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Lebanon

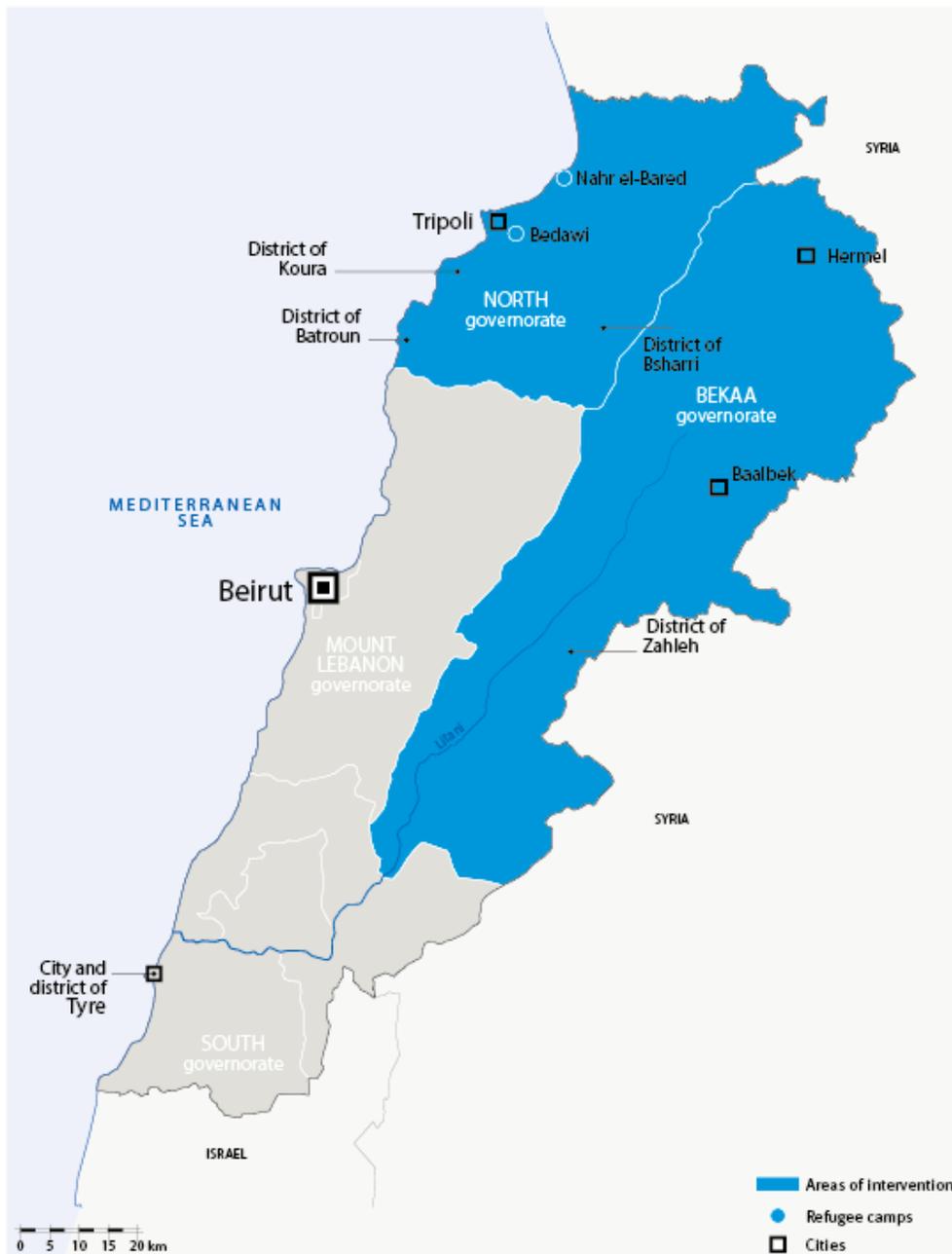




HI Team and intervention areas

The HI Lebanon program has 90 staff members.

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General data of the country

a. General Data

Country	Lebanon	Neighbouring country Jordan	France
Population	5,850,743	9 702 353	67,081,000
Inequality-adjusted HDI	0.61	0,735	0.891
Gender development Index	0.90	0,857	0.051
Maternal mortality	16	58	8
GINI Index	45.12	33.70	28.5
Social support	0.74	0.815	
Population under HCR mandate	1,088,211	734 871	
INFORM Index	5.40	4.10	2.3
Fragile state index	84.7	75.4	30.5
Mines victims	17		
Development aid (in millions USD)	975	2921	
Humanitarian Mines Action aid (in millions USD)	8.70	0.60	

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Not signed
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified 05/11/2010
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Signed 14/06/2007



c. Geopolitical analysis

Lebanon is a multi-cultural, multi-religious country with 18 state-recognized religious groups: 4 Muslim, 12 Christian, 1 Druze, and 1 Jewish. The official language is Arabic, but many Lebanese speak French or English.

In February 2005 former Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri was assassinated in a car bomb attack prompting an anti-Syrian and pro-western coalition to challenge the long-held dominance of Syria over Lebanon. The so called Cedar Revolution forced the withdrawal of the Syrian military.

In 2017, a new president has been elected (Michel Aoun) after months of negotiations and blockages. Parliamentary elections have been held beginning of 2018 – with an increase number of seats for the parties affiliated to Hezbollah – but no government has been formed up to now (October 2018). The Prime Minister, Saad Hariri has been under a major pressure from different internal and external factors including his allies from Saudi Arabia and still intends keeping stability in the country. In January 31st 2019, the government was formed after almost 9 months of wait.

The consequences of the Syria crisis have placed an unprecedented strain on the economy, public services, and infrastructure, as well as on demographic factors and social relations. Lebanon hosts 1 million Syrian refugees (¼ of the total population) as it already manages multiple challenges around acute inequality and the presence of around 208,800 Palestine refugees who live in extreme vulnerability in 11 camps around the country.

While Lebanon has remained a generous host to refugees, increased social tensions and possible host-community fatigue, combined with depleted resources among refugees and regional tensions, raise concerns for both the refugee and host population. With the focus on the deteriorating economic situation, Government's top priority will be to implement all the economic reforms Lebanon promised, including reducing the budget deficit by one per cent every year over the next five years and privatizing the state-run electricity sector.

Lebanon faced a sharp deterioration of economic difficulties mixed with a political crisis and nourishing virulent social demands in 2019. The mid-March shutdown in response to the COVID-19 emergency turned the economic disaster into catastrophe for most of the Lebanese. The fiscal upheaval pushed the Lebanese economy into a downward spiral toward recession, soaring inflation, mass unemployment, shortages of imported goods and state insolvency.' The economic pressure generated more unrest in the streets and threatened complete economic collapse. Depositors in Lebanese banks have been denied



their savings. Bank withdrawal or credit card payments were priced at the official rate of 1,507 Lebanese pounds to the dollar, which was worth an average of 7,400 to 8,000 in the parallel market. Billions were transferred abroad by the political and business elite before the crisis took hold.

Summary of HI presence in the country

HI's work in Lebanon aims at increase the inclusion of people with disabilities and vulnerable people¹ in community life, both physically (for instance, by providing access to education and health services and infrastructure etc.) and in terms of professional, cultural and social inclusion. The organisation also undertakes mine clearance work in the north of the country to protect the local population from the numerous explosive remnants of war from the 15-year civil war which ended in 1990.

The association has also provided emergency assistance in the crisis situations that have rocked the country and region.

In 2018, HI in Lebanon has progressively readjusted its mandate to be able to cover the full mandate: some LT project with Mental Health and Inclusive Education, some protracted crisis projects with AVR (Risk Education) and Protection. Finally, HI ran its first mine clearance projects in the country in 2007 and is still active at 2018 in the North Lebanon.

¹ People whose independence, dignity or physical or mental integrity is at risk. Vulnerability may be caused by age, illness, infirmity, a physical or mental impairment, or pregnancy.



Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Main sector of intervention	Objective of project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and donors funding it
Protection	To support socio economic development in Lebanon through clearance of mines and other Explosive Remnants of War (ERW).	Clearance of more than 30 minefields representing around 250 000 m2 still remain impacted by mines and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) in Northern Governorate by the deployment of 4 manual mine teams; compiling and analyzing of information through pre and post impact assessment surveys and testimonies from people living in the danger zones to inform the impacted communities.	Managing, securing and destroying weapons: direct beneficiaries: 172000 indirect: 217 000 More than 140 000 m2 field released from mines in 2018	Population of the 11 villages identified from Jbeil and Batroun, Bcharre and Koura districts (32,530 hbts) 13 landlords	Lebanese Mine Action Centre (LMAC)	Province of Northern Lebanon (districts of Batroun, Becharre and Koura).	WRA – 07.2018 – 12.2021 Japan Embassy 01.2020 – 01.2021
	Risk Education Reduce the threat posed by	HI worked in partnership with the		A total of 8590 adult working in		District of Baalbek,	CDCS 2 end in



	the mines, ERW and IEDs to the population living in the North-East part of the Baalbek district.(Pillars of “Stay Safe “project)	National Steering Committee for Risk Education and, liaised with the members of this committee to develop its intervention strategy. Risk Education sessions were conducted by LOST (Lebanese Organisation for Studies and Training)		the contaminated area and 17500 children The Lebanese Mine Action Center. 120 teachers. 4 Municipality council		Baalbek-Hermel Province, Lebanon	August 2020
Protection / MH	Contributing increasing positive behaviour, preventing and reducing risks posed by explosive ordnance, covid-19 and psychosocial distress in North Beqaa	Safe identification and referral mechanism is in place Population at risk has access to information and is aware of safe behavior according to the existing Explosive Ordnances' risks. Population at risk has access to information and is aware of safe behavior according to COVID-19 Identified population receives adequate mental health services	Males & Females, Adults & Children, PwD and other Vulnerable Individuals, Quarry Stone Workers, Farmers, Shepherds and Humanitarian Actors, in both local and refugees' communities			2 municipalities economically depending on the exploitation of the dangerous area (Arsal and Al Qaa)	CDCS 3 10.2020 – 9. 2021
Protection	IHA within the protection sector		IRC and NRC staff		IRC/NRC Protection sectors	All Lebanon	01.2019 – 03.2021 FCDO



<p>Mental Health</p>	<p>To improve in a tangible manner the living conditions of disabled and vulnerable people through an inclusive and participative approach.</p>	<p>Support 3 local partners to provide multidisciplinary, users centred and community based mental health services. Support the National mental health program to the development/revision of mental health policies and/or national strategic plans. Support to local mainstream service providers to increase their inclusiveness and to be involved with in a structured referral systems with partners. To increase awareness on MH at local, national and international levels. Support the creation/development of users groups and empower them.</p>	<p>1 partner Center is supported to provide community based rehabilitation services. 3 multidisciplinary service providers' centres supported to the creation of referral system. 11 partner staff members are sensitized on MH problems and inclusion of CwMHP. 2 users groups 29 CwMHP and their parents benefited from rehabilitation. 146 children benefited from PSS activities.</p>	<p>50 MH Actors(national and international) 3 partners centres 10 multidisciplinary service providers centres 75 MH staff 15 users groups 80 CwMHP and their parents 1200 children at risk of developing MH problems.</p>	<p>MOUSA WAT partner in Bar Elias AMAL center in Arsal Partners in Balbaak is not identified yet</p>	<p>Region of Bekaa: Bar Elais, Arsal& Balbaak</p>	<p>FCDO : 01.2019-03.2021 AFD 2 MH : 01.2018 – 12.2021</p>
<p>Inclusion Inclusive Education</p>	<p>Identifying disability prevalence and areas of functional difficulties Assessing the needs, experiences with and barriers to education of children with</p>	<p>Procurement and distribution of educational/non educational items following MEHE recommendations and</p>	<p>The study provided an assessment need to design the inclusive education project</p>	<p>1000 children in formal education in two years (both out of school children who will be supported to enroll</p>	<p>Ministry of Education and Higher Education</p>	<p>30 pilot schools identified by the MEHE covering all</p>	<p>UNICEF : 10.2018 – 12.2020 DFAT : 05.2018 –</p>



	<p>disabilities aged 6-12 Improve participation of vulnerable students with specific needs, in particular children with disabilities, to formal and non-formal schools through tailored support to them and support to the Ministry of Education plans to enhance inclusive education in Lebanon.</p>	<p>assessed children's tailored action plans. Development of criteria and referral guidance with training for teachers Training of volunteers/staff of external actors in identification and referral Development of training material on the use of devices and learning ; Ministry of Education's trainers training; support to Ministry of Education department to revise tools and training module on inclusion of student and distribution of assistive devices</p>	<p>starting second quarter of 2018</p>	<p>in formal school and children already enrolled in school). The 30 schools of the inclusive education pilot Programme will be primarily targeted for support in educational materials (e.g. inclusion kits for resource rooms, braille slates), while for non-educational equipment (e.g. wheelchair, hearing aid), referrals will be accepted and addressed for children to attend all the other public schools, both first and second shift</p>	<p>(MEHE) MOSA NFE partners</p>	<p>Lebanon's regions</p>	<p>12.2020</p>
<p>Inclusion Project</p>	<p>Providing expertise and capacity building for partners to achieve specific objectives related to inclusion. Support partners to include disability in their programs to identify current barriers to the inclusion of people with disability and develop an</p>	<p>Project approaches A-IATAC methodology: A – Support Assessment of an organization level of inclusion of people with disability (assessment types : Desk Review, Key Informant Interview</p>	<p>Desk review for documents shared by each organisation (no exact # of documents/policies/charters/etc.) KII with staff from each organisation</p>	<p>Training and capacity building for organisation staff (from all managerial levels). AFD SAWA: Number of staff trained on inclusive</p>	<p>AFD Sawa consortium made of: Médecins de monde Amel associatio</p>	<p>MdM/Skou n for centers located at Baalback governorates and Beirut Amel</p>	<p>AFD Sawa : 01.2019 – 07.2021 BUZA: 12.2019 – 04.2021</p>



	<p>action plan to address them, to improve knowledge on disability and inclusion, to change perceptions and attitudes about disability, to build skills that can support adoption of inclusive practices to enable the participation of persons with disabilities, to build consensus to make the decision-making processes more inclusive and to strengthen the internal capacity to ensure that the change process to become inclusive will continue after HI support</p>	<p>(KII) , KAP Survey and Non-Technical accessibility assessment NTAA) I – Provide Information to target staff A – Provide Awareness to target staff T – Provide Training to target staff A – Provide Advocacy with key staff of the organization and its stakeholders at field level C – Provide Coaching to key staff</p> <p>Under Dutch Covid-19 response. Inclusion project will provide Assistive devices for referred beneficiaries from Save the Children and create Self-help Group to be empowered in term of inclusion disability status ensuring the equal participation in life.</p>	<p>and from different managerial level (no exact #) KAP online survey (staff from each organisation and from different managerial level can participate (no exact #) NTAA for dedicated centers under the proposal</p>	<p>services Target: 28 (10 management staff, 18 frontline staff) Dutch:16</p>	<p>n and Skoun organisation. Dutch project with Save the Children</p>	<p>primary health care center located at al Ein Baalback governorate. Save the Children at Beirut governorates (Cola and khaldeh are)</p>	
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