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IOM Supports 40,000 with Food & Non-Food Items in Southern Lebanon & the Bekaa Valley



Responding to the most urgent needs of conflict-affected populations in Lebanon, IOM distributed relief items donated by the Government of Norway, including high-quality rub hall tents (48 sqm) used mainly by local hospitals and relief agencies, 2,300 family size hygiene kits, 300 potable water kits (including filter systems and jerry cans), 62 inflatable water tanks (10,000 litres) and 18 solid water tanks (3,500 litres) with distribution

ramps, as well as cooking utensils (166 gas cookers and 230 gas cylinders). In addition, supplementary non-food relief items and food donations (provided by Italy, France and a private donor in Egypt), as well as potable water were distributed in family size-rations through cans, bottles and through water trucks.

IOM has been carrying out distributions in cooperation with 'Relief International', the 'Italian Consortium for Solidarity' and the 'Messenger of Peace Foundation'.





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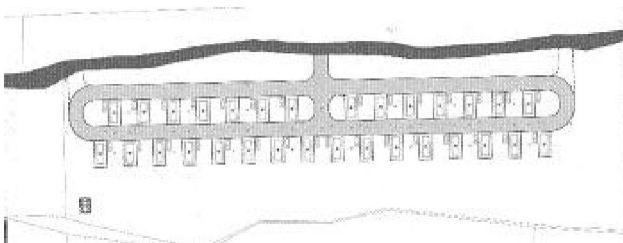
With the support of Qatar Charity, IOM is currently purchasing school uniforms and gym kits for 2,000 students in the Bekaa Valley, which they will need during the current scholastic year. In addition, IOM will provide 1,000 disadvantaged families with heating equipment and kitchen utensils ahead of the coming winter period.



At the request by the Municipality of Baalbeck, IOM is now seeking donor support for the installation of 30 pre-fabricated houses (42 sqm, living room/kitchenette, bedroom, bath room)



for those families who will not find adequate housing before the coming winter. In order to facilitate Lebanese authorities, donors, UN and other relief partners the opportunity of first-hand inspection, IOM has installed one 'pre-fab model' in Baalbeck.



IOM is seeking complementary funding for rehabilitation needs in the fields of water/sanitation, health and education.





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IOM-ILO Survey on the Situation of Migrant Domestic Workers after IOM Returned 13,318 Stranded Migrants to their Countries of Origin

Continued support to migration management capacities in Lebanon contributes to the Lebanese Government's longer-term efforts towards stability, reconstruction, migrants' wellbeing and enhanced cooperation with respective origin and destination countries. Based on key findings resulting from the recent

review of the situation, challenges and opportunities of this specific group of migrants in Lebanon. The assessment will assist in mapping the labor migration role and responsibilities of concerned Government and partner entities (Ministry of Interior/General security Directorate, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Social Affairs, Employment Agencies, Embassies, International Organizations and NGOs), including in emergencies, and take into account the lessons learned during the recent crisis.



IOM Evacuation & Voluntary Return of Stranded Migrants / Third-Country Nationals		Total Airlifted	Gender		Age		
			Male	Female	Adult	Child	Infant
Sri Lanka		5,381	6.7%	93.3%	98.7%	0.8%	0.5%
Philippines		4,174	0.8%	99.2%	98.5%	1.2%	0.3%
Ethiopia		2,410	0.5%	99.5%	99.2%	0.3%	0.5%
Bangladesh		727	53.7%	46.3%	97.8%	1.2%	1.0%
Sudan		436	94.8%	5.2%	97.4%	1.8%	0.8%
Vietnam		77	5.2%	94.8%	98.7%	1.3%	0.0%
Ghana		62	38.1%	61.9%	79.4%	19.0%	1.6%
Nepal		26	3.8%	96.2%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Cameroon		15	30.0%	70.0%	70.0%	10.0%	20.0%
Seychelles		6	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Madagascar		4	75.0%	25.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL		13,318	9.4%	90.6%	98.5%	1.0%	0.5%

voluntary return of migrants - or 'third-country nationals/TCNs'- stranded during the recent conflict in Lebanon (see table for details). IOM intends to pursue various initiatives in support of vulnerable migrants stranded in Lebanon and in support of government identified priorities.

According to non-official estimates, the total number of domestic migrant workers in Lebanon varied between 120,000 and 200,000, serving a population of four million prior to the recent crisis. By far the largest groups of domestic workers were Sri Lankan women (80,000-120,000), followed by Filipinas (20,000-25,000) and Ethiopians (20,000-30,000). A joint IOM-ILO assessment will now assist the Lebanese Government in the development of policies aimed to improve the management of programs for women migrant domestic workers by undertaking a

Additional IOM Initiatives to Support the Lebanese Government in Managing Migration

IOM is currently discussing with relevant Lebanese Government entities and the donor community regarding enhanced voluntary return assistance to stranded migrants, focusing on vulnerable cases and support to improving existing reception, needs assessment, and holding facilities for irregular migrants in Lebanon. IOM is further envisaging an intensive assessment of the border management capacities (in line with similar efforts undertaken by the German Ministry of Interior), training to law enforcement officials and social workers regarding assistance to Victims of Trafficking (VoTs), as well as related standard setting and awareness raising activities. IOM continues its resettlement activities to the USA, Canada and Australia, and assists in family reunification, benefiting mainly Iraqi and Sudanese nationals as referred to IOM by UNHCR.



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