



Country card

Lebanon 2022





HI Team and intervention areas

HI has 46 staff members in Lebanon.



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

1. Social/cultural/demographic elements



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.

The consequences of the Syria crisis have placed an unprecedented strain on the economy, public services, and infrastructure, as well as on demographic factors and social relations. Lebanon hosts 1.5 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.

While Lebanon has remained a generous host to refugees in the past years, the government is drafting a repartition plan. Increased social tensions and host-community fatigue, combined with depleted resources among refugees and regional tensions, raise concerns for both the refugee and host population. With the focus on the deteriorating economic situation, Government's top priority will be to implement all the economic reforms Lebanon promised, including reducing the budget deficit by one per cent every year over the next five years and privatizing the state-run electricity sector.

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. The local currency lost more than 90% of its value, with an exchange against USD that highly dropped from 1500 LBP to more than 35,000. 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. It is reported that today more than 80% of the population is living below the poverty line and 38% below the extreme one. Between 2019 and 2020 the proportion of the population in "food poverty" increased from 8% to 23%. The country is nearly approaching a national humanitarian emergency and widespread food insecurity. According to the latest World Bank Food Security Update, Lebanon is the country worst hit by food-inflation crisis. Food security in Lebanon has continued worsening in recent months, with the price of the minimum food basket 6.5% higher in June than in May due to increasing global fuel prices and food and beverage Consumer Price Index surged by 332% in a year.



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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 operational plans and responses are 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: some LT project with Mental Health and Inclusive Education, some protracted crisis projects with AVR (Risk Education), Mine Action and Protection. Finally, facing the current crises HI has progressively moved into elaborating a REACT strategy aiming at ensuring preparedness 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	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project	Donors who finance the project
Landmine Clearance and Risk Education	Clearance of 12,000 square meters still remain impacted by mines and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) by the deployment of 1 manual mine team; compiling and analyzing of information through pre and post impact assessment surveys and testimonies from people living in the danger zones to inform the impacted communities; provision of EROE awareness sessions.	Lebanese communities and Syrian refugee Targets: 61.500 beneficiaries	Population of Aley district, 196,121 inhabitants (2017 figures) and 44.127 registered refugees. As for the area concerned by the project, there are 58,169 estimated inhabitants	Lebanese Mine Action Centre (LMAC)	Aley district, Mount Lebanon. Arsal, Baalbeck district for EORE activities	01/12/2021 to 31/10/2022	CDCS
Landmine Clearance and Risk Education	The project aims at supporting Lebanon to utilize an innovative technique in mine actions, using small unmanned aircraft systems to map suspected hazardous areas (SHA) and confirmed hazardous areas (CHA), in Aaqoura area in Mount- Lebanon with the aim of helping to speed up the process of Land Release and reducing costs during humanitarian mine action activities	Lebanese communities in the target areas	Lebanese communities in the target areas	LMAC and Mobility Robotics	Mount Lebanon Governorate, Aaqoura village and Aley district	01/01/2022 to 30/06/2023	BUZA



Mental Health	<p>Strengthen community-based prevention and response mechanisms to make mental health a collective responsibility. In particular, the project will strengthen the Mental Health Services (MHS) of the Ministry of Health in the development/revision of national mental health policies and/or strategic plans. Mental health prevention and care services.</p> <p>Actions for the promotion of mental health Knowledge management, development and sharing plan</p>	<p>Local partners' technical staff, Mental Health stakeholders team, Women, men, and children, with or without disabilities, experiencing psychosocial distress and/or suffering from a mental health problem.</p>	8000 beneficiaries	MOUSAWAT Association	Bekaa, Beirut and Mount Lebanon	01/01/2022 to 31/12/2025 er 2021	AFD – co-funding from ECHO
Inclusive Education	<p>Access to learning to out-of-education or at-risk of dropping out Lebanese and migrant children with disabilities:</p> <p>1) provision of interrelating services (educational, rehabilitation, and basic needs when needed and possible through referrals), 2) training to parents/caregivers, 3) community awareness-raising about disability inclusion and the importance of education for children with disabilities.</p>	<p>Children with disabilities out-of-education or at-risk of dropping out. All nationalities are eligible (refugees, Lebanese and migrants)</p>	690 children with disability 690 caregivers	Moussawat Association	Beirut / West and Central Bekaa	01/02/2022 to 31/01/2023	OCHA
Inclusive Education	<p>HI will access inclusive public schools (30 pilot schools, 30 new first shift schools, and 20 new second shift schools. The project ensures children receive</p>	<p>Children with disabilities learning difficulties enrolled in public schools</p>	4,278 identified children	Ministry of Education	Nation-wide	01/07/2022 to 31/12/2023	UNICEF
Strengthening Disability Inclusion in Lebanese Public							



<p>Schools through Assistive Technologies and Capacity Building</p>	<p>the needed support through provision of assistive technologies and rehabilitation services. It also focuses on parental engagement and capacity building of teachers to reduce environmental barriers. Furthermore, this project will utilize Assistive Technologies (AT) to promote inclusive education</p>	<p>2,800 children who would receive Therapy</p>	<p>Service contracts with Rehab centers</p>
		<p>1,000 children who would receive AT</p>	
		<p>2,850 children who would receive tablets</p>	
		<p>2,850 caregivers</p>	
		<p>800 MEHE and DOPs trained members Indirect beneficiaries benefiting from inclusive kits= total schools' students who would benefit from the education kit distribution = 38,400</p>	
<p>Inclusive Education</p>	<p>The project supports children with moderate and severe disabilities by improving their access to inclusive education [Non-Formal Education (NFE)] through identification, individual assessment, provision of assistive devices/rehabilitation, and education and coordination with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) pilot inclusive schools.</p>	<p>Children with moderate to severe disabilities</p>	<p>175 children with moderate to severe disabilities 175 Parents/caregivers 32 Teachers 20 Multidisciplinary Staff The Lebanese School for the Blind and the Deaf, Rayon D'espoir, Genius, The National Rehabilitation and Development Center, Mousawat association, The Beirut, Mount Lebanon; Central Bekaa, Chouf 20/09/2022 to 19 July 2023 UNICEF</p>



1,000 Community Members
 Indirect beneficiaries are family members of children with severe and moderate disabilities receiving education and rehabilitation services as well as children benefitting from inclusive learning practices at large. The indirect beneficiaries are estimated to be 5,000 individuals.

Lebanese Union for People with Physical Disabilities

Inclusion

Ad-hoc technical support to partners for adaptations and other barriers removal in target areas and to improve accessibility of their PSEA, CFM and participation mechanisms to ensure inclusion of persons with disabilities

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Tripoli and Akkar governorates (North Lebanon)

18/07/2022 to 17/07/2023

OCHA

Identification of persons with disabilities in need of assistance and referral to the services provided by the supported organizations.



Collecting, analysis and documentation of data on persons with disabilities needs, main barriers faced to access assistance and good practices on inclusion.

Dissemination of data and good practices among sectors' lead and member agencies

**Health
Rehabilitation**

provide an integrated and comprehensive package of protection services to refugees from Syria and other vulnerable groups, with a particular focus on persons with disabilities and the elderly, including:

1. Legal protection: Provision of information, counselling and legal assistance services Pillar
2. Specialized services: Provision of comprehensive rehabilitation services and contribute to strengthen NRC's disability inclusion mainstreaming approach. Pillar
3. Evidence-based advocacy:
4. Access: preserve the operational space of NGOs through a coordinated access response.

Persons with disabilities and elderly, refugees and Lebanese
NRC staff
Organizations who would benefit from technical assistance

2400HHs, including 750 persons with disabilities.
At least 60 partners and stakeholders staff benefitting from capacity building
6 organizations benefiting from disability inclusion technical assistance

In Consortium with NRC
Moussawat Association and CBRA
Association as implementing partners

Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Central Bekaa, Tripoli

01/07/2022 to 30/06/2023

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Donors

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<p>Centre de crise et de soutien</p>  <p>Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères</p>	<p>UNICEF</p>  <p>unicef</p>
<p>AFD</p>  <p>AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT</p>	<p>BUZA</p>  <p>Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken</p>