FSSWG for BML & South + Beirut Port Explosion Response
February 1st, 2021
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**Sitreps:** Last Sitrep n.16 just published

**End of Flash Appeal report:** report to be prepared in February by OCHA and sectors

**Activity Info reporting:** Partners inside and outside flash appeal that are continuing to implement activities in 2021 are requested to continue reporting ON A MONTHLY BASIS on the AI Beirut Blast database
3. Sector referrals Q3 + RIMS

Presentation on sector referrals analysis Q3 + Presentation by RIMS on referrals in BML/South
What is the added value of monitoring referrals and analyzing the trends?

- Nationally representative trends of referrals received and made is available for each sector
- Allows for monitoring progress and response rate at the sector level
- Enhances response accountability
- Improved understanding of:
  - Services people need and demographic information on those being referred
  - Response capacity and the changing needs of those affected
  - Sector capacity to meet those needs
  - Referral process challenges
Total number of Referrals to All Sectors: 71,785

Total number of Referrals to Food Security: 48,728 (68% out of total).

A huge increase in referrals to Food Security sector was observed in Q3.
3. Inter-Agency Referral Analysis Q3 - FSS

- Increase in referral to FS is noticeable in:
  - Mount Lebanon (33% of referrals)
  - North (27%), Akkar (0%)
  - South (16%)
  - Bekaa (15%),
  given the increased needs resulting from the blast (Mount Lebanon) and the deteriorating socio-economic situation.

- 99% of the referrals were acknowledged.

- The sectors referring to Food Security varied in each field location:
  - 62% from Food security in Bekaa,
  - 57% from Protection in North,
  - 50% from Child Protection in South
  - 100% from livelihoods in Beirut and Mount Lebanon.
Significant gaps can be observed in the length of response to Food Security referrals in the South and Mount Lebanon, with no referrals acknowledged on time and over 31 days to receive a last status for referrals in the South. Speed of referral in North 100% on time.
Question for discussion: More Lebanese are being referred to Food Security sector: this trend shows higher needs amongst Lebanese, etc.

- What are the challenges to accessing required services?
- What does that mean for the current response?
- What changes are required?
- What further efforts are required to ensure people’s access to food related services?
Presentation by RIMS on referrals in BML/South
4. NGO Sphere Building Tomorrow

Presentation by the NGO Sphere Building Tomorrow on their activities
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6. Sector updates: BB+ AI + COVID food assistance response

1. Beirut Blast

Sector Objective SO1: Enhance Food Security through immediate life-saving food and nutrition security assistance (Indicators: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 1.7)

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<td>1.1 # of beneficiaries receiving in-kind food parcels (FULL)</td>
<td>8026</td>
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<td>1.2 # of beneficiaries receiving in-kind food parcels (Partial)</td>
<td>5825</td>
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<td>1.3 # of beneficiaries receiving hot meals/ready to eat meals,</td>
<td>23117</td>
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<td>1.4 # of beneficiaries receiving food vouchers (new beneficiaries)</td>
<td>4489</td>
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<td>1.4 Total Amount of Money Disbursed for Food Vouchers (USD)</td>
<td>1,885,037</td>
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<td>1.6 # of beneficiaries receiving multipurpose cash assistance (new beneficiaries)</td>
<td>605</td>
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<td>1.6 Total amount of money disbursed for MPCA (USD)</td>
<td>3,355,445</td>
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<td>1.7 # Mothers/caregivers receiving at least one counselling session by a lactation specialist, Total Beneficiaries</td>
<td>12497</td>
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## 6. Sector updates: BB+ AI + COVID food assistance response

### 1. Beirut Blast

Sector Objective SO2: Enhance Food Security through livelihoods assistance and support to light port infrastructure rehabilitation  (Indicators 2.3-2.4)

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<td>2.3 MSMEs Supported with Direct Cash Assistance ( new MSME beneficiaries )</td>
<td>132</td>
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<td>2.3 Total Amount of Money Disbursed for Cash for MSMEs (LBP)</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>151,220</td>
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<td>2.3 MSMEs Receiving Other Type of Support (Rehabilitation Through Contractor, Training, etc..) ( new MSME beneficiaries )</td>
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<td>2.4 Total Beneficiaries ( new beneficiaries )</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>2.4 Total Amount of Money Disbursed for Cash for Work (LBP)</td>
<td>143,930,000</td>
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<td>58,173</td>
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6. Sector updates: BB+ AI + COVID food assistance response

2. Regular LCRP food assistance programmes

LCRP FSS partners continue implementation of their food assistance programmes (outputs 1.1 and 2.1, AI December 2020):

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<td>Total individuals receiving in-kind (School snacks, Food parcels or hot meals)</td>
<td>8642</td>
<td>32716</td>
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<td>Total individuals receiving CBT</td>
<td>4,665</td>
<td>130,301</td>
<td>47,702</td>
<td>24,219</td>
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<td>Amount of cash redeemed</td>
<td>111,080</td>
<td>3,314,353</td>
<td>1,205,646</td>
<td>2,306,036</td>
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Beirut: 8642
ML: 32716
South: 12046
Nabatiyeh:
6. Sector updates: AI + COVID food assistance response

Agriculture livelihoods (output 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 4.2 - AI December)

- # of farmers provided with agriculture inputs (seeds, seedlings, livestock, equipment, fertilizers, pesticides, fodder): **11 for Mount Lebanon, South and Nabatiyeh**
- # of individuals providing temporary/casual agricultural labor: **Mount Lebanon: 1,164-Nabatiyeh: 336 – South: 94**
- Total Amount in USD disbursed as cash-based transfer for food assistance to participants: **298,597**
- # of individuals attending trainings on skills and competencies to access temporary/casual labour in exchange of Food Assistance for Training: **Mount Lebanon: 238 – Nabatiyeh: 139**

As for support to institutions: support to agricultural technical schools, General Directorate of Cooperatives with its decentralized offices continue.
6. Sector updates: AI + COVID food assistance response

Please remember to update ActivityInfo on a monthly basis:

- LCRP 2020 database (regular LCRP programme)
- COVID-19 response (for activities by partners that did not appeal under the FSS in 2019 and sector partners implementing additional interventions under COVID-19 response)
- Beirut Blast Emergency Response: for partners with ongoing interventions
II. Response under COVID-19

• Partners’ COVID-19 in kind food assistance response November – December 2020

• Based only on partners’ reporting on Activity Info.

• Please remember to also update regularly the service mapping on ActivityInfo
2. Sector updates: AI + COVID food assistance response
### Response under COVID-19 / L1 & 2:

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<th>Governorate</th>
<th>Partner</th>
<th>Total nb of Individuals who received food parcels</th>
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<td>Mount Lebanon</td>
<td>B&amp;Z</td>
<td>763</td>
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<td>ANERA</td>
<td>138</td>
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<td>South</td>
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<td>407</td>
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**Food assistance under COVID 19 response: updates**

**Response under COVID-19 – L3 isolation facilities**

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<td>LCH</td>
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<td>Common efforts</td>
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<td>October</td>
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<td>February</td>
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ANERA + Common efforts + Caritas starting February are supporting with hot meals all the isolation centers in BML

UNDP had previously supported the governmental centers in BML until Dec 1\textsuperscript{st}

ISWA + URDA had or are supporting Common efforts with raw materials

Tayoune and Qana centers were discontinued
Food assistance under COVID 19 response: updates

Updates from partners: response to COVID-19 & impact of lockdown

- Food assistance intervention (in kind, cash based, vouchers...)
- Impact of the lockdown on food assistance activities (on hold, ongoing with government permission...)

Lockdown exceptions - OCHA update 18 January

Granting of exceptions – only organizations working in health, food security and protection have been kept, with a handful of addition for critical WASH activities (NGO List)

Organisations who are included in the list will be able to apply for authorization through the Government online portal (https://covid.pcm.gov.lb/), choosing “other” and mentioning as a reason “urgent and critical humanitarian work”
7. Sector prioritization discussions

2021 LCRP Inter-Sector Planning Workshop on 4-5 February
### 2021 Prioritization

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<td>• Legal residency and civil documentation</td>
<td>• Access to food</td>
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<td>• Services to PwSN</td>
<td>• Access to safe, secure shelter</td>
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<td>• SGBV services of those at risk</td>
<td>• Access to jobs</td>
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<td>• Improved access to quality education</td>
<td>• Dialogue and conflict prevention initiatives</td>
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<td>• Improved access to quality primary, secondary &amp; tertiary health care services</td>
<td>• More balanced media reports</td>
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<td>• Improved access to reliable and safe water and wastewater service</td>
<td>• Community engagement</td>
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<td>• Ensuring the functioning of administrative institutions and practices</td>
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7. Interventions to be prioritized in Q1 and Q2

1. Access to cash-based food assistance for the extremely vulnerable (meaningful transfer - incl. scale up of the NPTP)
2. Access to in-kind food (different modalities; emergency based: storms, COVID-19)
3. Scaling up malnutrition prevention through the provision of food assistance to HH nutritionally vulnerable and particularly U5 and PLW
4. Emergency support to vulnerable populations in case food subsidies are lifted/modified
5. Access to inputs and finance for farmers (to support 2021 cropping season)
6. Support to agriculture with different interventions as per FSS response plan for 2021 (to increase food availability because of limited domestic food production)
7. Corollary to 5. is the support to Value chain and agriculture cooperatives (esp. women), and MSMEs
8. Promote seasonal agricultural job opportunities (linkages to local economy/local livelihoods)
9. Support to local institutions (agri-related and SDCs)
10. Monitor food security situation and malnutrition outcomes
11. Assess gaps in understanding impact of crises on vulnerable households
12. Referral process and analysis for the sector
Presentation by WFP/VAM on monthly updates on FSS indicators.
WFP VAM & Retail/Supply Chain Unit Lebanon

BML & South FSSWG – Situation Analysis

Monitoring Results for BML & South FSSWG Meeting

1 February 2021
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Supply chain and WFP contracted shops situation
A decrease of 17% in the unloaded imports weight of Food is registered when comparing Jan – Dec 2020 to the same period in 2019.

A decrease of 22% is noticed when comparing Aug – Dec 2020 figures against the same period in 2019.

An increase of 4 percent is registered when comparing Dec 2020 figures to Dec 2019 figures.
Lebanese Customs Imports Statistics Periods Comparison - Net Weight (mt)

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<th>Jan – Sep 2020</th>
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<td>Cereal</td>
<td>936,654</td>
<td>1,014,469</td>
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<td>Total Food (excluding cereals)</td>
<td>1,297,589</td>
<td>1,064,586</td>
<td>-17.9%</td>
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<td>Total Food</td>
<td>2,234,243</td>
<td>2,079,055</td>
<td>-6.9%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>15,757,291</td>
<td>9,804,398</td>
<td>-37.8%</td>
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- Between January 2020 and September 2020, and in comparison, to the same period in 2019:
  - Total imports decreased by 38 percent.
  - Food Imports (excluding cereals) decreased by 18 percent.
  - Food imports decreased by 7 percent.
  - Cereal imports increased by 8 percent

Source: Lebanese Customs Data
Between January 2020 and September 2020, Lebanon imported 497,195 tons of wheat, based on the Lebanese Customs published data, 27 percent higher than the same period in 2019 (see blue line).

Based on WFP shipment data, Lebanon imported 622,443 tons of wheat in 2020 through its Beirut & Tripoli ports (see orange line).

Between August and December 2020, Lebanon imported 261,871 tons of wheat, based on shipment data, versus 207,891 for the same period in 2019, through Beirut and Tripoli ports (Source: WFP shipment data).

Source: Lebanese Customs Data (blue line) & WFP Shipment Data (Beirut & Tripoli ports) (Orange line), December 2020, subject to change
Based on WFP shipment data, Lebanon imported, through its Beirut & Tripoli Ports:

- In 2020, 638,237 tons of animal food (corn, soya & Barley).
- Between August and December 2020, 296,138 tons, versus 234,490 tons for the same period in 2019 (up 26 percent).
Stock coverage evolution of WFP contracted shops (as of January 15th 2021)

79% (72% on July 24th) of WFP-contracted shops reported to have more than 2 weeks of stocks.

Based on January 15th weekly shops assessment survey results:

- 81% of WFP contracted shops reported scarcity in certain products, such as oil & fats and sugar. 67 percent of shops reported scarcity in the subsidized products.
- 43% of WFP-contracted shops reported suppliers not delivering the full ordered quantities.
- 75% reported having subsidized items at the rate of LBP 3,900.
- 36% reported that suppliers are accepting new orders for subsidized products.
- Only 1% of shops that received subsidized items reported receiving the full ordered quantities.

Source: Retail Weekly Shop Phone Survey – as of 15 January 2021 (January 15 numbers based on 425 reachable shops, out of a total of 467 contracted shops)
Weekly exchange rate based on contracted retailers’ feedback (national level)

- Exchange rates applied by suppliers of contracted shops continue to follow the informal market developments, albeit at a slower pace.

- In the second week of January 2021, 100% of WFP-contracted shops were using an exchange rate between LBP 8000 – 9000

- January 15 numbers based on:
  - Total number of shops (including chains): 467
  - Number of reachable shops: 425

Source: Retail Weekly Shop Phone Survey – as of 15 January 2021
Demand: food & non-food price developments and exchange rate fluctuations
Daily (official and unofficial) exchange rate development between mid October 2019 and January 17 2021

- Black market rate heavily affected by developments on the political scene (red line). Rate has been witnessing increases lately.
- Parallel market rate inactive following central bank decision on August 6 to resume paying incoming money transfer in US dollar notes for non-financial institutes. Last recorded rate was LBP 3,800 (blue line).
- Rate for withdrawal from non-fresh money dollar account in LBP currently set at LBP 3,900 by the central bank currency exchange platform. Circular allowing such withdrawals extended till March 31st, 2021 (yellow line).
- Official exchange houses rate as set by the central bank currency exchange platform (Sayrafa) is between LBP 3,850 & LBP 3,900 (purple line).

Source: [lebaneselira.org](http://lebaneselira.org) & [lirarate.com](https://lirarate.com) – reported rates for black market and syndicate are the average of the buy and sell rates
Change of Monthly food SMEB price in LPB (national average)

- Food SMEB recorded a slight increase in December 2020, at LBP 111,457.
- The cost of the SMEB is higher than October 2019 levels by 189 percent.
- At the national level, the m-o-m variation of the Food SMEB between November and November was up 2.4 percent.
- At the governorate level, Akkar recorded the highest m-o-m increase (up 5 percent), while Beirut recorded the highest decrease (down 5 percent).
- In parallel with the Food SMEB, the monthly average unofficial exchange rate increased by 6 percent between November and December.

Source: WFP price data, 2019 & 2020, as of 18 January 2021, subject to changes
Change of weekly food SMEB price in LPB (national average)

- Approx. 217% percent weekly food price (SMEB basket) increase between the week of 14 October 2019 and the week of 28 December 2020, based on preliminary data available from WFP contracted shops.

- An increase of 123% is registered between the week of March 16th, which marked the start of the General COVID-19 mobilization, and the week of December 28th.

Source: WFP price data, 2019 & 2020, as of 18 January 2021, subject to changes
## 2014 Food SMEB Basket Composition Vs. Revised Food SMEB Basket

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<th>Revised Basket Components based on actual consumption</th>
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<td>Brown Bulgur</td>
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*Powder Milk & Tea are consumed food commodities by Syrian refugees households, according to VASyR 2019 and WFP retail data (2020)

- In 2020, an independent group of technical experts from the humanitarian community in Lebanon analysed the minimum and survival expenditure baskets.
- A revised composition of the food and non-food items of the baskets to cover the actual consumption patterns of Syrian Refugees is recommended.
- As of 1st of January 2021, WFP Lebanon will be monitoring and reporting on the “new” Food Basket, which stands at LBP 129,605 in December 2020.

Report download: [https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000120754/download/](https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000120754/download/)
WFP is currently monitoring a non-food basket based on the following products available in the database, which covers 9 out of 11 items of the original 2014 Non-Food Items basket, namely: baby diapers (90 pieces), dishwashing liquid (750 ML), disinfectant fluid (500 ML), soap (5 x 125 G), sanitary napkins (6 x 10 pieces), shampoo (500 ML), toilet rolls (4 pieces), toothpaste (2 x 75 ML) and washing powder (0.9 KG). Cooking Gas (1kg) and Hypoallergenic soap (125g per bar) are not included due to lack of data. In the graph on the left, the cost of the refill of a 10KG cylinder at the official price was used and switched to 1 KG, based on IPT Fuel Price website (https://www.iptgroup.com.lb/ipt/en/our-stations/fuel-prices). For Hypoallergenic soap: the cost was estimated based on the registered inflation between the cost of an individual soap as registered in the 2014 SMEB basket and the current cost that appears in WFP retail database.

- Between October 2019 and December 2020, an increase of 185 percent was registered.
- Between November and December 2020, a slight 0.7 percent increase was registered.

Annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Food Price Index Development (October 2019 – November 2020)

• Between October 2019 and November 2020:
  • The Consumer Price Index (CPI) witnessed an annual inflation of 138%.
  • The Food Price Index (FPI) registered an inflation of 422%.

• Between November 2019 and November 2020:
  • The Consumer Price Index (CPI) witnessed an annual inflation of 133%.
  • The Food Price Index (FPI) registered an inflation of 423%

Source: Central Administration for Statistics (CAS)
Thanks!
Questions?

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9. AOB

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