



LEBANON

COUNTRY BRIEF

May 2026

IN NUMBERS



738,000 people assisted in April 2026
(53% female)



945 mt food distributed in April 2026



USD 24.9 M cash transferred in April 2026



USD 285.4 M required in the next six months (May – Oct 2026)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- In April 2026, WFP assisted 738,000 people across all activities, including 460,000 conflict-affected people reached through emergency food and cash assistance.
- As needs continue to outpace planning assumptions, WFP requires additional flexible funding to maintain and scale assistance levels and address an emerging May–October funding gap. WFP requires approximately USD 44 million per month to sustain emergency cash, food and fuel assistance. As of 1 May, the estimated funding gap for the emergency is USD 108 million.
- The Jordan led humanitarian corridor has been operationalized, with the WFP led Logistics Cluster facilitating shared convoy movements, to provide a more predictable and streamlined

supply route for humanitarian cargo from Jordan to Lebanon via Syria.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Despite the ceasefire announcement, hostilities in southern Lebanon remain intense and widespread, with ongoing evacuation orders north and south of the Litani River and continued military activity affecting the South, Bekaa, and southern suburbs of Beirut, resulting in recurrent displacement, civilian casualties, and destruction.
- Displacement dynamics remain highly fluid with 121,130 internally displaced persons (IDPs) residing across 642 collective shelters as of end of April. Only 19 percent have left to assess the possibility of returns to their areas of origin, resulting in continued pendular movements and heightened protection risks, while hundreds of thousands remain in host communities, informal shelters or public spaces.
- Ongoing conflict continues to erode recent food security gains in Lebanon, pushing conditions toward crisis level, with the latest IPC projections for April–August 2026 indicating that 24 percent of the population are expected to face acute food insecurity.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Emergency Response

- Since the escalation in March, WFP has assisted 650,000 unique conflict-affected people across

Photo Caption & Credit: A WFP-led convoy delivered food and other essential items to Rmeich, Lebanon.
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Lebanon, including 216,000 people receiving food assistance and 544,800 receiving cash.

- Food assistance was provided to 212,650 unique IDPs across 492 shelters, through 4.8 million hot meals, ready-to eat (RTE) rations, bread, food parcels, and snacks. An additional 84,000 people were assisted outside shelters with RTEs and food parcels.
- In coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), WFP provided emergency cash assistance to 435,800 Lebanese under the Shock Responsive Social Safety Net (SRSN) and 109,000 Syrian refugees affected by the conflict.
- Since the conflict escalation, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster, has facilitated 20 convoys delivering humanitarian aid including WFP's food parcels and bread to almost 90,000 affected people in hard-to-reach areas.

Assistance for Syrian Refugees

- In April, WFP provided cash assistance to 383,200 Syrian refugees (81,500 households), under its regular cash assistance programme.
- In-shelter assistance to post-December 2024 arrivals from Syria reached 3,508 people out of approximately 4,000 targeted, alongside the delivery of approximately 900,000 hot and cold meals to 30,000 people across 140 shelters in the North, Akkar, and Baalbek El Hermel.

Economic Crisis Response Supporting Lebanese

- Following the March escalation, WFP adjusted in-kind assistance using a needs-based approach, reaching 59,352 people in April through 30,396 food parcels, with an adjusted parcel composition, that included Korean rice.
- To address evolving needs WFP reached almost 25,600 additional people across 14 districts hosting displaced populations, while over 5,000 conflict-affected families remain temporarily shifted to cash assistance.

School Meals

- With schools reopening gradually, WFP progressively resumed school meals in April in line with Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) Learning Continuity Plan, reaching nearly 52,000 students across 174 public primary schools through snacks and cold

meals, alongside the complementary take-home rations (consisting of oil and rice) to support families and sustain attendance.

- As current caseloads remain below initial planning levels, WFP, in coordination with MEHE, is planning an exceptional expansion of school snack distributions to all operational public primary schools with in-person learning set ups, targeting 140,000 students nationwide.

Support for the National Social Protection Programme

- In addition to the activation of SRSN to respond to the needs of conflict affected population, for the third month in a row, WFP, in coordination with MoSA, continued to support people affected by building collapses in Tripoli providing cash assistance to almost 1,550 people to address urgent needs linked to displacement.
- WFP also supported MoSA's digitization efforts during the conflict emergency response, including the development of a self-registration platform enabling affected households to access assistance under the SRSN.

Nutrition

- WFP nutrition activities were reoriented to support emergency response and early recovery, with fortified date bar distributions resumed across 59 non-formal education centres, reaching 5,256 Lebanese and Syrian students. The nutrition team continues to develop shelter-level food safety frameworks, including the establishment of safe cooking spaces in coordination with MEHE. In parallel, the Food Security and Agriculture Sector, in coordination with the Disaster Risk Management Unit, is supporting a government-led initiative to integrate bread distributions into existing RTE and hot meal interventions to extend coverage .

Accountability to Affected Populations

- In April, WFP's call centre received a total of 56,381 claims, of which 84 percent were actionable, and of which 95 percent were successfully resolved. More than half of the claims were requests for assistance, mainly from displaced persons, with cash support as the primary need, while requests for information

accounted for 24 percent of claims. All cases were referred to the adequate interlocutor.

- WFP continued inclusive support with hot meals to displaced persons, including accessible shelters managed by Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), benefiting around 106 persons with disabilities. Together with Lebanese Union for Persons with Physical Disabilities (LUPD) WFP facilitated targeted food parcel distributions reaching 79 households across Beirut, Mount Lebanon, and the South.

Assessment and Monitoring

- WFP monitoring in April assessed assistance delivery and access to services in a highly constrained operating environment, driven by displacement and deepening economic vulnerability affecting around 70 percent of households interviewed. Most households report relying on markets to meet their basic food needs and adopting coping strategies, as food insecurity is driven by lack of affordability.
- Shelter conditions remain stable yet strained, particularly in shared and informal settings. Operational monitoring indicates stable service delivery, with consistent high food quality and maintained awareness of assistance channels and feedback mechanisms, with 67 percent of beneficiaries aware of complaint channels.

Displaced Overnight: One Family Among Thousands



Yahya and his children share a quiet moment with their bird inside a shelter in the Bekaa. © WFP/ Khadija Dia

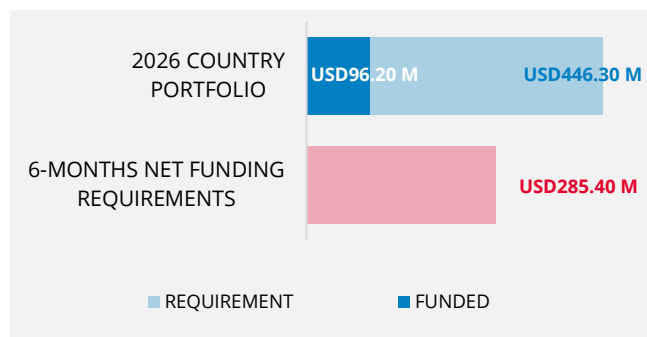
Yahya has been displaced more than once. After fleeing the war in Syria and rebuilding his life in south Lebanon, conflict reached him again. This time, overnight shelling forced his family of 12 to flee their home in South Nabatieh with almost nothing. Yahya carried one bag he always kept ready near the door, filled with important documents and before leaving, he made sure to take one more thing: the birds. “My children love them,” he says.

“They feed them and find comfort in them. We felt we had to protect them too, like part of our family.”

Now living in displacement, Yahya says life is full of challenges including overcrowding, lack of privacy, fear, and uncertainty about his children’s future. Yet he remains grateful for the support his family receives. “For us, the house is like a homeland,” Yahya says. “When there is a house, there is safety.” As shelters opened, WFP immediately began delivering hot meals, bread, and ready-to-eat food to families arriving with little more than what they could carry. Since 2 March, WFP has reached over 650,000 conflict-affected people, including Lebanese and refugees, with emergency food and cash assistance.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)



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