

# REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

SITUATION REPORT #9 30 NOVEMBER 2023

### 1.82 million

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN GAZA (as of 30 November)

55,183

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN LEBANON (as of 28 November)

## **Appeal Status**



TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE TARGETED: 733,500



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



IOM distributes core relief items in southern Lebanon to help displaced families © IOM 2023

#### ITEMS PROCURED AND DELIVERED TO PARTNERS— SEE RESPONSE SECTION BELOW



46.242 Medical Items and Medicines





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 1.82 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 55,183 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 2.8 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.

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#### **IOM RESPONSE**

In Lebanon, the situation remained relatively stable following the ceasefire agreement. As of 28 November 2023, IOM Lebanon's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)\* has recorded 55,183 internally displaced persons (IDPs), showing a 0.5% decrease since 21 November. Most of these IDPs (737%) are located in five districts out of the total 25 districts hosting IDPs — specifically, Sour, El Nabatieh, Aley, Beirut, and Saida. The displacement covers 388 locations (villages or neighbourhoods) across 324 cadasters throughout Lebanon, spanning all 25 districts in all eight governorates. Notably, 61% 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 57% of IDPs are currently living with host families, while 28% have opted for rental housing. Another 12% 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 preposition and deliver core relief items and medicines and medical items to respond to the ongoing displacement, and support emergency preparedness efforts. This week, IOM completed the delivery of 12,128 medicines and medical items to the Ministry of Public Health across four primary healthcare centers, seven hospitals, and to other operational partners including the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) and Civil Defense. These medical items include medication boxes, IV solutions, different types of catheters and other medical items (bandages, gauzes, plasters, gloves and sutures). Additional emergency health kits and medical items are expected to be delivered next week.

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 1,950 IDPs with items such as mattresses, blankets and pillows and further distributions are planned for next week. Through mobile teams, IOM, in coordination with SHEILD, provided psychosocial support to 115 displaced individuals including 70 women, 24 men 12 girls and nine boys and case management support to nine women in Al Houch, Abbasiyeh and Batoulay in the Tyre Governorate.

As the lead agency for Site Coordination within the Shelter and Site Coordination Sector, IOM, in close collaboration with LRC, conducted learning needs assessments through focus group discussions and key informant interviews with site managers and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) staff in Tyre, with a similar exercise also planned with Union of Municipalities (MoU) in Hasbayya on 1 December. Findings from these assessments will be discussed with Site Coordination partners in a workshop to be facilitated next week to develop the Capacity Building Plan which aims to address information gaps in site management and site coordination.

This week, IOM's Site Coordination participated in Emergency Inter-Sector Coordination Group Sub-national Coordination meeting and provided an update on response plans and the ongoing collaboration with the Disaster Risk Management unit (DRM), a government entity, and DRR/LRC to address site management and site coordination needs. Meanwhile, Site Coordination is actively participating in the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) 2024 Planning and Needs Analysis

Workshop and will be engaged in subsequent sector planning and discussions to develop sector strategies.

**IOM Jordan,** after consultations with the Royal Medical Services (RMS), will procure additional medical items and medicines in the coming weeks to support the RMS' key priorities and its medical operations in Gaza.

In Egypt, this week, to support medical evacuations and assistance at the Rafah border, IOM delivered 27,000 medications to the Egyptian Ambulance Authority (under the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP)).

IOM, in partnership with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), has dispatched 22 trucks (out of a total of 28) towards the Rafah border crossing for onward distribution inside Gaza. 12 of these trucks carry the first ECHO European Humanitarian Response Capacity (EHRC) in-kind donation of 21,200 non-food items including hygiene kits, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, water filters, mattresses and blankets that IOM received on 18 November. The remaining 16 trucks, carry 30,000 boxes (360,000 bottles) of water.

On 29 November, IOM received its second in-kind donation of 13,720 non-food items from the ECHO European Humanitarian Response Capacity (EHRC). The shipment includes additional kitchen sets, water filters, and blankets.

IOM 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 that have since crossed the border into Gaza for onward distribution. IOM has also donated an additional 189 dignity kits, seven food kits, and one baby kits to Third-Country Nationals (TCNs), family members, and evacuees.

IOM is expecting an additional 59,490 items including blankets, jerry cans, sleeping mats, tarps and kitchen sets from IOM's global stocks that will be delivered to Egypt via two cargo flights by mid-December for onward transport to Gaza.



Core relief items donated by the ECHO European Humanitarian Response Capacity (EHRC) arrive in Al Arish, Egypt © 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.

