UNHCR Protection Monitoring

December 2021

Food Security and Agriculture Working Group
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Introduction

• The first full calendar year completed under the revised UNHCR protection monitoring programme.

• Partners in all regions:
  • Caritas (Bekaa)
  • Intersos (Bekaa, BML, North)
  • SHEILD (South)

• Feedback is used to inform UNHCR’s advocacy efforts, programmatic interventions and modes of implementation.
December 2021 overview

- **2,098 households** consulted (99% Syrian, 1% other nationalities)
- Randomized sampling across the country, representative both at regional (FO) and national level
- **41%** of main respondents were women
- **13% households were referred** for protection services
- Small amounts of in person interviews have continued
Impact of socio-economic situation

Most frequently reported impacts experienced in the last 30 days

- Difficulties buying food due to lack of money: 84% (Dec-21) vs. 96% (Dec-20)
- Inability (or increased difficulty) to pay rent: 78% (Dec-21) vs. 76% (Dec-20)
- Loss of employment and/or livelihood: 54% (Dec-21) vs. 57% (Dec-20)
- Inability to purchase essential medicine due to lack of money: 28% (Dec-21) vs. 36% (Dec-20)
- Reduced access to healthcare due to lack of money: 32% (Dec-21) vs. 33% (Dec-20)
- Inability to purchase essential medicine due to lack of availability: 24% (Dec-21)

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Impact of socio-economic situation

HH reporting difficulties buying food due to lack of money: by region

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91% Bekaa (Jan) - 97% Bekaa (Dec)
80% BML (Feb) - 92% BML (Dec)
52% North (Jan) - 91% North (Dec)
20% South (Jan) - 97% South (Dec)
Most frequently mentioned coping mechanisms resorted to in the last 30 days:

- Reducing spending on food: Dec-20: 73%, Dec-21: 86%
- Going into further debt to pay for basic necessities/borrowing money: Dec-20: 37%, Dec-21: 69%
- Buying food on credit: Dec-20: 36%, Dec-21: 63%
- Reducing spending on rent / not paying rent: Dec-20: 60%, Dec-21: 55%
- Reducing spending on medicine: Dec-20: 18%, Dec-21: 29%
- Reducing spending on needed healthcare: Dec-20: 15%, Dec-21: 24%
Coping mechanisms

HH reporting reducing spending on food in response to socio-economic situation
Coping mechanisms

HH reporting buying food on credit: by region

Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun  Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec

Bekaa  BML  North  South
In the past seven days, how many days did your household do the following?

- Rely on worse quality food
- Rely on less expensive/preferred food
- Borrow or rely on help
- Reduce number of meals per day
- Reduce portion size
- Adults eat less so children can eat

**Food coping strategies**
Questions?