

98,875

Internally displaced people (IDPs)

950,652

IDPs have begun returning to their communities

176,504

Migrants living in Lebanon

IOM DTM Migrant Presence Monitoring Round 4



On 4 February 2025, IOM, in coordination with DRR Tyre, distributed 365 hygiene kits in Maaroub municipality, providing support to 1,460 individuals. ©IOM Lebanon 2025

2025 Funding Requirement

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27%

RECEIVED: \$39,512,563

REQUESTED: \$142,310,000



18,794

People assisted in February 2025



153,661

People assisted since the start of conflict in Lebanon (October 2023)

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Due to conflict, Lebanon has been dealing with significant displacement, with around 900,000 people internally displaced by 24 November 2024. A ceasefire agreement took effect on 27 November 2024, prompting nearly 580,000 IDPs to begin returning home in the following days ([IOM DTM](#)). As of 27 February 2025, 949,571 people have begun returning to their communities and 98,875 IDPs remain displaced ([IOM DTM](#)).

IDPs continue facing obstacles in safely returning to their areas of origin in the South and Beirut suburbs. [The IOM DTM Intention Survey](#) reports that main barriers to return among assessed IDPs include housing, land, and property (HLP) concerns (47%), safety fears (32%), and financial constraints (30%). Individuals continue to require protection, access to livelihoods, and other services, despite scarce resources.

Lebanon was hit with harsh winter weather, bringing snowfall as low as 200 metres above sea level in some areas – 300 metres below the usual threshold for winterization support.

Whilst the post-ceasefire situation remains uncertain, IOM is closely monitoring mobility trends, assessing the evolving context, and continuing to address the immediate humanitarian needs of those affected by the conflict, including returnees.

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS IN FEBRUARY



12,499 displaced people provided with core relief items



2,275 individuals supported with health services, including tuberculosis screening and x-rays, health awareness sessions, medical consultations, and transport to primary health care centres



2,853 people supported with protection assistance, including Emergency Cash Assistance, case management, MHPSS, and legal support



275 winterization kits including heaters, gas cylinders and other essential warm items provided to 23 sites hosting migrants and four IDP sites, benefitting 1,230 individuals



8,570 litres of fuel distributed to the Ministry of Public Health's (MoPH) main warehouse



56 IDP collective sites and migrant apartment clusters monitored to support access to assistance, protection services and referrals to partners



60 Site Management and Coordination partners trained to deepen participants' understanding of site management and coordination

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE OCTOBER 2023

In response to the cross-border hostilities in October 2023, IOM has been addressing the humanitarian needs of IDPs while supporting the government with emergency preparedness. Following the escalation of conflict in September 2024, IOM further intensified its efforts, expanding its multisectoral support.



BASIC ASSISTANCE

117,665 individuals received core relief items



HEALTH

17,282 individuals received health services
72,242 litres of fuel provided to MoPH



MOVEMENT ASSISTANCE

938 migrants were assisted with return



SITE MANAGEMENT & COORDINATION & SHELTER

301 sites were assessed for decommissioning
1,894 individuals received winterization kits (heaters and gas cylinders)



PROTECTION

15,932 individuals received protection services

IOM Public Health Unit transports IDPs to health clinics, supporting access to primary healthcare in Lebanon ©IOM Lebanon 2025

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS IN FEBRUARY

Health: IOM conducted 1,203 tuberculosis screening and x-rays for any suspected cases, a vital activity for controlling any spread of the disease. IOM also provided 8,570 litres of fuel, to ensure proper storage conditions and cold chain maintenance for medications and vaccines at the Ministry of Public Health's main warehouse.

Site Management & Coordination (SMC) & Shelter: IOM provided 275 winterization kits including heaters, gas cylinders and other essential warm items to 23 sites hosting migrants and four IDP sites, supporting 1,230 individuals during these winter month. IOM monitored six IDP collective sites, and 52 migrant apartment clusters, supporting access to targeted protection services and referrals to partners for displaced people, including more than 1,000 migrants.

As co-chair of the SMC Sector, IOM facilitated two Basic SMC Trainings attended by 40 partner staff, supported the delivery of a three-day Training of Trainer (ToT) for Designated Emergency Shelter partner staff, and facilitated a five-day ToT program attended by twenty participants from partners already working on SMC to deepen participants' understanding of site management and coordination.

Basic Assistance: IOM provided core relief items to 12,499 displaced people. IOM has been distributing items directly to people across the country, including in areas in southern Lebanon and Bekaa that are heavily affected by the war. Items provided include mattresses, pillows, blankets, heaters, and household kits.

Migrant Working Group (MWG): The MWG met with partners to discuss key protection trends and agreed on initiating a review of the child protection, health, education and other sectors prioritization criteria to advocate for enhanced inclusion of migrants. The MWG also supported migrant sector partners in identifying referral options for critical cases.

Protection: IOM supported 2,853 people with protection services, including Emergency Cash Assistance, MHPSS, case management, and legal support. This is particularly important for people who are displaced and undocumented, often at risk of imminent harm and exploitation.

SITE MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION, PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT, SOLIDARITY

In the fall of 2024, Lebanon faced its most devastating conflict since the 2006 war. Entire communities were displaced overnight, leaving behind belongings and memories of a life now shattered. Hundreds of thousands of displaced individuals sought shelter in schools, community centres and other public spaces across Lebanon.



MHPSS sessions in Hasbaya provided by IOM partners © IOM Lebanon 2025

Amid the chaos and uncertainty since September 2024, with the support of the Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), IOM, in collaboration with local partners, implemented a series of mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) interventions in collective sites across the country aimed at restoring a sense of normalcy and community for those impacted by the conflict.

These sessions became a lifeline for displaced and host community members alike, providing a safe space to process their emotions and begin the difficult journey of rebuilding their lives.

For Amal, a 35-year-old woman from Nabatieh, South Lebanon, the MHPSS sessions provided by IOM's local partner SHEILD were transformative. After fleeing to the Lebanese International College collective site in Saida, she struggled with isolation and grief. "Before attending the sessions, I was very lonely. I didn't want to get along with anyone. I felt like no one would understand what I was going through," Amal shared.

Like many others displaced and housed in the collective site, Amal was weighed down by the heavy burden of loss. Through group activities and peer support, participants realized they were not alone in their struggles.

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"Day after day, I felt that I was not alone, and the other displaced people in the shelters were like me. You have no idea how much comfort I felt after the sessions and after meeting all those people,"

– Amal, woman from Nabatieh, South Lebanon

Inspired by the sense of community fostered through the sessions, Amal and a group of residents decided to form a committee within the collective site. They divided tasks among themselves—some took charge of cleaning, others cooked meals for everyone.

This newfound sense of purpose and solidarity strengthened bonds and gave the residents a feeling of autonomy amongst uncertainty, and ownership over their living situation. "The feeling of belonging is really satisfying," Amal said.

For many, the sessions provided more than just psychological relief—they fostered a sense of belonging and a renewed hope for the future. The youth who formed committees in the sites began to take ownership of their space, building routines that brought stability to their lives. As Amal put it: "The sessions gave us something more than just support. They gave us a community. We're no longer just surviving—we're living together, helping each other, and finding ways to move forward."

[Link to the full story here.](#)

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