

# LEBANON FOOD SECURITY SECTOR

**FSSWG for BML & South + Beirut Port Explosion**

**Response**

**March 26, 2021**

# Agenda



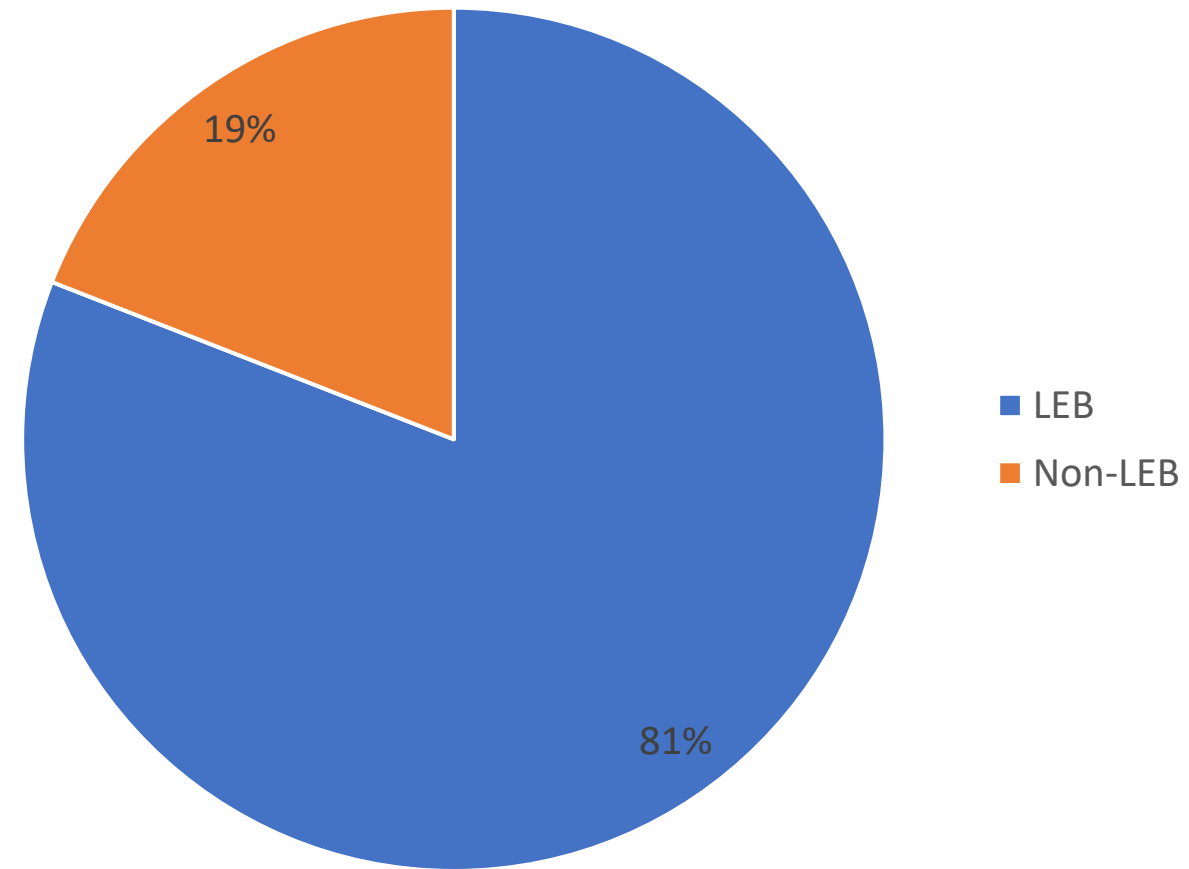
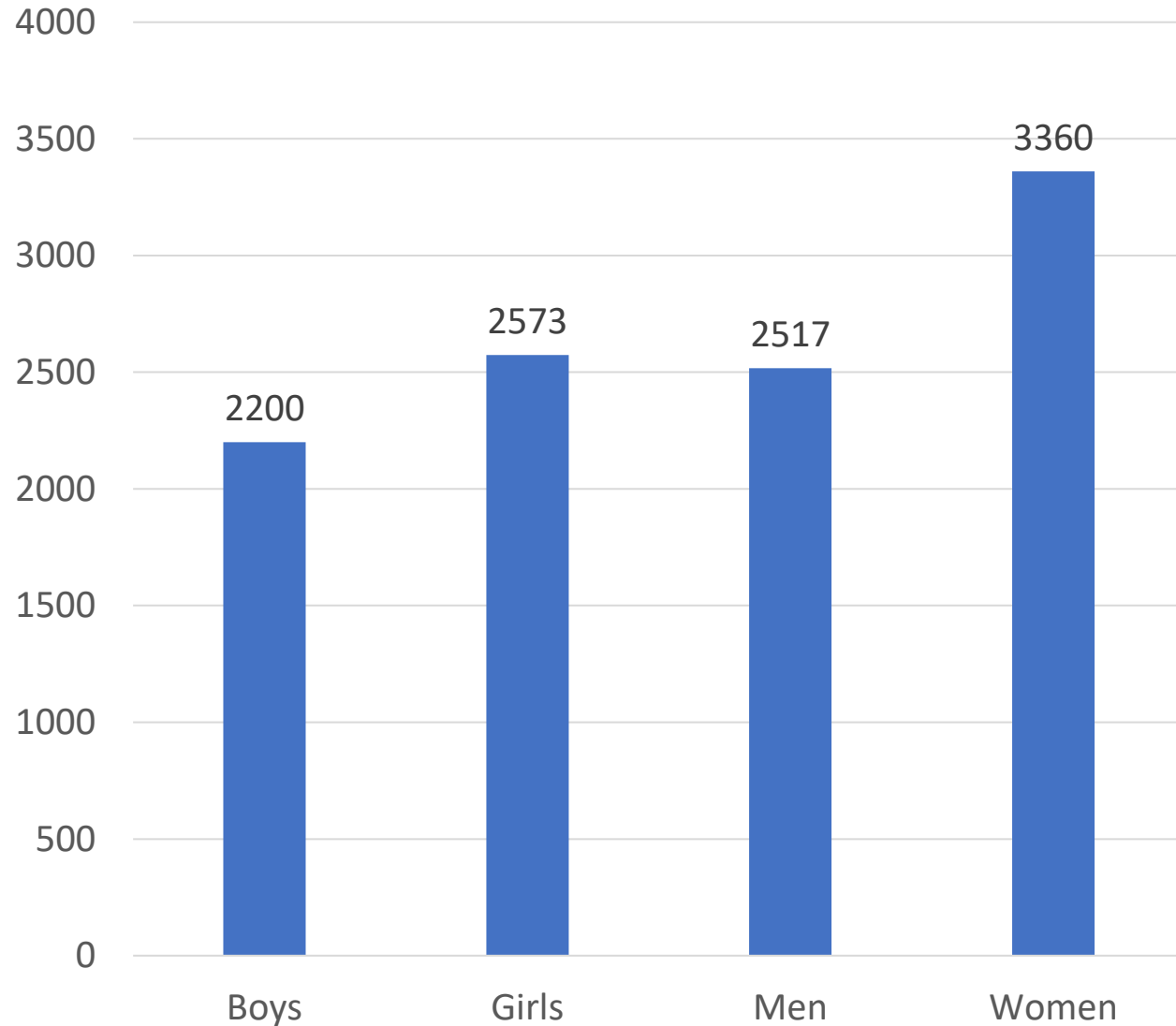
1. WFP/RAM food security analysis – incl. shop closures
2. Beirut port explosion AI updates, lockdown and referrals pathways
3. AI Service mapping presentation (UNHCR)
4. Partners' updates, gaps and challenges (BB, LCRP, COVID 19)
5. Deduplication platform presentation (WFP)
6. Dollarization of humanitarian cash assistance: feedback on discussion on risks and mitigation measures
7. LCRP and COVID 19 AI updates + presentation on interactive dashboard (IMO)
8. AOB (agri coop mapping with LH + invite child labour in agriculture)



# BB Sector Updates: AI reporting February 2021



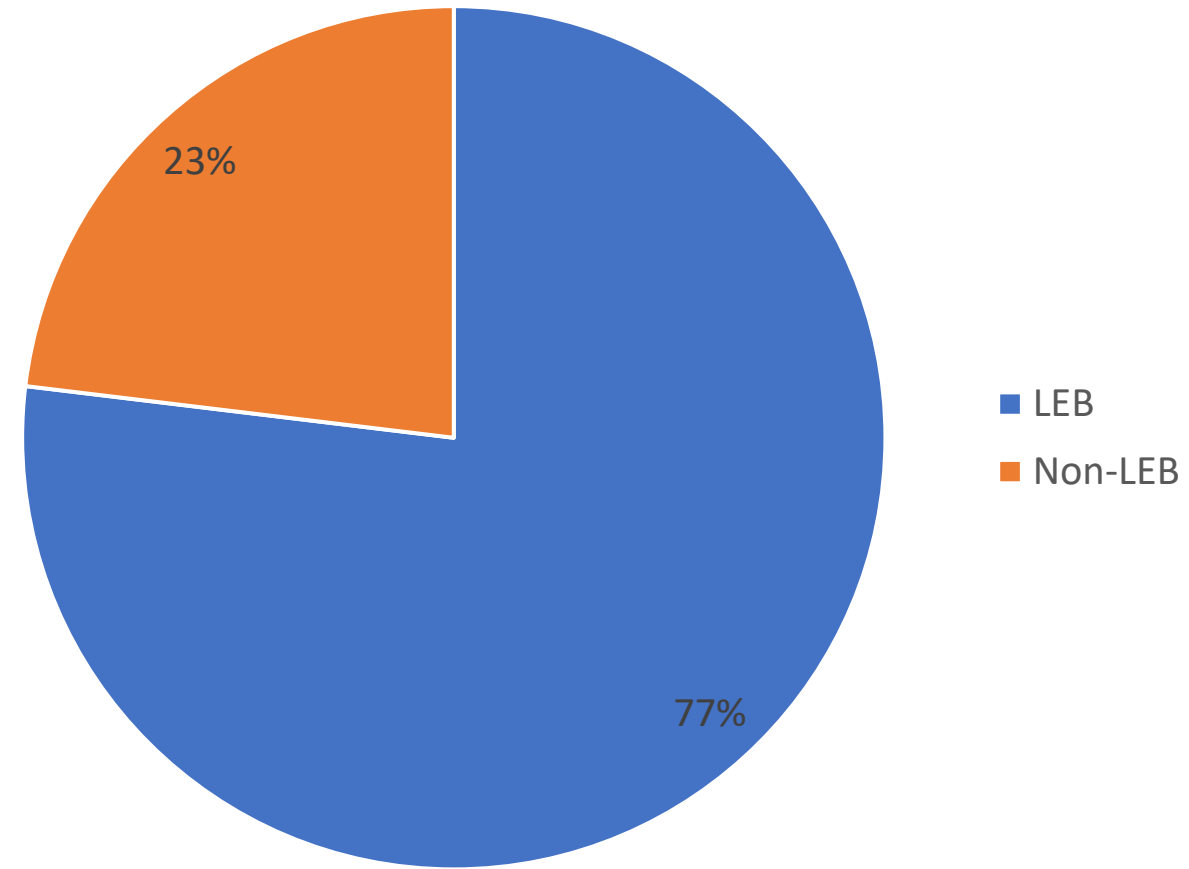
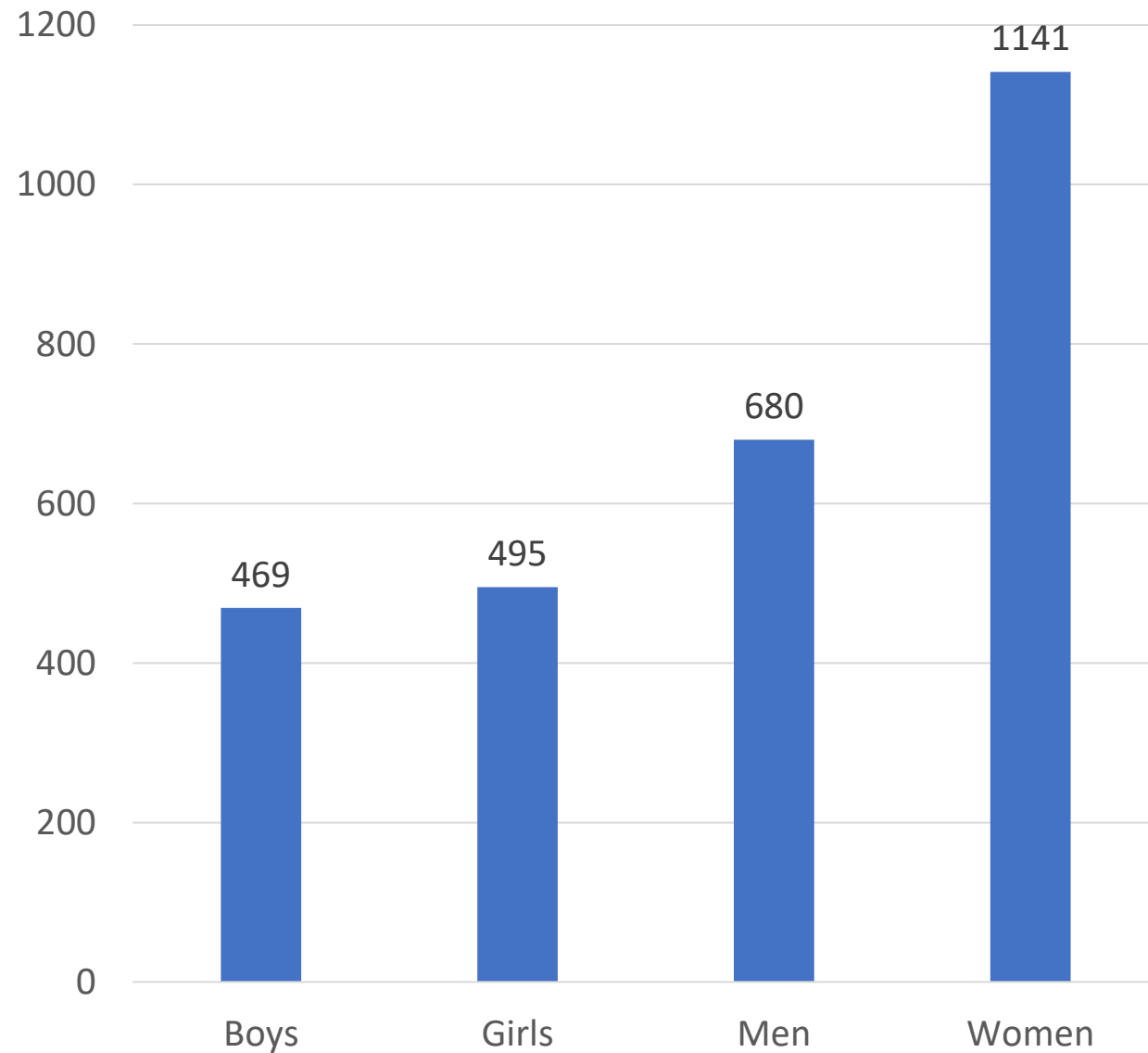
Beneficiaries receiving in-kind food parcels: **10,650**



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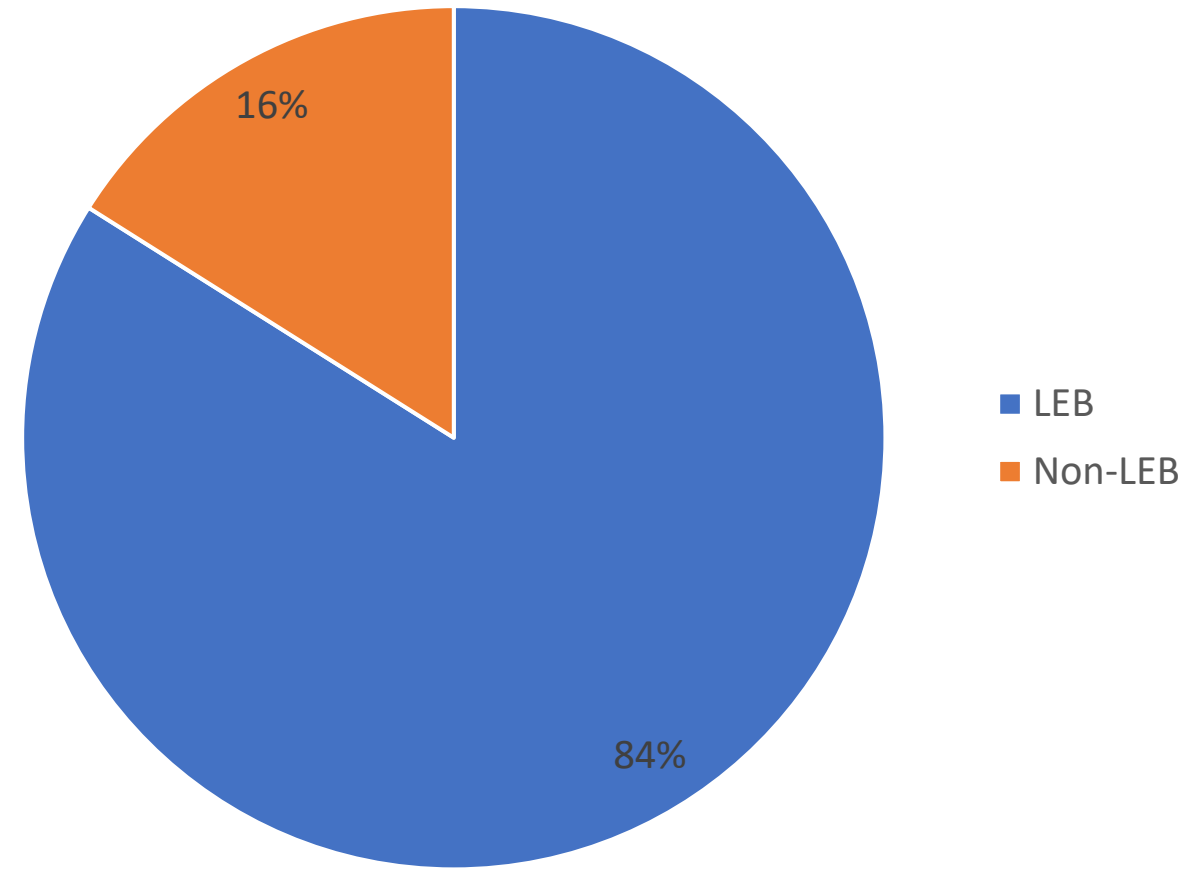
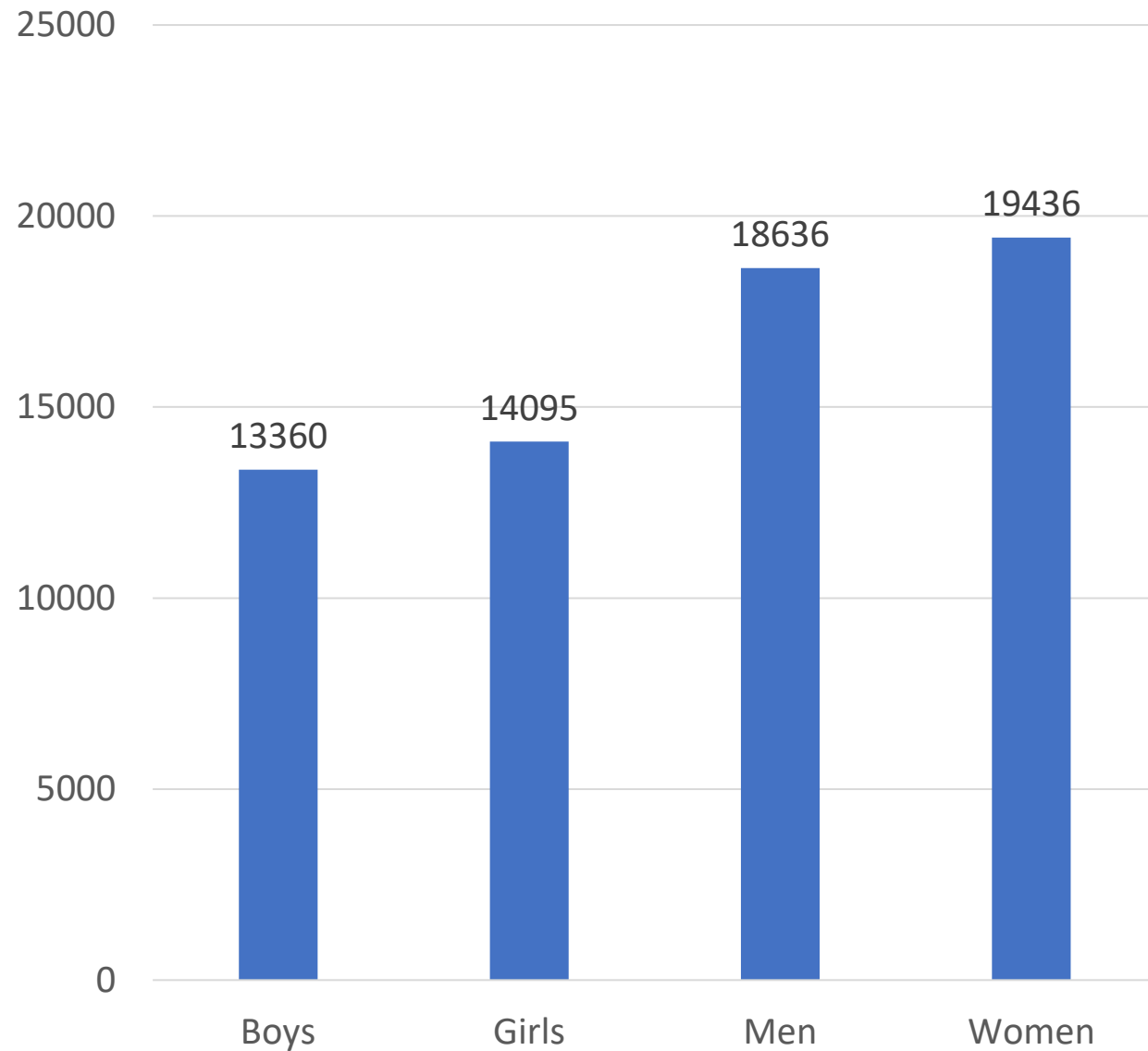
Beneficiaries receiving hot meals/ready to eat meals : **2,785**



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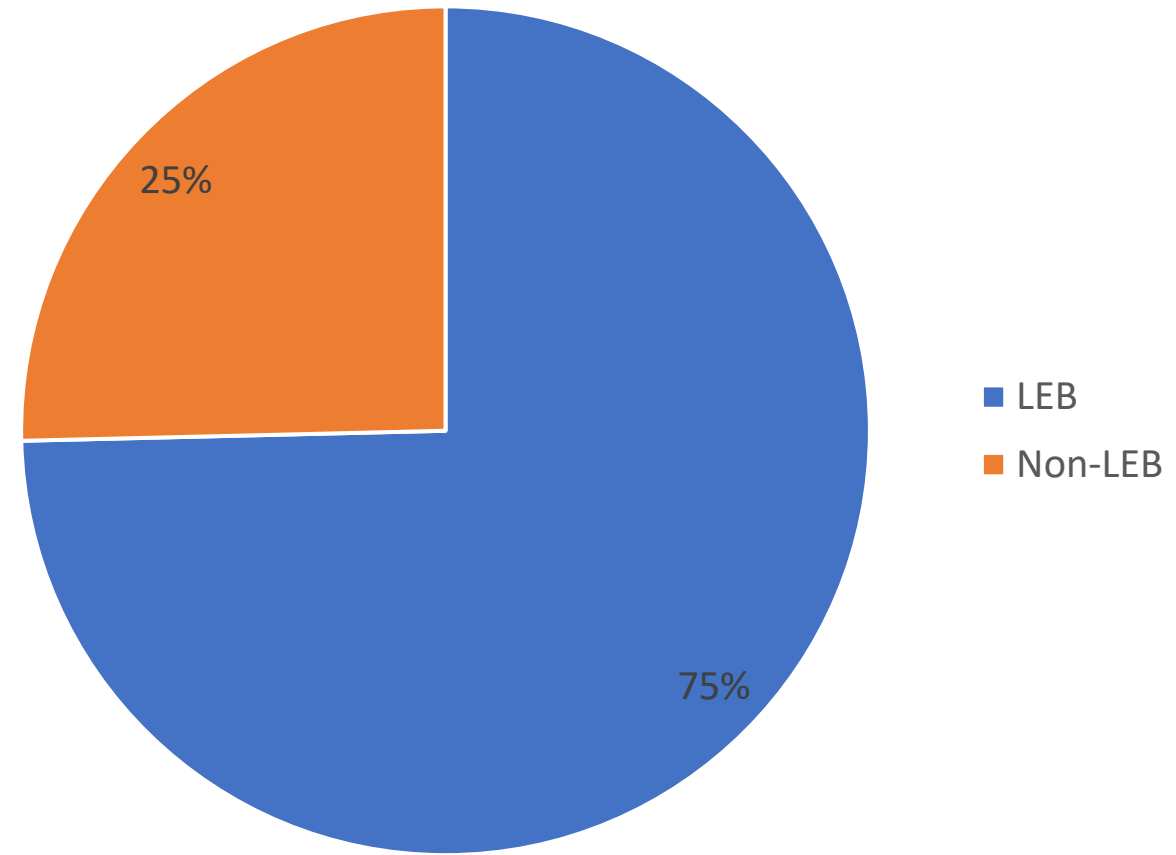
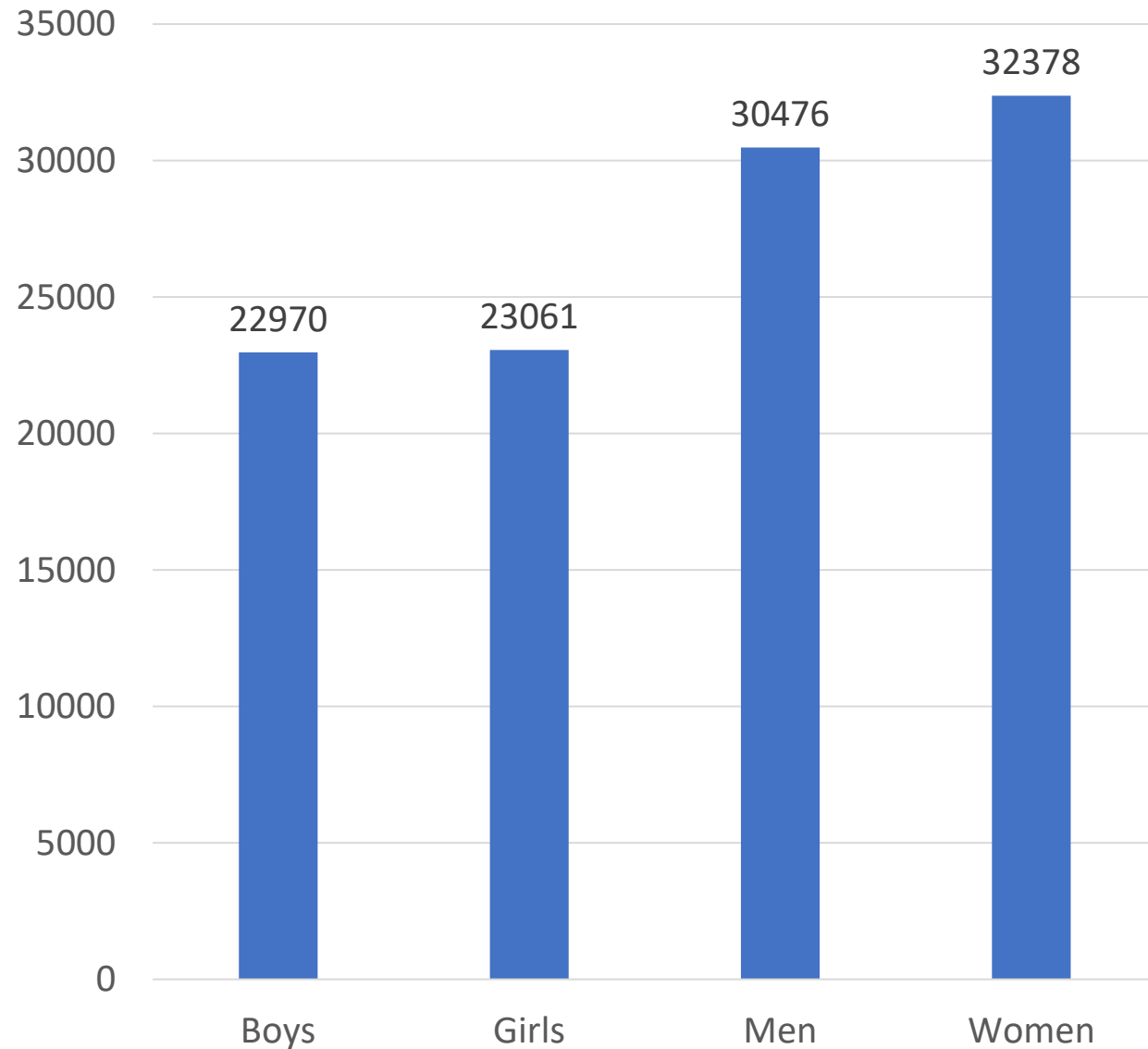
Beneficiaries receiving food vouchers: **65,527**



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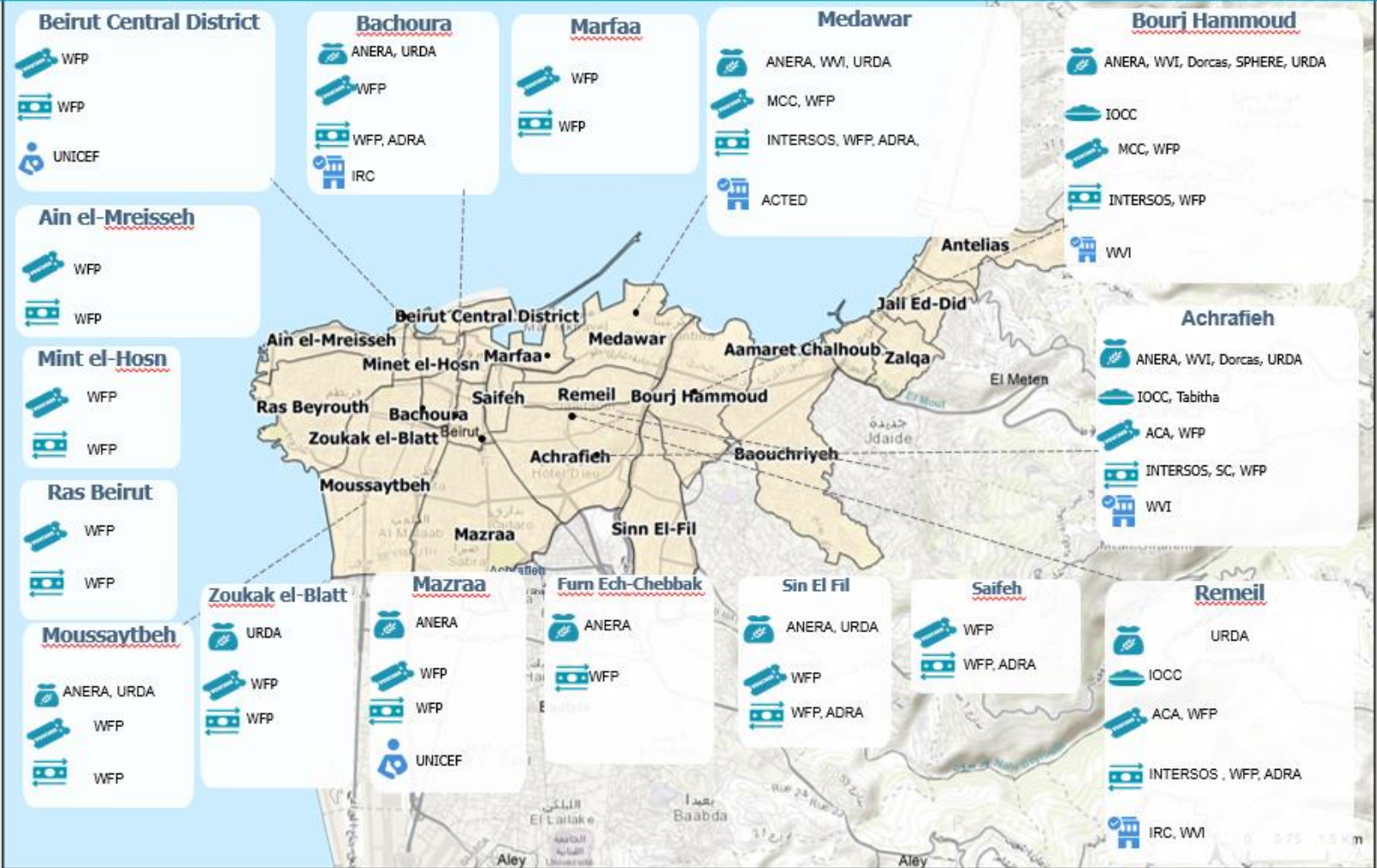


Beneficiaries receiving multipurpose cash assistance : **108,885**





Mothers/caregivers receiving at least one counselling session by a lactation specialist	1,419
MSMEs Supported with Direct Cash Assistance	23
Total Amount of Money Disbursed for Cash for MSMEs (USD)	22,400
Individuals supported with Cash For Work	199
Total Amount of Money Disbursed for Cash for Work (LBP)	51,850,000



**February partners presence map:**

**December: 29 partners**

**February: 19 partners**

- Impact of lockdown
- Same partners reported as in January
- Some partners stopped activities in December 2020

**Assistance**

- Nutrition Support
- MSME Support
- In-Kind food assistance
- RTEs/ Hot Meals
- Food Vouchers
- Cash Based Transfer

Disclaimer: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the UN.

Source of Data: Administrative areas: HDX (<https://data.humdata.org/dataset/lebanon-administrative-boundaries-levels-0-3>)  
5Ws data: is compiled on a monthly basis by the Lebanon Food Security Cluster, provided by partner organisations. The information here is presented to identify the types of Assistance being provided by the respective partners.

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<https://fscluster.org/lebanon/document/beirut-explosion-response-dashboard-1>

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/lebanon/infographic/beirut-explosion-response-dashboard-february-2021-en>



PCR tests abolished for NGOs and the UN, whilst obtaining a permission from the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities still applies.

Same 2-step process as last weeks:

1. NGO partners are to report their planned weekly activities on the Activity Info platform before COB 21 March. Please contact Bernard Chedid ([chedidb@un.org](mailto:chedidb@un.org)) or Jad Ghosn ([ghosn@unhcr.org](mailto:ghosn@unhcr.org)) in case of support with ActivityInfo credentials.
2. NGO partners will have to continue to fill the form with their weekly plans and send it to the following email ([apcteam@moim.gov.lb](mailto:apcteam@moim.gov.lb)). Copy OCHA [joelle.harfouche@un.org](mailto:joelle.harfouche@un.org) when submitting requests.





2020 increased need for food assistance

Sector reinforced a referral system building on the existing Inter-Agency Referral Form and established procedures, to avail information to partners interested in responding to the identified needs.

- COVID 19 related needs food assistance: RRT and FSS field coordinators (individuals-HH isolation quarantine; isolation centers; ITS in isolation). 155,550 food parcels distributed in 2020
- The Lebanon Humanitarian Fund (LHF) first standard allocation awarded funds to four sector partners to extend support to referrals related to COVID-19 for populations at risks (14,000 beneficiaries); ANERA, CARE, FOH, WA
- Emergency related food assistance: RNA and FSS field coordinators (refugees affected by emergencies, i.e. winter storms)
- Socioeconomic crisis: sector partners/services available and availability for referrals on service mapping for LCRP and Beirut port explosion. Mainly in-kind food assistance (food parcels)



## Constraints for referrals:

- Not all services accept referrals: i.e. cash-based food assistance (Syrians and Lebanese-NPTP)
- Limited capacity of partners to respond to food related referrals due to increased needs
  - Sector supports with fundraising and advocacy
- Timely follow up and closure of referrals (also Inter Agency key priorities 2021)
  - Training on tools and protocols, improved coordination, updating of service mapping.
  - ToT for a multi-organization capacity building team (promote awareness of sectors eligibility criteria and referrals protocols).
  - Field-level sector meetings on referral follow-up progress and issues.
  - Sector coordinators to review and update criteria; and follow up to ensure referrals are acted upon.

# FSS Referral system: services provided to be updated



Type of Service	Type of Intervention	Accept Referral Y/N	Comments
<b>Agriculture livelihoods</b>			
Vocational trainings	Basic skills (soft skills)		
	Digital Media Literacy		
	Agriculture skills		
	Strengthening market linkages		
	Support functions in the VCs		
	Food transformation/preservation/packaging		
Provision of agricultural inputs	Seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, material either in kind or cash (C&V)		
Food assistance for assets	Cash assistance in exchange for participating to assets building		
Food assistance for trainings	Cash assistance in exchange for trainings		
Complaints mechanism			
<b>Food Assistance</b>			
Food e-cards			
Cash for food e-cards			
Food vouchers			
In-kind food assistance	Food parcels Hot meals Ready to eat Community kitchens		
Grievance Mechanism	Lost Card		
	Exceeded pin entry		
	Fraud		
	Appeal		
	'Other'		

NB= IK food assistance, this service is provided on an emergency basis.

Emergencies covered so far:

- i) weather emergency through RNA;
- ii) COVID-19 through RRT referrals and other channels;
- iii) socio-economic crisis.

Some partners work on food assistance support during Ramadan, to supplement existing assistance and/or for HH not receiving any.

Share excel extract service mapping

Next steps:

- Partners to let us know about other services that can be offered for referrals
- Please update the service map



## Dollarization of humanitarian cash assistance: feedback on discussion on risks and mitigation measures

- Request from HCT to better understand of the humanitarian elements of dollarization and develop further thinking on mitigations
- HC/HCT led process: tasked the Cash Taskforce for the Beirut port explosion response with the responsibility of consolidating inputs from the humanitarian community on the analysis of risks and mitigation measures with an accompanying risk mitigation plan
- Mitigation Measures Analysis of Dollarization of Humanitarian and Development Assistance paper:
  - Background information on discussions on dollarization and a roadmap for next steps
  - An updated version of the risk / mitigation table, setting out possible mitigation measures related to operational, programmatic and protection risks
  - As an annex, the text of the original analysis paper that was drafted by a team put together by the HCT
- This paper is not for circulation, was shared bilaterally with specific sector partners who are directly engaging on this issue
- Further inputs requested on the likelihood/impact of the risk and the impact/viability of the mitigation measure
- For the FSS inputs already shared unlikely to be further built upon; the table was recirculated to ensure an inclusive process
- The analysis, including notes on where risks cannot easily be mitigated, will be fed back to the HCT and donors on April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Kick-off meeting on community consultations on possible dollarization of aid: March 23<sup>rd</sup>** to begin thinking through what a process could look like including how we can use existing networks to support in a protection & conflict-sensitive manner

**Preliminary discussion on potential sector-specific transfer value setting and adjustment in USD: March 24<sup>th</sup>** unpacking the topic early in order to feed back into the risk/mitigation analysis. Follow up meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>