

1.90 million

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN GAZA (as of 13 December)

64,053

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN LEBANON (as of 14 December)

Appeal Status

 TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE TARGETED: 733,500

 5%


RECEIVED: \$ 3.4 M

REQUESTED: \$69.13 M



IOM and SHEILD delivery of mattresses and bed items in Southern Lebanon © IOM 2023

ITEMS PROCURED AND DELIVERED TO PARTNERS — SEE RESPONSE SECTION BELOW

 **46,242**
Medical Items and Medicines

 **24,985**
Hygiene and Dignity Kits

 **16,078**
Mattresses and Bed Items

18,171
Medical Items and Medicines Pipeline Items

 **3,100**
Tarpaulins

 **8**
Food and Baby Kits

 **5,000**
Kitchen Sets

 **360,000**
Bottles of Water

 **62,026**
NFI Items

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 7 October 2023, Palestinian armed groups in Gaza launched “Operation Al-Aqsa Flood”, injuring, killing, and capturing many Israeli forces and civilians. In response, the Israeli authorities declared a state of war and began a campaign of heavy bombardments on Gaza – resulting in the injuries and deaths of thousands of Palestinians, out of which more than 70 per cent are women and children.

Over 1.90 million people fled their homes in Gaza since violence erupted on 7 October and hundreds of thousands of civilians have little-to-no access to basic commodities including food, water, electricity and fuel. In addition, the deteriorating security situation in the West Bank and border areas between Israel and Lebanon has led to the internal displacement of about 64,053 persons mainly from Southern Lebanon.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) [echoes the call](#) of the United Nations Secretary General António Guterres for a lasting and immediate humanitarian ceasefire to allow critical aid to reach those in urgent need across the Gaza Strip. IOM also shares

the grave [concerns](#) raised by UN officials as humanitarian efforts in Gaza are near collapse due to intensive fighting and lack of access.

The people of Gaza must have immediate access to safe shelter, medical care, food, hygiene and sanitation facilities and ensure that family members are not separated. Civilians and humanitarian aid workers must be protected. Safe humanitarian access is critical to allow delivery of aid to all affected populations, as well as a safe passage for third-country nationals, family members and medical evacuees from Gaza.

IOM is urgently [appealing](#) for USD 69 million to support its response to the rising critical humanitarian needs of hundreds of thousands of civilians in the occupied Palestinian territories and neighboring countries affected by the ongoing hostilities. IOM's funding received to date is around 3.4 million USD, received from a combination of internal funding streams in headquarters as a front-loading effort to kick start operations and meet the most urgent needs and in-kind donations from ECHO European Humanitarian Response Capacity (EHRC).

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IOM RESPONSE

In Lebanon, hostilities along the Blue Line continued intermittently. As of 12 December 2023, IOM Lebanon's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)* has recorded 64,053 internally displaced persons (IDPs), showing a 9% increase since 5 December 2023. Most of these IDPs (82%) are located in five districts out of a total 21 districts hosting IDPs — specifically, Sour, El Nabatieh, Aley, Beirut, and Saida. The displacement covers 374 locations (villages or neighbourhoods) across 305 cadasters throughout Lebanon, spanning all 21 districts in all 8 governorates. Notably, 65% of the total IDPs are located in three districts Saida, Sour, and El Nabatieh, likely because these districts are close to where the majority of the IDPs are displaced from. Around 69% of IDPs are currently living with host families, while 28% have opted for rental housing; around 2% are housed in Collective Shelters; another 1% have relocated to their secondary residences

IOM continues to preposition and deliver core relief items, medicines and kits to respond to the ongoing displacement and support emergency preparedness efforts. Three Inter-agency Emergency Health Kits (IEHK), one Non-Communicable Disease Kit (NCDK) and two trauma kits in addition to 471 medical items will be delivered and distributed next week to several health facilities based on the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) distribution plan.

This week, IOM and partner SHEILD delivered 266 blankets 266 mattresses and 266 pillows to 266 IDPs in Nabatieh, Southern Lebanon, in close coordination with the disaster risk management unit and the basic assistance sector.

Last week, IOM leading on Site Coordination, actively participated in national and sub national inter-sector coordination group meetings and updated on Site Coordination lead interventions. Also, under the same capacity, IOM attended a coordination meeting called by Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Sahel Al Zahrani Union of Municipalities (UoM) with sub national inter-sector partners to update on Sector's response plan following the opening of a new Collective Site in Saida. This week, IOM, DRC, and Lebanese Red Crescent (LRC) teams are meeting to develop the Shelter and Collective Site Coordination (SCSC) Training modules to be used in the capacity building workshop planned for next week from 18 to 22 December targeting various agencies including UN, INGO and NGO staff.

To date, 2,936 IDPs in the south of Lebanon were supported with core relief items.

In Jordan, on 11 December, IOM met with the Director of Royal Medical Services (RMS), within the Jordanian Armed Forces to discuss continued cooperation and priority needs of the RMS for their health operations in Gaza. RMS confirmed that it will continue to operate its field hospitals in Gaza to continue to support the effected population, requesting IOM's support for the scaling up of operations.

In Egypt, IOM, in partnership with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), has dispatched 33 trucks towards the Rafah border crossing for onward [distribution](#) inside Gaza. IOM's first ECHO in-kind donation of 21,200 non-food items including hygiene kits, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, water filters, mattresses, and blankets and IOM's procurement of 30,000 boxes (360,000 bottles) of water, have now crossed into Gaza. IOM also received goods on behalf of NRC in Al Arish on flights from the UN Humanitarian Response Depots (HRD) in Dubai and Brindisi and has delivered these for onward transportation into Gaza. Further, IOM received goods on behalf of Oxfam in Al Arish on flights from their stock in Belgium and has uploaded those on four trucks awaiting clearance to cross into Gaza.

IOM received a second in-kind donation from ECHO of 13,720 non-food items that includes additional kitchen sets, water filters, and blankets. Part of the shipment has crossed the border on four trucks and the remaining items are in Al Arish on 11 trucks awaiting clearance through Nitzana and Rafah before crossing into Gaza.

IOM is expecting an additional 52,626 items including blankets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, tarps and kitchen sets from IOM's global stocks that will be delivered to Egypt by mid- December for onward transport to Gaza. IOM also continues to provide supply chain support to various partners in receiving and transporting their items through Egypt through to Rafah (Gaza).

Between 02 November and 14 December, IOM Egypt supported a total of 685 Third Country Nationals (TCNs), family members, and evacuees with various types of assistance including accommodation, land transport, air transport, protection assistance, and/or medical assistance (referrals, fit-to travel checks, medical referrals, etc.) at the request of their respective Embassies.



IOM meeting with the Director of Royal Medical Services (RMS), within the Jordanian Armed Forces © IOM 2023

*The DTM Mobility Snapshot is produced jointly with the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) and the government's Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Unit and is the leading source of displacement data for Lebanon.