

**Syrian crisis emergency response
Lebanon- Bekaa valley
Disability and Vulnerability Focal Point project**



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Short project & activity report – 30th January 2013

Disability and Vulnerability approach

Disability & Vulnerability Focal Point (DVFP) have been developed based on the observation that one of the greatest difficulties following a crisis is not only to identify and to access to vulnerable people including people with disabilities, but also to accompany them without “losing” during the entire time of the emergency. To avoid these difficulties, the strategy that proved to be most relevant is the following: place in the heart of each affected community dedicated teams, and to inform any vulnerable person and/or with disability victim of the crisis, she/he can receive welcome and services. .

Handicap International has been implementing a DVFP project in North Bekaa since May, 2012 and has extended it in West and Central Bekaa from mid December.

Objectives

- **Location:** All Bekaa :
 - Northern Bekaa
 - West Bekaa
 - Central Bekaa
 - Rachaya

- **Beneficiaries:** Persons affected by the Syrian crisis, including Syrian refugees, Lebanese returned from Syria, host community and minorities
 - Family non reached by the humanitarian assistance and with uncovered basic needs
 - Family with persons with specific needs :
 - Person with injury
 - Persons with disability , including physical, intellectual, mental and sensorial impairments
 - Older person(<60year old) with functional limitations
 - Person with chronic diseases and functional limitations
 - Serious medical conditions : chronic diseases, difficult pregnancy, critical medical conditions
 - Person at risk :
 - Person single and without family support
 - Woman at risk : lactating woman
 - Child at risk : teenage pregnancy, child career, child engaged in worst labour
 - Older person at risk : older person with children, unable to care for himself
 - Victims of violence
 - Unaccompanied children
 - Victims of torture
 - SGBV
 - Single parent/caregiver
 - Legal and physical protection

➤ **Objective:**

The objective of the project is to improve the general response to the basic and specific needs of the most vulnerable people affected by the Syrian crisis (including Syrians, Lebanese returnees, hosting families and other minorities) and to reduce their vulnerability. The project is designed to urgently cover gaps in terms of specific needs, with a focus on the persons with injury and disability, and to complement, reinforce and/or adapt the overall humanitarian response in regards with critical issues, especially through health and protection sectors.

➤ **Results/Target attended on second phase of project (December 2012 – June 2013):**

- More than **100 conflict-affected injured persons** (or having sequels of injuries) have access to essential rehabilitation and other essential services and avoid development of further impairments.
- **4750 conflict-affected vulnerable persons** have a better coverage of their basic and specific needs through direct provision of services and/or referral upon needs.

➤ **Activities (upon needs) :**

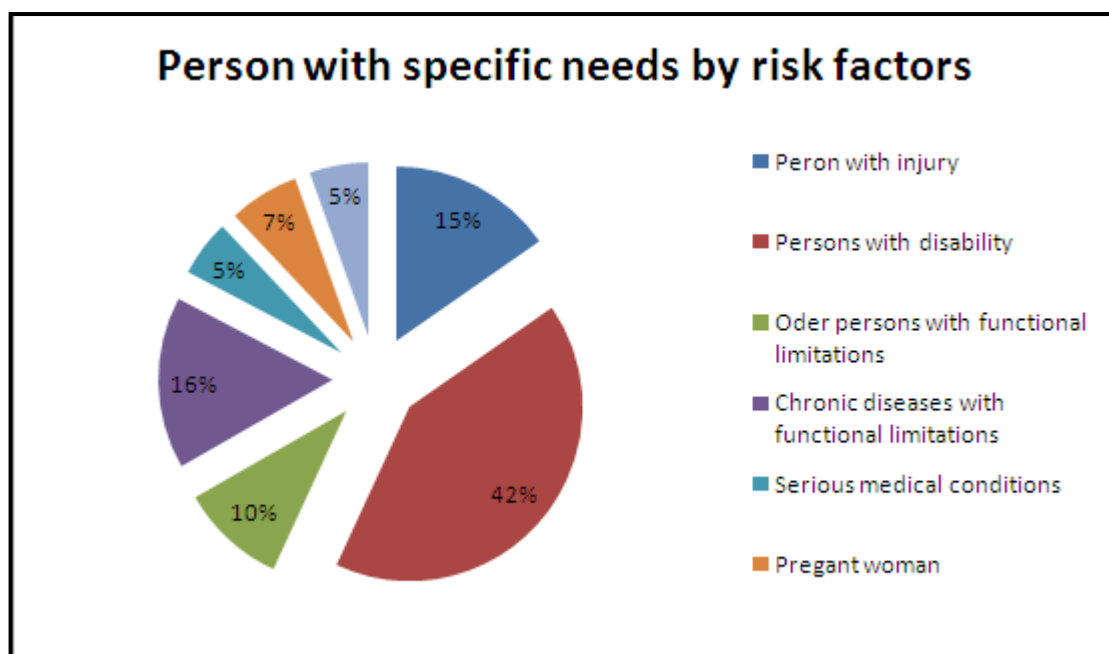
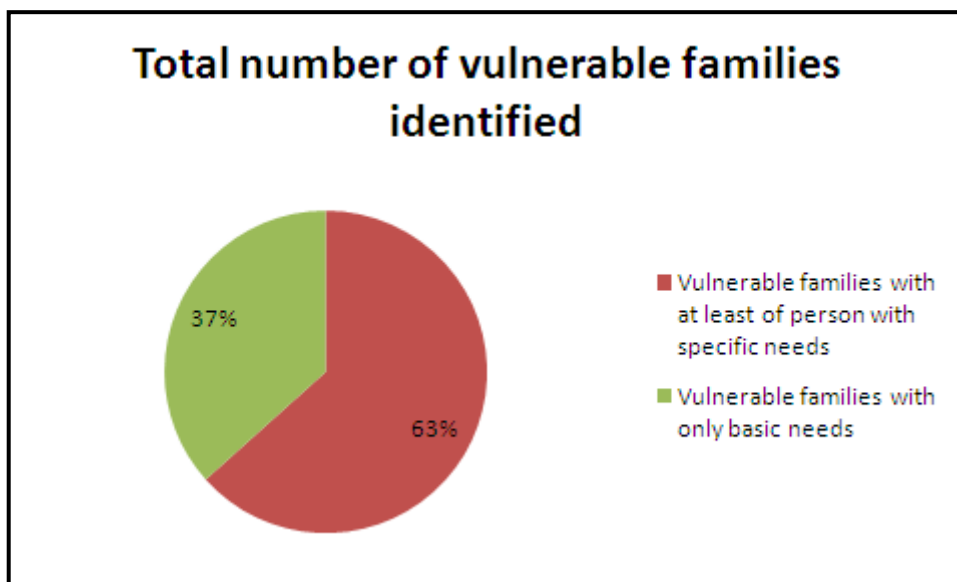
- Links with others organizations :
 - Identification of vulnerable persons
 - Assessment of basic and specific needs
 - Provision of essential services through actors/services network mapping
 - Referrals to existing services and follow-up
- Persons with impairments :
 - Emergency physical rehabilitation sessions at community level
 - Post surgery and wound care, including bandaging
 - Donation of assistive devices (mobility aids (ex: wheelchair, crutches, walker), specific items(ex: water mattress, incontinent kits, small splinting etc..) and complementary basic items, including protection items
 - Provision of prosthesis and prosthesis and specific follow-up
 - Advising and capacity building of caretaker
 - Education on persons condition
- Psychological and psychosocial support :
 - Psychological First Aid (PFA)
 - Individual counseling
 - Family counseling
 - Distribution of recreational kits for adult and child with specific needs
 - Group activities
- Awareness/advocacy, advice, support to communities, stakeholders on the inclusion of persons with specific needs in their activities

BENEFICIARIES & ACTIVITIES

During first phase of project from June to November 2012, Handicap International supported **3268 conflict affected persons** in Bekaa.

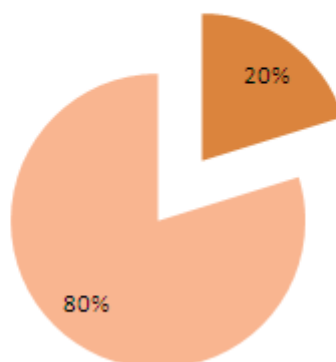
Second phase started since December, in all Bekaa Valley.

IDENTIFICATION, ASSESMENT OF BASIC AND SPECIFIC NEEDS AND PROVISION OF TAILORED SERVICES JUNE 2012-JANUARY 2013	
Total number of beneficiaries	5550
Total number of families with at least one person with specific needs	704
Total number of families identified for basic needs only	406
<i>% of newcomers</i>	45%



Do you feel an improvement in your capacity to cope with the situation after HI intervention?

■ No ■ Yes



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