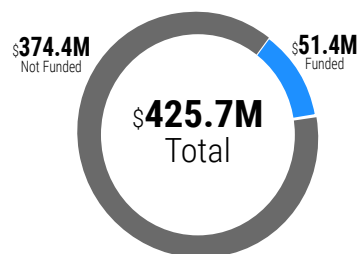


Lebanon is facing the largest escalation of conflict since the 2006 Lebanon War.¹ Since September 2024, the intensifying clashes between Israeli forces and Hezbollah have destroyed critical infrastructure, including health-care facilities, and more than tripled the number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Lebanon in a month and a half, from 113.000 to nearly 780.000.² The escalation of hostilities comes against a backdrop of a multi-layered and complex governance, economic and financial crisis in Lebanon, which has been marked by a steady deterioration of social stability and systems in recent years. Prior to the escalation, 3.9 million people living in Lebanon needed humanitarian assistance, including 1.7 million Syrian and Palestine refugees, making Lebanon the largest host of refugees per capita³ in the world.

The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and the Lebanon Humanitarian Fund (LHF) have since the escalation allocated \$22 million in alignment with the Flash Appeal, to kickstart the scale-up of the response efforts.

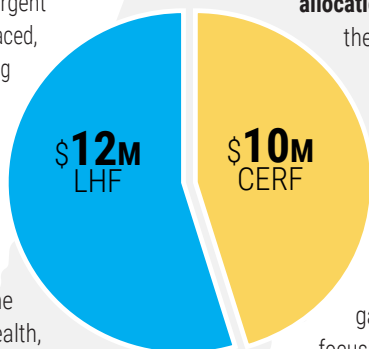
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In this time of crisis, the LHF and partners are working tirelessly to provide immediate humanitarian aid to people in need, ensuring urgent assistance was delivered amidst rising hostilities throughout Lebanon.
Imran Riza, United Nations Deputy Special Coordinator for Lebanon, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator

Lebanon Flash Appeal⁶



THE POOLED FUNDS' ALLOCATIONS SINCE SEPTEMBER

LHF: On 1 October, the LHF fast-tracked a \$12 million allocation to address urgent humanitarian needs for the newly displaced, prioritizing the most vulnerable, including those living in collective shelters. Approximately 43 per cent of the allocation is directed to national partners, who play a critical role in providing frontline response. The allocation prioritizes immediate lifesaving assistance in line with the Flash Appeal⁵ within the areas of health, shelter, food security and protection.



CERF: On 25 September, CERF launched a fast-tracked \$10 million allocation to support a prioritized response to the immediate needs of the most vulnerable populations affected by the escalation of hostilities. This funding targets those who have been displaced and individuals remaining in conflict-affected areas. The allocation enables UN agencies and their partners to provide time-critical services in priority sectors, such as food security, health, water, sanitation and hygiene, emergency shelter and non-food items, and protection (including child protection and gender-based violence). The allocation is targeting critical gaps in available resources identified under the Flash Appeal⁴, focusing on key response priorities within the first weeks of the crisis.

In addition to the allocations within Lebanon, CERF has extended support to address the needs of refugees fleeing Lebanon. On 10 October, CERF allocated \$8 million to assist Syrian returnees and Lebanese refugees who have sought refuge in Syria.

Prior to these allocations, CERF and the LHF had allocated \$24.7 million to humanitarian operations in Lebanon following the increasing confrontations between Israel and Hezbollah over the past year - respectively \$15.7 million from the LHF, and \$9 million from CERF. These complementary allocations enabled a comprehensive, fast and localized response and ensured that frontline partners were equipped to deliver lifesaving assistance to those in urgent need.



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The Pooled Funds will continue to support humanitarian operations based on available resources and access. Given the escalating situation in Lebanon, the need for additional contributions is critical. With increased support, the Pooled Funds will be able to further expand and sustain essential humanitarian activities to ensure targeted and prioritized life-saving support.

The Pooled Funds are urgently appealing for immediate contributions.

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