



Situation Report

UNFPA South Lebanon Response

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Country:	Lebanon
Emergency type:	Conflict
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Key Figures (from Oct 2023 till Aug 2024)



113,054

Total people affected



31,655

Women and girls of reproductive age



1,310

Estimated pregnant women



13,400

People reached with SRH services



22,780

People reached with GBV programmes

Highlights

In collaboration with its partners, UNFPA has delivered sexual and reproductive healthcare (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) services to displaced women and girls in South Lebanon by:

- Providing medical and midwifery care, including laboratory and ultrasound services.
- Procuring inter-agency reproductive health kits that provide healthcare providers with equipment and supplies to ensure safe deliveries and manage obstetric complications and cases of sexual violence.
- Providing psychological first aid and psychosocial support and case management to GBV survivors and persons at risk.
- Conducting GBV and SRH awareness sessions to around 15,000 women and girls.
- Distributing around 8,500 dignity kits to displaced women and girls, as well as host communities.
- Supporting five women and girls' safe spaces in Tyre, Bezourieh, and Jezzine, and four primary health care services across the southern governorate.
- Supporting three mobile medical units that are reaching the affected population within 10 kms from the Blue Line in Marjayoun and other affected areas in Tyre.

Situation Overview

- An escalation in hostilities in South Lebanon has [forced 113,054 people](#) from their homes to safer areas and locations, affecting an estimated 31,655 women of reproductive age and 9,045 adolescent girls. An estimated 1,300 women are currently pregnant and 146 are expected to deliver in the next month.
- The situation along the Blue Line remains volatile with daily airstrikes and shelling affecting nearly 150,000 people residing within 10 kms of the border, half of whom are women.
- Civilian casualties continue to rise – many are women and children. Airstrikes between 17 to 23 August killed three children and a woman, and injured eight children and a pregnant woman.
- Healthcare continues to be impacted. On 20 August, an ambulance was targeted, injuring three paramedics. By the end of August 2024, 21 health workers had been killed and six public health facilities had closed in Bent Jbeil and Marjayoun.
- Displacement has increased by nearly 10 percent since 8 August, and civilian infrastructure has been repeatedly targeted in South Lebanon and the Bekaa.
- Sonic booms over Beirut and across the country continued, contributing to heightened anxiety among residents.

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SRH Services: Since October 2023 until the end of August 2024, UNFPA-supported SRH services reached 13,407 women, men, and girls in South Lebanon.

In August 2024, UNFPA:

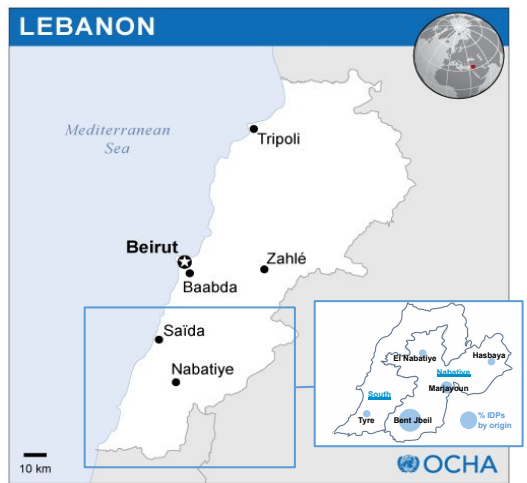
- Provided 566 women and girls with SRH awareness sessions.
- Provided 347 women and girls with medical consultations and midwifery support.
- Continued to provide subsidized medical tests to individuals in need. These include ultrasounds, mammograms, pap smears as well as tests for sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

“The breastfeeding session was extremely informative and calming. As a first-time mother, I didn’t expect to struggle with breastfeeding; this really impacted my mental health, especially as I’m going through this in a shelter”, says R.F, a displaced 25-year-old from South Lebanon.

GBV Services: UNFPA-supported GBV services in South Lebanon have reached 22,778 women and adolescent girls since October 2023. In August 2024, UNFPA:

- Conducted GBV awareness raising sessions for 353 women and girls.
- Distributed 174 dignity kits that include hygiene items, sanitary pads, and other essentials.
- Continued to provide cash assistance in GBV case management to individuals in need.
- Supported women and girls’ safe spaces covering the southern areas of Tyre, Bezourieh and Jezzine.
- Kicked off a series of trainings for non-GBV humanitarian and development actors across regions in Lebanon, including the south, to ensure appropriate psychological first aid and standardized, safe referrals for survivors of violence.

“As a non-GBV professional, it is very important that I know how to deal with GBV disclosures without inflicting more harm. I am currently working in centres hosting displaced people from South Lebanon and, following this training, I feel confident in guiding survivors who are seeking support”, a Child Protection Officer from local NGO, Caritas.



Map Sources: OCHA, SDATL, UNCS.
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Results Snapshots (from Oct 2023 till Aug 2024)



3

Mobile Medical Units supported



4

Primary Health Facilities supported







4,934

People reached with GBV services, including case management and psychosocial support



5

Safe Spaces for women and girls supported

	8,949	Non-food items (such as dignity and baby kits) distributed to individuals
	5,639	Reproductive health consultations provided, including medical and midwifery services
	14,970	People reached with awareness sessions (6,278 people reached with SRH sessions and 8,692 reached with GBV sessions)
	663	People reached with cash & voucher assistance for GBV case management

Coordination Mechanisms



Gender-Based Violence:

Under the National Protection Sector, UNFPA co-chairs the Gender-Based Violence Working Group (GBV-WG), along with the Ministry of Social Affairs and UNHCR. It includes all GBV actors in Lebanon, and aims to ensure effective GBV prevention, response, and risk mitigation programmes. The GBV working group is coordinating an emergency response plan for the escalation in South Lebanon targeting 23,500 people for five months. The plan requires an additional US\$ 2 million for the GBV sub-sector to provide psychosocial support, case management, cash assistance, and dignity kits to affected people. Since the start of the crisis in October 2023, the GBV-WG has:

- Updated the mapping of available GBV services, identified gaps, and prioritized updating GBV referral pathways for survivors.
- Reactivated its focal points system.
- Advocated for the integration of GBV prevention and response across all emergency response sectors to ensure a holistic approach to survivor care and protection.



Sexual and Reproductive Health:

Under the National Health Sector, UNFPA co-leads the Reproductive Health Sub-Working Group (RHSWG) in Lebanon in partnership with the Ministry of Public Health. Its members include national and international non-governmental organizations, academics, and relevant ministries and UN agencies who coordinate to standardize and improve SRH programming. The inter-agency Health Sector has appealed for US\$ 23.7 million – US\$7.3 million is allocated for prepositioning medicines, supplies, and equipment at hospitals for life-saving care (8% of which is allocated for SRH).

Since the start of the crisis in October 2023, the RHSWG has:

- Updated its SRH matrix and shared it with all health partners to strengthen referrals.
- Provided the health sector with priority SRH activities and related costs for maternal health care (consultations and diagnostics) and deliveries.
- Released the [second issue of its quarterly newsletter](#) which focuses on maternal and newborn health, clinical management of rape services, and the latest research on HIV in Lebanon.
- Supported the Ministry of Public Health to develop a survey targeting primary health care centre staff to identify causes for the decrease in SRH service utilization at the centres.

Funding Status

To respond to the multilayered crisis throughout Lebanon, UNFPA is appealing for US \$19 million. This includes a US \$6 million appeal to support the response in South Lebanon, of which only 20% has been funded to date.

Thanks to the generous contributions of Japan, EU Humanitarian Aid, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), and the UNFPA Emergency Fund / Humanitarian Thematic Fund, as of the end of August 2024, UNFPA has secured \$1.2 million of the \$6 million required to scale up preparedness and response for life-saving SRH and GBV services in conflict-affected South Lebanon.

