

Fact Sheet for Lebanon

<p style="text-align: center;">Our core services in Refugee and Migrants' Aid</p>	<p>Assistance for the displaced and host communities: around 25.000 families (\pm 100.000 persons) assisted since the beginning of the Syrian crisis in 2011 (<i>including medical assistance, distribution of food kits, hygiene products, winterization, kids' kits...</i>).</p> <p>This number excludes individuals helped by the indirect assistance (<i>medical consultations, medical drugs...</i>) in the different Primary Healthcare Centers of the "Order of Malta Lebanon".</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Our expertise in Refugee and Migrants' Aid</p>	<p>To finance some of its projects, the Order of Malta Lebanon has and had different agreements with local and international governments (<i>French, German...</i>). To implement these projects, the Order of Malta Lebanon follows all governmental guidelines, adopting a transparency approach as well as an organized book keeping system. All projects dedicated for the Syrian displaced must also help finance the Primary Healthcare Centers of the Order that welcome the displaced as well as the host communities.</p> <p>The Order's activities are also coordinated with the different local stakeholders as well as with the UNHCR.</p> <p>The main activities dedicated to the displaced through the Mobile Medical Units' activities in North Lebanon (<i>Akkar area</i>) and in the Bekaa area (<i>West Bekaa area</i>) are free of charge. The dental services are also offered to the patients free of charge. Starting July 2018, ophthalmology services will be also included. This approach is not applied by most of the local operating NGOs.</p> <p>After four years of intensive operation of the Mobile Medical Unit of North Lebanon and after two years since the implementation in the Bekaa area, the increasing number of patients is placing a high pressure on the Order of Malta Lebanon to continue offering these services.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">National challenges and solutions created with the Order of Malta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The impact of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon has been profound, particularly in the healthcare sector. The influx of Syrian displaced has strained the public hospitals and their ability to respond to the crisis, resulting in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ An increased demand for healthcare services; ✓ An increase in free of charge health services to displaced; ✓ A sharp rise in communicable diseases and emergence of new diseases in Lebanon; ✓ Increased risks of epidemics such as water-borne diseases, measles, and tuberculosis. - The Lebanese youth unemployment rate is 33% - 1.5 million Lebanese live below the poverty line, of whom 470,000 are children - Since 2011, economic growth has dropped from 8 to 2%. Job creation, insufficient before the crisis, is now stagnant - Among the displaced, the proportion of households living below the poverty line has continued to increase, reaching 76% of displaced households in 2017 - 83% of Syrian children born in Lebanon since the beginning of the crisis are lacking birth registration - 70% of the children displaced aged 6-14 were enrolled in schools, compared to 52% in 2016 - Among Lebanon's registered Syrian displaced of just under 1 million, 41% of Syrian woman aged between 20 and 24 were married before 18 - Around 330 public schools in Lebanon have second shift classes for Syrian displaced children. <p>Our local contribution in finding solutions: The agreement signed between the</p>

	<p>Government of the Lebanese Republic and the Sovereign Order of Malta in 2009 intends to support, facilitate, diversify, develop and implement health and humanitarian cooperation between the government of the Lebanese Republic (<i>particularly the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs</i>) and the Sovereign Order of Malta.</p> <p>The Order of Malta is one of the four permanent NGOs representatives at the Joint Commission between the Ministry of Public Health and the NGOs operating in Lebanon. This commission is responsible for the implementation of the "Primary Health Care Program" which is recommended by the World Health Organization. On the other hand, and after the successful operation of the Mobile Medical Unit in the Akkar area, the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health requested the Order of Malta to duplicate this type of medical services in the Bekaa area (<i>where the second Mobile Medical Unit is implemented since May 2016</i>) and wherever the needs are detected.</p> <p>The health services are coordinated between the Order of Malta Lebanon, the UNHCR as well as local partners, in order to respond effectively to the requested needs in the different areas. The Order of Malta Lebanon, through its Primary Healthcare Centers, is alleviating the suffering of the displaced (<i>Syrian and Iraqi</i>) and the host communities by providing socio-medical services.</p>
<p>Best practice</p>	<p>The health services provided through the Mobile Medical Units (<i>around 100 patients/day in the Akkar area with the presence of 2 physicians/day and around 50 patients/day in the Bekaa area with the presence of 1 physician/day</i>) with a referral system for secondary healthcare services (<i>laboratory exams, imagery, hospitalization, dental services....</i>).</p> <p>The Order of Malta Lebanon has become a reference for health services in the areas where it operates. Patients are travelling to the Mobile Medical Units from localities up to 40 km from the operating site.</p>
<p>Number of refugees</p>	<p><u>Number of Syrian displaced in Lebanon:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ End of 2015: 1.069.111 ○ End of 2016: 1.011.366 ○ End of 2017: 997.552 ○ Beginning of 2018 (<i>February 28, 2018</i>): 991.917 <p>No. of refugees your organization has been offering help in 2017: 25.833 <i>excluding indirect assistance</i></p>
<p>Number of involved employees & volunteers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017: number of volunteers: Average: 305 Lebanese and 450 International • 2017: number of employees: 340 (<i>in total including part time employees as well as physicians operating per medical acts: once or twice per week</i>).
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