

UNHCR Syria Short Brief

Response to Displacement from Lebanon to Syria

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A total of approximately **460,000*** people (Lebanese, Syrians and third-country nationals) are estimated to have crossed from Lebanon to Syria since the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon.

It is estimated that **71 percent are Syrians and 29 percent are Lebanese and other country nationals.**

** The numbers of new arrivals in this document are based on "SARC Emergency Response For Lebanese Refugees and Syrian Returnees" (issued 28 October). Figures are undergoing verification and are subject to change. Figures are cumulative until 26 October provided.*

Recent Developments

- On 26 October, the Matraba border crossing point in Homs Governorate suffered a missile attack that caused 10 casualties and a significant amount of material damage. On 28 October, an informal crossing point 2km west of Joussieh was also subjected to an airstrike.
- The Anoun Dadat crossing point in Aleppo Governorate used by many - including new arrivals from Lebanon - to cross from Government to non-Government-controlled territory in northwest Syria, remains closed due to continued shelling by Turkish forces.
- While a small uptick in arrivals was experienced at the Jdeidet Yabous border crossing (600 persons instead of the average 500 persons), the flow of the arrivals at Daboussieh, Jesr al Qamar and Al Arida crossings remained steady (approx. 350 per day at each crossing). There was virtually no movement at the Joussieh border crossing since the bomb attack on 25 October despite its reopening.
- A small number of Lebanese have been observed to be returning to Lebanon, stating that they would rather stay in collective centres inside Lebanon than to continue suffering the difficult living conditions and lack of services inside Syria.
- On 27 October, the Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator began a three-day visit to Aleppo Governorate together with the OCHA Representative in Syria. The visit aims to enhance understanding of the situation on the ground with regard to the new arrivals from Lebanon - both Syrians and Lebanese.
- UNHCR and OCHA held a meeting with the Head of the International Collaboration and Planning Department in Deir ez-Zor Governorate, where the possibility of reactivating the emergency room was discussed, to improve coordination on the response between the local authorities and the Area Humanitarian Coordination Team - led by UNHCR and supported by OCHA.
- UNICEF has agreed to support the health points in UNHCR-supported Community Centres by providing medicines for scabies and lice as part of the community-led health initiatives. WFP has agreed to support all families arriving to Aleppo who are registered by SARC. Each family will receive a monthly food basket until the end of the year.