



IOM and partners distributing relief items to displaced families in Lebanon © IOM Lebanon 2024

SITUATION OVERVIEW







In September 2024, large-scale cross-border attacks escalated in Lebanon, causing over 1,000 deaths and 6,352 injuries in less than two weeks. This brings the total to more than 1,800 killed and 9,100 injured since October 2023. The casualties include civilians, healthcare workers and humanitarian staff. The conflict has severely disrupted essential services, damaged critical infrastructure and displaced hundreds of thousands of people. As of 30 September 2024, IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) had identified 346,209 internally displaced persons (IDPs), including over 31,000 families (137,000 individuals) living in 820 collective shelters. Additionally, more than 175,000 Lebanese and Syrians have fled to Syria.

IOM supports the UN’s call for an immediate end to the violence and a ceasefire to prevent further humanitarian disaster. Civilians and humanitarian actors must be protected, and all parties must respect their obligations under international humanitarian law.

Through this Flash Appeal, IOM aims to mobilize **USD 32.46 M** over the next **three months** to assist over **400,000** affected individuals in Lebanon.

IOM APPEAL

(32.46 M USD)
(October— December 2024)

	Basic Assistance (target PiN: 124,500)	10 M
	Health (target PiN: 40,000)	4.0 M
	Site Management and Coordination (target PiN: 178,500)	2.5 M
	Shelter (target PiN: 45,000)	2 M
	Protection (target PiN: 12,000)	13.75 M
	Coordination and common services (DTM)	210 K
TOTAL	>400,000 Individuals	32.46 M

RESPONSE STRATEGY AND COORDINATION

Since October 2023, IOM Lebanon has been addressing the humanitarian needs of IDPs and supporting the Government of Lebanon to prepare for conflict escalation. From the onset of the recent escalation, IOM has worked closely with the government, UN counterparts and local partners to ensure a comprehensive response across six key areas: displacement tracking, site coordination, provision of basic assistance, health, and protection services, while ensuring the inclusion of migrants in preparedness and response efforts.

This Appeal outlines IOM's interventions under the UN Flash Appeal launched on 1 October 2024. IOM is working closely with the Lebanese government, the Humanitarian Coordinator, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and partners within the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) to support the overall

response. As a member of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), IOM ensures robust coordination with partner agencies throughout the implementation of proposed activities, including UN agencies, international and local organizations, civil society and government stakeholders. IOM co-leads the Site Coordination Sector and coordinates migrant assistance within the Migrant Working Group under the Protection Sector.

IOM builds on well-established coordination with national stakeholders including the Ministry of Environment, the Disaster Risk Management Unit (DRM) under the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, the Ministry of Public Health, the Lebanese Armed Forces and local municipalities.



BASIC ASSISTANCE

IOM will continue to distribute essential relief items such as mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets and solar lamps to IDPs and host communities to meet their immediate needs. IOM will also provide multi-purpose emergency cash assistance where markets are functional, ensuring that timely, needs-based and safe support reaches affected populations. With winter approaching, IOM will further provide winterization cash assistance, allowing individuals to purchase supplies needed to stay warm and safe during the colder months.

Funding required

\$10,000,000

Target no. of individuals

124,500



HEALTH

IOM will continue to enhance hospital readiness and healthcare service delivery by providing logistical support, medical equipment, supplies and medication, in line with the priorities set by the Ministry of Public Health. Additionally, IOM will improve access to primary healthcare for IDPs and host communities, particularly for vulnerable populations like pregnant and lactating women, children, and GBV survivors, by providing transportation from shelters to healthcare centres and deploying mobile medical teams.

Funding required

\$4,000,000

Target no. of individuals

40,000



SITE MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

Collective shelters, while not a long-term solution, are a critical last resort for vulnerable people fleeing conflict. IOM will support local authorities and site management partners through mobile teams, ensuring coordinated and predictable delivery of services, protection and assistance, alongside site care and maintenance. Partners and affected communities will receive tools, on-the-job training and support to manage the sites. Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) will be central to IOM's interventions, ensuring meaningful participation from all community groups, provision of transparent and relevant information, and addressing protection risks, including gender-based violence (GBV). Additionally, IOM will continue collaborating with the DRM, government counterparts, and Shelter and WASH partners to identify and prepare new sites in case of future displacement.

As co-lead of the Site Coordination Sector with UNHCR, IOM will ensure effective coordination at national and local levels, providing support to partners by leveraging its expertise in information management and capacity building.

Funding required

\$2,500,000

Target no. of individuals

178,500

SHELTER

IOM will support small and medium-scale infrastructure programmes to ensure safe and equal access to services for the displaced populations. IOM will focus on creating safe, dignified and resilient living conditions by repairing and rehabilitating community sites hosting IDPs. This includes implementing protection risk mitigation measures, fire safety protocols, environmental hazard protection and providing necessary equipment. Support will be prioritized for sites with the greatest needs, particularly those hosting vulnerable groups such as women, children and persons with disabilities. Where possible, mid-term solutions will be pursued, encouraging collaboration and ownership from displaced and host communities and stakeholders.

Funding required

\$2,000,000

Target no. of individuals

45,000

PROTECTION

IOM will provide protection assistance to conflict-affected populations, including case management services and referrals, individual and community-based psychosocial support, and psychological first aid. Particular attention will be given to the protection risks faced by migrants, especially female migrant domestic workers, victims of violence, exploitation, and abuse, and migrant children. Migrants in vulnerable situations will receive voluntary return assistance and, if requested by IOM Member States, evacuation to their countries of origin. IOM will work closely with embassies, consular services, relevant ministries, and community-based organizations.

Funding required

\$13,750,000

Target no. of individuals

12,000

COORDINATION AND COMMON SERVICES (DISPLACEMENT TRACKING)

IOM will continue working with the DRM and the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) to gather data on internal displacement across Lebanon through the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM). As the primary source of internal displacement data in the country, DTM helps IOM and its partners better understand where vulnerable populations are located, facilitating timely and targeted humanitarian assistance.

Funding required

\$210,000

Target no. of individuals

First responders and policymakers

Data will be collected by IOM's network of 50 locally hired enumerators from 1,500 key informants at the village level. DTM reports will be published bi-weekly on the IOM Lebanon [DTM website](#) and shared with Lebanon Response Plan partners and other humanitarian actors. The datasets are publicly available on the [DTM website](#) and [HDX website](#).

IOM CAPACITY

Established in 2006, IOM Lebanon has set a strong record on the delivery of frontline services to crisis-affected populations. IOM currently employs 365 staff based in Beirut, North Lebanon (Tripoli), the Beqaa Valley (Chtoura), the South (Tyre), and Mount Lebanon. IOM is supported by multi-thematic expertise including at regional and headquarters levels, as well as has pre-identified multi-sectorial experts through rosters, deployed with the capacity to quickly respond and scale-up relief operations.



IOM is supporting displaced people with transport to health care facilities
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CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

IOM places **protection at the core of its operational work**, recognizing the increased risk of violence, neglect, deliberate deprivation, discrimination, abuse and exploitation faced by displaced populations and host communities. IOM will mainstream protection principles across all interventions to ensure safety, dignity, and non-discriminatory access to assistance for all those in need. This will include the **prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA)**, as well as, where relevant, GBV risk mitigation, disability inclusion, child safeguarding, and an inclusive response. These efforts will be closely coordinated with the Protection sector and its sub-sectors.

To ensure collective accountability, **Accountability to Affected Populations** will be integrated across the response in coordination with partners. This will ensure that communities can access complaints and feedback mechanisms, participate meaningfully in decision-making, and receive relevant information to make informed choices.

Conflict sensitivity is a key component of IOM's work in addressing migration-related crises, particularly in conflict-affected and fragile contexts. IOM is committed to integrating conflict sensitivity throughout its crisis response, to ensure that interventions respond to needs and vulnerabilities while mitigating risks. This approach contributes towards a risk-sensitive, rights-based, and inclusive strategy that integrates gender and youth considerations. Conflict sensitivity also complements and reinforces other frameworks, including the Principles of Humanitarian Action. By embedding conflict sensitivity into its operations, IOM strengthens its commitment to inclusive, transparent, and responsive interventions that align with these standards, ultimately enhancing the impact and sustainability of its programs.

IOM will embed a robust **risk management and compliance capacity** into its operational response, ensuring risk assessments are integral to planning and decision-making. This will involve developing and monitoring key risk indicators, regularly updating risk registers, and implementing effective risk treatment plans. This approach will also help maintain a strong internal control environment, ensure compliance with IOM's rules and regulations as well as donor requirements, and support operational efficiency.



IOM transporting IDPs from temporary shelters to primary healthcare clinics © IOM Lebanon 2024

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