebanon under the WFP School Meals programme.

### Support to Social Protection Programmes for Lebanese

- WFP Lebanon demonstrated strong agility in responding to the recent building collapses in Tripoli and floods in Akkar, rapidly mobilizing both cash and food assistance to meet urgent needs. In coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), WFP activated emergency cash transfers under the February 2026 Shock-Responsive Social Safety Net (SRSN) cycle, reaching almost 500 affected households across the two emergencies. This included 170 households affected by the buildings collapse in Tripoli, as well as 330 flood-affected households assisted in Akkar.
- By the end of February, MoSA social workers trained by WFP had visited nearly 90,000 of the 93,800 Lebanese households targeted under the AMAN programme to assess their eligibility for cash assistance. WFP and MoSA implement quality control measures to ensure data integrity and minimize errors, including random verification calls.

### Livelihoods for Lebanese and Refugees

- WFP in collaboration with FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture, conducted training sessions on soil health and land rehabilitation for almost 900 conflict-affected farmers in South Lebanon and Baalbek, reaching to date around 2,000 farmers.

### Accountability to Affected Populations

- In February, WFP's call centre received 36,700 claims. Half of the claims were requests for assistance, mainly cash support from Syrian refugees previously discontinued from assistance. WFP also received 492 claims through other channels, including the cooperating partner's helpdesk and hotlines, and the [Maaloumat WFP website](#).
- As part of the National Disability Allowance work, WFP supported MoSA's initiative to map disability services which involves UNICEF, UNHCR, the Disability Inclusion Working Group (DIWG), and organizations of persons with disabilities (OPDs). The mapping, developed jointly with OPDs, aims to align agencies around a shared plan and strengthen referral pathways.

## Assessment and Monitoring

- The Basic Needs Outcome Monitoring of the government-led AMAN programme, conducted by WFP with MoSA in September 2025, indicates that AMAN households continue to face significant economic and food security challenges. Notably, 29 percent of surveyed households remained food insecure, with female-headed households and those headed by persons with disabilities showed higher vulnerability. Households heavily relied on food-related coping strategies, and carried debt, mainly for food and medical expenses. Many could not meet essential needs without assistance. Higher vulnerability was observed among female-headed households, with food accounting for up to 40 percent of total household expenditures, highlighting continued exposure to price shocks and limited capacity to reallocate spending toward other basic needs.

## Advocacy, Communications and Partnerships

- On 18 February, Mr. Andrew Platt from the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs visited an informal tented settlement in North Lebanon with a WFP delegation, receiving a high-level overview of Lebanon's fragile humanitarian situation. The delegation met a Syrian female-headed household receiving WFP cash-for-food assistance, gaining firsthand insight into how targeted support remains essential for the most vulnerable displaced families.
- On 25 February, [H.E. Mr. Gyusuk Geon, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Lebanon, visited South Lebanon](#) with senior representatives from WFP and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE). The delegation observed the impact of Korean-donated rice at Habbouch Primary School and an in-kind distribution centre, and reviewed WFP resilience activities in Bint Jbeil supporting over 2,000 farmers through land rehabilitation and climate-smart training.

## From the Kitchen to the Classroom: WFP's Support to Students in Habbouch



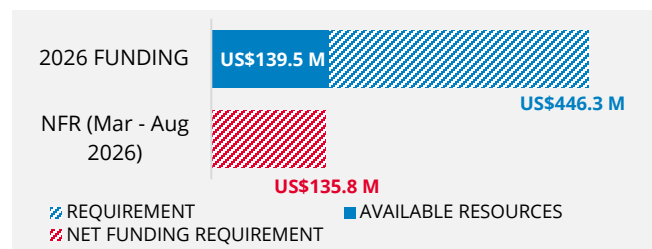
At Habbouch Primary School in South Lebanon, mornings begin in the school kitchen, where local mothers prepare the daily snacks. They assemble simple, familiar foods such as labneh, cheese, or hummus sandwiches, ensuring every child receives the same nutritious start to the day. Through WFP school feeding programme, each sandwich is paired with a banana or an apple, small meals that help children stay focused in class and guarantee that no student is left without something to eat.

For the mothers, the work offers both a small income and stability. "This job helps me support my family," says one mother. "And it feels good knowing we're contributing to the wellbeing of the children in our community."

Most ingredients come from local farmers and suppliers, strengthening ties between schools, families, and local producers. From local fields to classroom desks, the programme helps reinforce community livelihoods while ensuring children have the nourishment they need to learn and participate.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)



### Donors:

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