

REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

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1.76 million

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN GAZA (as of 22 November)

55,491

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN LEBANON (as of 21 November)

1,479 trucks

CROSSED THE RAFAH BORDER INTO GAZA (as of 22 November)

Appeal Status



TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE TARGETED: 733,500





RECEIVED: \$ 2.8 M REQUESTED: \$69.13 M



IOM Jordan Chief of Mission hands over the donation of medical equipment to the Director General of the Royal Medical Services (RMS) in Amman, for delivery to Gaza in support of RMS operations © IOM 2023

ITEMS PROCURED AND DELIVERED TO PARTNERS— SEE RESPONSE SECTION BELOW



9.242 Medical Items and Medicines





Mattresses and Bed Items



45,171

Medical Items and Medicines

Pipeline 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 67 per cent are women and children.

Over 1.76 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 55,491 persons mainly from Southern Lebanon.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reiterates the UN calls for an immediate end to the escalating violence and for a humanitarian ceasefire to avert an even greater catastrophe.

Humanitarian access is critical to allow delivery of aid to the most vulnerable and seriously affected populations, as well as a safe passage for third-country nationals trapped in 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 has been around 2.6 million USD, received from internal funding streams in headquarters as a front-loading effort to kick start operations and meet the most urgent needs.

Your support is critical in our mission to deliver emergency aid to displaced families in Gaza and in surrounding countries impacted by the crisis and hostilities.





IOM RESPONSE

In Lebanon, cross border armed clashes continued in the south of the country. As of 21 November 2023, IOM Lebanon's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)* has recorded 55,491 internally displaced persons (IDPs), showing a 19% increase since 14 November. Most of these IDPs (73%) are located in five districts out of the total 25 districts hosting IDPs — specifically, Sour, El Nabatieh, Aley, Beirut, and Saida. The displacement covers 429 locations (villages or neighbourhoods) across 355 cadasters throughout Lebanon, spanning all 25 districts in all eight governorates. Notably, 56% of the total IDPs are located in three districts Saida, Sour, and El Nabatieh districts, likely because these districts are close to where the majority of the IDPs are displaced from. Around 70% of IDPs are currently living with host families, while 24% have opted for rental housing. Another 3% have relocated to their secondary residences. A smaller fraction, around 2%, are housed in Collective Shelters, and 1% have been reported to be staying in incomplete or unfinished buildings.

IOM continues to respond to the ongoing displacement, in close collaboration with UN, NGO and government partners while also supporting preparedness efforts.

IOM has started the delivery of 12,128 medicines and medical items to the Ministry of Public Health in four primary healthcare centers, seven hospitals, and to other operational partners including the Lebanese Red Cross and Civil Defense. This medical items include medication boxes, IV solutions, different types of catheters and other medical items (bandages, gauzes, plasters, gloves and sutures). IOM has also procured Trauma, Noncommunicable Diseases Kits (NCD) and Interagency Emergency Health Kits (IEKH) which are expected to be delivered during the last week of November.

IOM, together with local partner SHEILD has continued to distribute core relief items this week in response to the increasing number of displaced individuals in southern Lebanon. IOM and SHEILD reached 1,800 IDPs with items such as mattresses, blankets and pillows and further distributions are planned next week. To support the Government of Lebanon's National Response Plan, IOM, in coordination with local authorities is also continuing to preposition additional shelter and non-food items (shelter kits, hygiene kits, solar lamps, blankets, and mattresses) for at least 1,200 households which are expected to be delivered early December. Through mobile teams, IOM, in coordination with SHEILD, continued to provide psychosocial support to displaced populations in Al houch, Abbasiyeh and Batoulay in Tyr Governorate.

During the past week, IOM's Site Coordination team has been actively engaged in National Inter-Sector Coordination Group meetings to update response plans and address identified needs and gaps. Alongside Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), IOM collaborated closely to create the initial framework for the Site Management Guidance document, which is aimed to be drafted by 1 December. Additionally, Site Coordination took part in the Lebanon Humanitarian Fund meeting to align on proposal submissions for the initial reserve allocation.

On 20 November, IOM organized an information-sharing forum between 12 representatives from embassies and consulates and

significant numbers of migrants in Lebanon, including from Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Madagascar, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Sudan, and Ivory Coast. Participants shared updates on the needs in their migrant communities and contingency planning on evacuation plans and preparedness efforts to facilitate the issuance of emergency travel documents (ETD). As a follow up action, IOM will circulate a survey to better understand consular authorities' capacity to deliver ETDs and outline any support needed to enhance this capacity to quickly issue ETDs.

IOM Jordan has donated a generator and 1,110 medical and surgical equipment to the Jordanian Armed Forces - Royal Medical Services (RMS). The medical items and generator were delivered to the second RMS field hospital in Khan Younis in Gaza on 20 November. The field hospital is expected to be operational in the coming days and future procurement of medical items are planned for RMS in the coming weeks.

In Egypt, on 18 November, IOM received 21,200 items including hygiene kits, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, water filters, mattresses and blankets from the ECHO European Humanitarian Response Capacity (EHRC) that have been handed over to the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) for onward transportation to Gaza. IOM is expecting an additional 13,720 items from ECHO including kitchen sets, water filters, and blankets by the end of November.

IOM has previously donated 3,000 tarpaulins, 6,013 medicines and medical items, 1,046 hygiene items, 600 mattresses, blankets and bedsheets, and 500 dignity kits to the Egyptian Red Crescent on 15 and 16 October. The items were loaded onto two trucks during two separate convoys that crossed the border into Gaza for onward distribution. Additionally, IOM has donated 30,000 bottles of water to the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC)'s for onward transportation into Gaza through 16 trucks. The trucks are awaiting crossing and onward delivery.

Between 02 and 22 November, IOM Egypt supported a total of 531 Third Country Nationals (TCNs), family members, and evacuees with various types of assistance including accommodation, land transport, air transport, and/or medical assistance (referrals, fit-to-travel checks, medical referrals, etc.) at the request of their respective Embassies. IOM expects to support approximately 60 additional TCNs, family members, and evacuees in the coming days. IOM is coordinating closely with the Government of Egypt and the ERC, and to date has delivered a total of 199 dignity/hygiene, baby and food kits upon the direct request of two Embassies to support TCNs, family members, and evacuees.

To support medical evacuations and assistance at the border, IOM will hand over 44,700 medications and medical supplies to the Egyptian Ambulance Authority (under the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP)), MoHP facilities, and the ERC. Finally, 54,490 items including blankets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, and kitchen sets from IOM's stocks are expected to be delivered by the end of November to Egypt.

*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

