



SHiFT Emergency Response 2026

Status Report

2 March - 2 July 2026



Displaced families select clothing items during the Pop-Up Market organized by SHiFT and FabricAID at Farah Antoun School | July 2026.

Situation Overview

Four months after the escalation of the conflict in early March, the humanitarian situation in Lebanon remains critical, with persistent protection concerns and substantial gaps in access to essential services. Although military activity has declined following the latest ceasefire announcement, incidents of airstrikes, shelling, demolitions, and military drone operations continue to be reported across the country, underscoring the ongoing volatility and humanitarian needs.

Returns to areas of origin have accelerated in recent days, with more than 60 per cent of internally displaced persons (IDPs) reported to have returned to their communities, particularly in South Lebanon and Nabatieh governorates. According to statements by the Ministry of Social Affairs, more than 400,000 people have returned to their homes. Returns have been especially significant among families previously accommodated in collective shelters located farther from their areas of origin. However, the sustainability of returns remains constrained by ongoing insecurity, repeated airstrikes and shelling, and extensive damage to housing and critical infrastructure. Many families continue to undertake temporary "go-and-see" visits to assess security conditions and the extent of damage before deciding on permanent return. Priority needs for returnees include shelter rehabilitation and repair assistance, restoration of basic services, livelihoods support, and the clearance of unexploded ordnance (UXO).

As of 1 July, the number of individuals residing in collective shelters declined from 143,534 people accommodated in 640 collective shelters on 10 June to 46,341 people hosted in 420 collective shelters as of 1 July, reflecting substantial returns to areas of origin following the ceasefire arrangements. This also resulted in the closure of 220 collective shelters during June and in the period following the ceasefire. The majority of internally displaced persons (IDPs) originate from five districts: Nabatieh, Bent Jbeil, Marjaayoun, Sour, and Baabda. Despite the reduction in displacement figures, prolonged and repeated displacement continues to erode household coping capacities and exacerbate vulnerabilities among affected populations.

The conflict has had a devastating human impact. According to the Ministry of Public Health, as of 1 July, 4,297 people have been killed, including 390 women and 253 children, while 12,196 people have been injured, including 1,449 women and 1,036 children. Additionally, since 2 March, 135 healthcare workers have been killed in the line of duty and 406 have been injured.

Resources:

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA);
Ministry of Public Health (MoPH);
Lebanese Red Cross (LRC);
National Disaster Risk Management Unit (NDRMU).

Humanitarian Access Constraints and Impact on Frontline Responders

The worsening security environment has significantly affected humanitarian operations and the safety of frontline responders. Humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas remains constrained due to ongoing hostilities, displacement orders, insecurity, and direct risks to humanitarian personnel. Israeli attacks on healthcare workers and facilities continue despite international commitments to protect civilian infrastructure, with 173 incidents recorded against health personnel and facilities since March 2026, resulting in 123 deaths and 273 injuries among healthcare workers (OCHA, 2026). These trends highlight a broader deterioration in the protection environment for frontline actors.

Operationally, these conditions have directly affected planned humanitarian interventions. For example, planned distribution activities in southern regions have faced postponement or cancellation due to insecurity and restricted access, limiting the ability of humanitarian actors to reach vulnerable communities at a time of increasing need. Frontline responders, including NGO staff, volunteers, healthcare workers, and local partners, increasingly operate under conditions where humanitarian action itself is exposed to significant risks.

The current escalation represents not only a humanitarian emergency but also a multidimensional crisis affecting food systems, livelihoods, protection systems, public services, and humanitarian operations simultaneously. Without sustained humanitarian access, increased funding, and strengthened protection for civilians and frontline responders, humanitarian needs are likely to continue outpacing response capacities while vulnerabilities deepen across affected communities.



46.3K

Displaced in collective shelters
(DRM)



420

Collective Shelters Open
(DRM)



4.2K

Martyrs
(MOSA)



12.1K

Injuries
(MOSA)



Ongoing Response

SHiFT continues to deliver its emergency response, which was launched on March 2nd, to meet the ongoing needs of displaced families from conflict-ridden areas. SHiFT has expanded its reach to additional collective shelters and host communities, while continuing to address critical gaps in basic needs and essential services. Coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) and local and international partners as part of the Lebanon Humanitarian and Development NGOs Forum (LHDF) remains ongoing to ensure effective and well-organized assistance delivery. Field teams and volunteers have sustained daily operations including: distributions, follow-ups, and rapid needs assessments to better inform interventions.

The response efforts include the following:

- Core relief items distribution;
- Support to collective shelters and out of shelters households;
- Food security through WFP daily hot meals;
- Recreational activities for children and awareness sessions for women;
- Psychosocial support;
- Conducting referrals, delivering and/or linking collective site residents with available spaces and services including those related to Child Protection, Gender-Based Violence, Health, etc;
- Social cohesion and peace messaging through Shadda Media lab;
- Emergency Protection Cash Assistance (EPCA) to Syrian families affected by the war.

8,000⁺ Displaced People Supported in Collective Shelters/Households

The response focuses on several key humanitarian sectors, including:



Household &
Collective Shelter
Support



Food
Security



Core
Relief



Protection



Education



Social
Cohesion



Impact in Numbers



Core Relief Items

100 Food Kits
989 Bedding Kits
1104 Dignity/MHM Kits
938 Hygiene Kits
887 Cleaning Items
12 Baby Kits and **22** Special Needs Beds



Food Security

45,820 Hot Meals



Education

43 Better Learning Program Sessions
104 Education Kits



Protection

120 Sessions

- Recreational
- Community-based Psychosocial Support
- Awareness for Women

250 Families received Emergency Protection Cash Assistance Transfers



Social Cohesion

4 Theatre Sessions with **200** Women
100 Solidarity Kits from Lebanese Producers to Displaced People
+800k People reached online through messages promoting Social Cohesion and Peace

Primary Interventions

At the onset of the war, SHiFT prioritized emergency response efforts to address the urgent needs of affected communities and displaced families. This response mobilized emergency stock items, internal resources, staff capacities, volunteers, and community networks to ensure rapid and effective support delivery.

Through coordinated efforts, teams worked across different sectors to provide immediate assistance, organize relief activities, support MOSA focal points with the opening of new shelters, and responding to the evolving humanitarian needs on the ground.

Core Relief Items Provision

During the first month of the response, SHiFT team provided hygiene items, cleaning tools and supplies, blankets, dignity kits, drinking water, and other essential items to 15 collective shelters as they prepared to receive the first wave of IDPs.

📍 Targeted Collective Shelters in the North

Al-Nahda Public School for Girls – Mina
Alma Municipality (Households) - Zgharta
Amioun Technical Institute - Koura
Farah Youssef Institute - Akkar
Al Oula for Girls School - Mina
Metrit Municipality (Households) - Koura
Baal Mohsen Mixed Public School - Tripoli
Ibn Rushd Public School for Girls Qobbeh - Tripoli
May Secondary Public School - Tripoli
Al Qobbeh Al Jadida Public School for Girls – Tripoli
Amioun School - Koura
Dahr El Ein School - Koura
American Neighborhood (Households) - Tripoli
Abi Feras El Hamadani School - Tripoli
El Ghoraba School - Tripoli



Rapid Needs Assessment

SHiFT released a rapid needs assessment on March 9, focusing on Tripoli and Koura districts to provide an overview of the most urgent needs of displaced families affected by the ongoing escalation in Lebanon. The assessment highlighted the conditions in shelters and host communities and aimed to inform humanitarian partners and guide the delivery of timely and effective support to those most in need.

Call for Volunteers

To strengthen its emergency response capacity, SHiFT launched a call for volunteers to support field operations, assist in humanitarian distributions, and help coordinate support for displaced families.

Following the call for volunteers, SHiFT received strong engagement from the community. Over 400 volunteers registered to support the emergency response.

Hotlines

SHiFT established dedicated hotlines to support displaced families and strengthen its emergency response efforts.

These hotlines facilitate assistance to families residing in collective shelters while also coordinating with municipalities to support families who are hosted by communities or renting accommodation outside formal shelter settings.

Collective Shelters	79 408485	Household Shelters	81 578647
Protection Support	79 111247	Education Support	81 578654

Bel Aarabiye

SHiFT partnered with “Bel Aarabiye” to support displaced communities in North Lebanon through a meaningful donation initiative. This collaboration encouraged individuals to contribute by purchasing locally made Lebanese products from “Bel Aarabiye” brand, which are then directly distributed to families in need. By using a dedicated discount code, supporters not only receive a reduced price but also ensure that their purchased items, such as clothing will reach vulnerable communities.

The initiative combined social impact with support for local businesses, while offering flexible payment options to make participation accessible.



Visit their website

Community Emergency Response Team - CERT

With support from the Lebanese Red Cross, SHiFT launched its team of 25 trained Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), also known as first responders ready to support emergency response efforts. The team completed specialized training courses conducted the LRC volunteers covering various subjects. This initiative aims to strengthen coordination and communication within the team while preparing members to respond effectively to emergencies such as Incident Reporting and Response (IRR), floods, domestic accidents, and earthquakes. The training equipped participants with practical skills in shelter management, Psychological First Aid (PFA), and communicable disease prevention. Through this preparation, the responders are better able to work collaboratively, make timely decisions, and provide organized, compassionate support to affected communities during times of crisis.

How is the CERT contributing to the Emergency Response?

The CERT plays a crucial role in strengthening SHiFT's emergency response by acting as the first line of support during crises. The team, composed of trained volunteers, provides rapid and coordinated assistance to affected communities, ensuring timely intervention in urgent situations.

Tasks include:

- Direct field support, including aid distribution, shelter assistance, and logistical coordination.
- Supporting emergency programs by helping collect initial field data, which improves the accuracy and effectiveness of response efforts.
- Assisting in implementing psychosocial and educational activities for children in shelters, including recreational sessions and Psychological First Aid (PFA), helping to reduce stress and provide emotional support in difficult conditions.



SHiFT team distributes Core Relief Items
in Souk El Gharb, Mount Lebanon | May 2026



SHiFT team facilitates a Mother's Day activity bringing together children and mothers for a creative session in collective shelters as part of the emergency response | March 2026

Mother's Day Event

On March 21, SHiFT team organized a simple and meaningful Mother's Day activity across five collective shelters, aiming to support the emotional well-being of displaced families while strengthening the bond between mothers and their children. SHiFT staff and Volunteers organized participants into small groups and guided them through a creative session where children and mothers spent quality time together making handmade Mother's Day cards. The space was also decorated with balloons featuring cheerful drawings, helping to create a warm and uplifting environment. This initiative offered families a brief moment of relief, connection, and normalcy amid the stress and uncertainty of displacement.



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Children



55

Mothers



5

Collective
Shelters

Eid Day Visit

On the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr, on March 20, SHiFT Social Enterprise Al-Khan Community Kitchen, distributed traditional maamoul sweets to 1,075 displaced people across 12 collective shelters in North Lebanon. This small gesture was meant to spread joy and bring a touch of normal life to families during the holiday.

Pop-Up Market for Displaced Families

SHiFT, in partnership with FabricAID, organized its first Pop-Up Market at Farah Antoun School. The initiative aimed to support displaced families by providing dignified access to essential clothing items while promoting choice, inclusion, and community well-being.

FabricAID, a Lebanese social enterprise dedicated to reducing clothing waste and increasing access to affordable apparel, collects donated clothing through its nationwide network of collection points. The organization sorts, repairs, and repurposes donated items, making quality clothing available at highly affordable prices while contributing to environmental sustainability.

Through this collaboration, FabricAID provided SHiFT with complimentary pop-up market opportunities, allowing displaced individuals to select clothing items based on their own needs and preferences. Each participant received a USD 5 voucher, enabling them to purchase clothing in a dignified and empowering shopping experience rather than through traditional aid distribution methods.



82

Vouchers Distributed



170

Individuals



750

Clothing Items



Fundraising Campaign

A fundraising campaign has been launched through GlobalGiving platform to raise funds for the displaced people in Lebanon. In addition, private donations are also being accepted and are recorded and managed via the WHISH Money application to ensure accountability and transparency.

- ▶ Thus far, SHiFT raised over **USD 8,650**.
- ▶ SHiFT has been selected by GlobalGiving among active nonprofit partners in Lebanon to be featured in a fundraising campaign in collaboration with LebNet.

The campaign aimed to mobilize urgent support for Lebanese nonprofits working on the frontlines of the ongoing humanitarian crisis. As part of this initiative, SHiFT's work was recognized for its impact and commitment to supporting vulnerable communities during these challenging times.

Through this campaign, SHiFT received around **USD 1,000** in support from the Lebanese diaspora and international donors.



FOOD SECURITY | LEBANON

Emergency Relief for Displaced Families in Lebanon

by SHiFT



YOUR TURN
campaign website

RAISED: \$2,060,351



\$2,060,351

Ends: May 11, 2026 at 11:59 PM PT

715+
DONORS

1,629
MATCHING

\$2,060,351 raised includes pre-launch donations across all partner charities and confirmed matching gifts since launch.

- **How are the donations we receive being used for the emergency response?**
- Through the support received via donations, we are able to respond to overlooked and under-addressed emergency needs that are often not covered by larger humanitarian projects. Our interventions focus on providing practical and immediate support to vulnerable individuals and displaced families by addressing smaller yet essential needs that can significantly improve daily living conditions and dignity during times of crisis.

Our current interventions include:

- Delivering **beds and baby kits** to different shelters, ensuring children and mothers have safer and more comfortable living conditions.
- Providing **specialized beds for elderly persons**
- Providing **blankets, dignity and hygiene kits containing essential sanitary and personal care** items to families living in shelters and temporary housing.
- Supplying a **water tank** for a female local producer who continues to live in the South despite the difficult conditions, ensuring her access to clean and safe water for daily use.

 **12** Baby Kits

 **12** Women's Kits

 **22** Specialized beds for elderly persons



You can continue to support our efforts, through contributing directly to:

- ➡ Donations through GlobalGiving on the link <http://goto.gg/75260>
- ➡ Donations through Whish Money **112059**

Ongoing Emergency Interventions Under Non-Emergency Projects

Protection/CP/GBV Prevention and Response Services in Northern Lebanon

Emergency Protection Cash Assistance

In coordination with the consortium composed of IOCC, LECORVAW and SHiFT under the project funded by UNHCR

SHiFT is providing emergency cash assistance to displaced Syrian families affected by the ongoing conflict in Lebanon. This support enables vulnerable families outside shelters to meet their immediate basic needs, like food, shelter, and essential supplies, while preserving their dignity and autonomy.



250

Families Received Emergency Protection Cash Assistance Transfers

Enhancing Community-Based MHPSS and Social Cohesion through Integrated Basic Services and Awareness-Raising Initiatives

PSS

In partnership with IOM

SHiFT is delivering Recreational Activity sessions, Community-based Psychosocial Support (CBPSS) sessions and Awareness-raising sessions for women within shelters across North Lebanon. These activities aim to provide children with a safe space where they can play, express themselves, and regain a sense of normalcy despite challenging circumstances.

📍 Targeted Collective Shelters in the North

Baal Mohsen Mixed Public School - Tripoli

Abi Feras El Hamadani School - Tripoli

Merkabta School - Minieh

Bziza - Koura



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Sessions Delivered

SHiFT team delivers recreational activity sessions to children in Merkabta shelter in coordination with IOM | May 2026





SHiFT team distributes recreational kits in Shelters | May 2026

Makani

Education and Protection

In partnership with UNICEF

In coordination with UNICEF, SHiFT supported in the preparation of the emergency education interventions in some collective shelters across North Lebanon through the distribution of 104 education (LEGO, Early Childhood Development (ECD), and recreational) kits to 20 schools used as collective shelters.

The distributed kits will support the implementation of child friendly activities and psychosocial support sessions for children residing in shelters.

📍 Targeted Collective Shelters in the North

Tajamoa Rawdat Baal Mohsen Public School - Jabal Mohsen, Tripoli

Ibn Rushd Public School for Girls – Qobbeh, Tripoli

Al-Qobbeh Al-Jadida Public School for Girls – Qobbeh, Tripoli

Tripoli Secondary School for Girls – Zehriye, Tripoli

May Secondary Public School – El Tal, Tripoli

Al-Nahda Public School for Girls – Mina

Farah Antoun Public School – Zahriyeh, Tripoli

Al-Qalamoun Public School - Qalamoun, Tripoli

Deir Ammar Institute - Minieh

Batroumin School - Koura

First Public School for Girls - Tripoli

Abi Feras El Hamadani School - Tripoli

Al-Hussainiya Matrit - Koura

Meryata Public School - Zgharta

Baal Mohsen Mixed Public School - Tripoli

Al Tebbeneh Public School for Girls - Tripoli

Amioun Public Secondary School - Koura

Sheikh Khalil Hassan Institute – Bhabboush, Koura

Kefraya Public School - Koura

Dahr el Ain Public School - Koura

- In coordination with UNICEF, SHiFT delivered Recreational Activity Sessions for children and Early Childhood Development (ECD) sessions for caregivers in shelters. These activities aim to strengthen psychosocial well-being, provide emotional support, and improve coping mechanisms among children and their caregivers.



16 Recreational Activities Sessions Delivered



- Merkabta School - Minieh
- Baal Mohsen School - Tripoli
- Abi Firas School - Tripoli



17 ECD Delivered



- Batroumin School - Koura
- Almoun School - Tripoli
- Abi Firas School - Tripoli
- Der Ammar - Minieh
- Jabal Mohsen - Tripoli
- Al Nahda - Mina
- Zahriye School - Tripoli
- Almoun School - Almoun
- Merkabta School - Minieh
- Quobbe School - Tripoli



SHiFT team delivers recreational activity sessions to children in Merkabta shelter in coordination with UNICEF | June 2026



Youth Connect team delivers Recreational activity sessions to children in Baal Mohsen School | March 2026

Youth Connect

Digital Peacebuilding

In partnership with the British Council

Shadda Media Lab mobilized its community to respond actively to the ongoing crisis by organizing recreational sessions for children in shelters and producing impactful digital content that promotes peace and social cohesion.

Participants from diverse backgrounds worked collaboratively to create safe and engaging spaces for children affected by displacement, while also using media as a tool for positive messaging.

- SHiFT's Shadda Media Lab supported youth volunteers from Shadda community in leading recreational activities for children in 2 collective shelters in Tripoli.



These sessions aimed to:

- Provide children with a safe and supportive space for play and expression;
- Support children's psychosocial well-being;
- Empower youth volunteers to actively contribute to the emergency response.

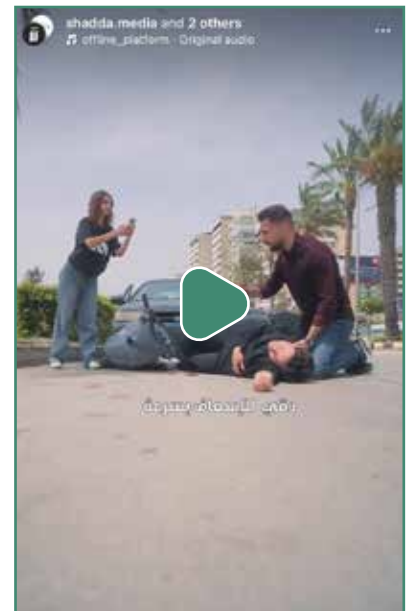
- In light of increasing tensions and hate speech on social media, and with the rapid spread of unverified information across various platforms, the Shadda team launched the week-long awareness campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of misinformation and the importance of verifying news before sharing it, highlighting the importance of critical thinking and checking the credibility and accuracy of information before reposting it.



6 Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos prepared by Shadda Community as part of the Youth Connect project implemented in partnership with British Council.



+800K People reached online through the awareness videos



Youth-LED

Providing Core Relief and Psychosocial Support

In partnership with Actionaid

This intervention aimed to alleviate the immediate suffering of IDPs in Northern Lebanon, particularly in Tripoli, Zgharta, and Koura, by addressing urgent CRIs and providing psychosocial support within housing units. It focused on improving living conditions and preserving dignity through the distribution of essential food and hygiene kits, as well as bedding items such as blankets, mattresses, and pillows. In addition, the intervention emphasized the importance of mental well-being by offering psychosocial support, especially for children and youth, through structured recreational activities.

- SHiFT youth team, "YARD," with the support of CERT, distributed humanitarian aid to 200 displaced families from South Lebanon and the Bekaa in the municipalities of Mejdlaya, Zgharta and El Nakhle, Koura in North Lebanon governorate and in the city of Tripoli.



100 Food Kits



100 Hygiene Kits



200 Dignity Kits



200 Bedding Kits



SHiFT team distributes humanitarian aid in Nakhleh, Koura | May 2026



YARD team implements recreational activities in Abi Firas School in Jabal Mohsen, Tripoli | May 2026

- YARD's volunteers, in collaboration with SHiFT's education and protection team, implemented Recreational activities for children in Abi Firas School and Baal Mohsen School in Jabal Mohsen. These activities aimed to provide children and families with a safe and supportive space for engagement, psychosocial relief, and positive interaction during a difficult period of displacement.



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Children Joined the Activities



- Baal Mohsen, Tripoli
- Abi Firas, Tripoli

- YARD's youth members conducted awareness sessions on solid waste management for children in shelters, aiming to promote environmental awareness and encourage healthy waste disposal practices in collective shelters.

These sessions were organized in collaboration with the Union of Al Fayhaa Municipalities, Rinad Organization, and Grow Foundation, and included interactive activities designed to engage children and educate them on the importance of cleanliness, recycling, and protecting the environment.

Current Dedicated Emergency Projects

CRI in Tripoli, Akkar, Koura, Mount Lebanon and Saïda

ShelterBox

As part of the Core Relief Items project in Tripoli, Akkar, Koura, Mount Lebanon, and Saïda, implemented in partnership with ShelterBox and Rotary Clubs, SHiFT carried out multiple deployments, reaching Baysariyye, Saksakiye, and Khrayeb in South Lebanon, Biney and Souk Gharb in Mount Lebanon, Tripoli, Zgharta, and Koura in North Lebanon, Rahbe in Akkar and Fanar, Karentina and Burj Hamoud in Beirut to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to vulnerable communities including essential household supplies that support daily living conditions and help improve comfort and dignity for displaced families.



547 Cleaning Kits



557 Hygiene and Dignity Kits



481 Kitchen Sets



429 Bedding Kits



- Binay, Mount Lebanon
- Souk El Gharb, Mount Lebanon
- Baisariyeh, South Lebanon
- Saksakiyeh, South Lebanon
- Khrayeb, South Lebanon
- Tripoli, North Lebanon
- Zgharta, North Lebanon
- Amioun, North Lebanon
- Rahbe, Akkar
- Fanar, Beirut
- Karentina, Beirut
- Burj Hamoud, Beirut

SHiFT and Rotary Clubs of Lebanon distribute core relief items in Rahbe, Akkar | June 2026



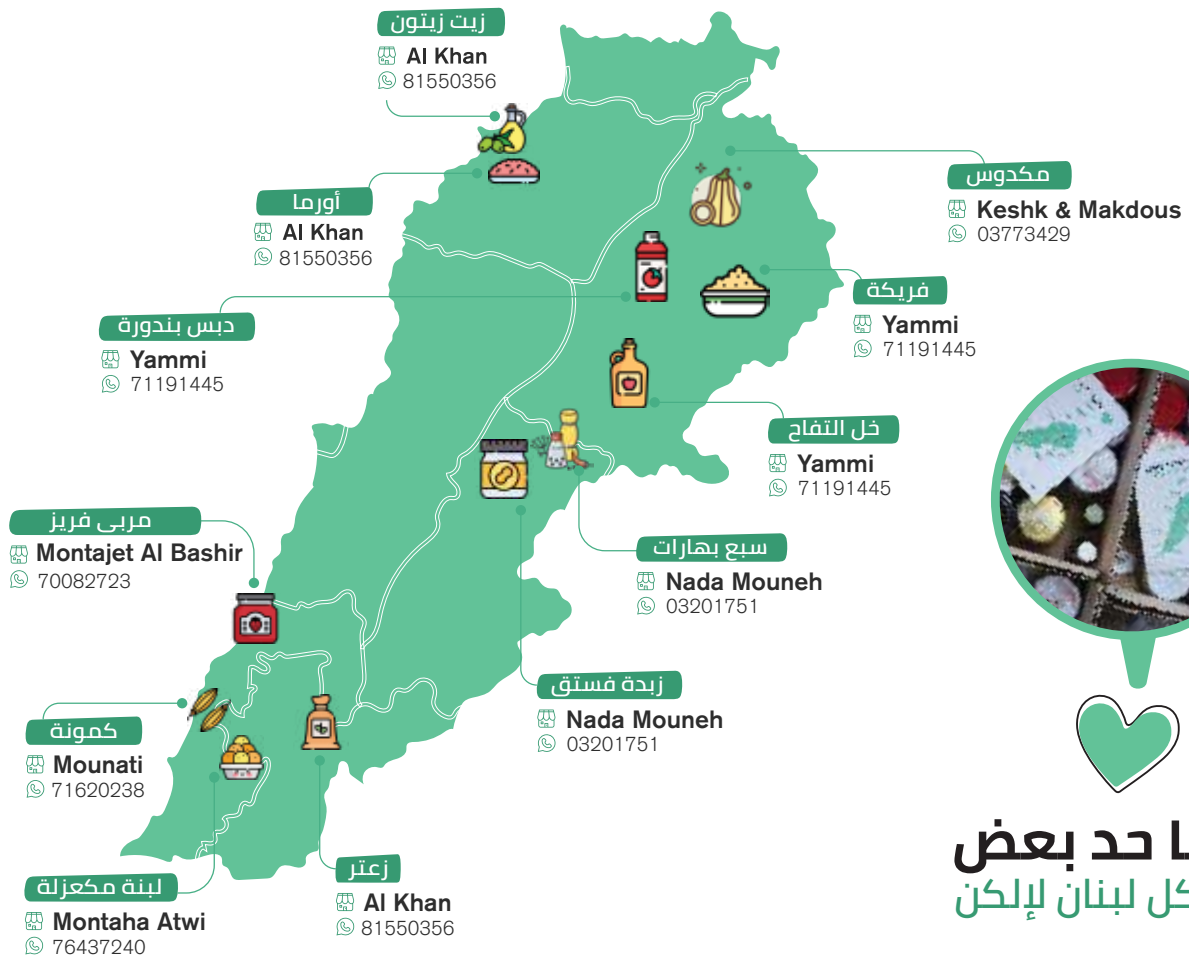
Integrated Livelihood and Social Cohesion Response for IDPs

Social Cohesion

In partnership with 11.11.11

The project aims to support IDPs and vulnerable host communities in Tripoli and North Lebanon through an integrated approach combining livelihoods and social cohesion. It focuses on creating income-generating opportunities by linking producers to local production units and market access platforms such as the Grand Khan application. In parallel, the project promotes social cohesion by countering hate speech and strengthening positive narratives through media, digital storytelling, and interactive community activities.

- SHiFT team together with the Women on Frontlines local committee and the CERT prepared and distributed 100 Solidarity Kits that adopt an integrated approach that combines immediate humanitarian assistance with livelihood support and social cohesion. Through this initiative, SHiFT gathered “Mouneh” - healthy local products items from across Lebanon, with a particular focus on locally produced goods from the South Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley. This approach supported 7 local producers in generating income during a highly challenging period, while ensuring the sourcing of authentic, locally made products for distribution. The collected Mouneh - Solidarity Kits were distributed to 100 internally displaced families, providing immediate food assistance while strengthening local economic resilience and fostering social cohesion among communities.



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من كل لبنان لإلكن

The feedback received from producers highlighted the importance of this initiative in helping them maintain a sense of stability and continuity during uncertain times. Many shared that the initiative not only provided financial support, but also renewed motivation and hope.



SHiFT tried to support us and appreciate our efforts. That made us very happy, and it also made happy the people who would receive these boxes.

Khoulood - A producer from the south supported through the initiative

- In addition, SHiFT distributed Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) kits to women sheltering in Tripoli. Each kit includes essential feminine hygiene items that help women manage their daily needs, because even the most basic necessities can make a meaningful difference in such challenging conditions.



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MHM Kits Distributed



Bedawi School - Bedawi
Quobbe School - Tripoli
Farah Antoun School- Tripoli



SHiFT team distributes menstrual hygiene management kits in Bedawi | May 2026

- ▶ In parallel, two Playback Theatre activities were implemented in collaboration with SADA Playback Theatre, bringing together 50 women from four different displaced groups in Lebanon:

- Lebanese internally displaced from South Lebanon;
- Syrian refugees displaced from South Lebanon
- Syrian displaced after December 2024;
- Women from Tripoli affected by the evacuations related to collapsing and unsafe buildings.

The activity created a unique and inclusive safe space where women from different nationalities, communities, and displacement experiences came together and discovered shared feelings of loss, fear, and uncertainty.

Through interactive theatre exercises and personal storytelling, participants openly shared their experiences of displacement, hardship, and grief, while listening to and supporting one another with empathy and compassion. Despite the differences in the causes of their displacement, whether conflict, economic hardship, or unsafe housing conditions, the session highlighted the common emotional struggles faced by all participants. Throughout the performance, moments of emotional connection and solidarity emerged organically which helped break down social barriers and fostered social cohesion among groups that do not often have opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue.



Playback Theatre Activity
Tripoli | April 2026



Even though we come from different places, but when I saw the other women telling their stories, I recognized that we share the same pain.

Sally | Survivor from a collapsed building in Jabal Mohsen



- In addition, interactive theatre sessions were conducted in two schools, bringing together displaced families from South Lebanon including Lebanese and Syrian.

The activity led by Shababic theatre team adapted participatory and interactive theatre techniques, and aimed to create a safe and supportive environment where women could express themselves, share their stories, and reflect on their experiences and emotions. Interactive theatre is recognized as an effective tool in humanitarian and conflict settings, as it promotes emotional release, self-expression, dialogue, and social connection in a safe and participatory manner.

Through role-play, storytelling, and audience engagement, the sessions enabled participants to explore common experiences related to displacement, loss, uncertainty, and resilience. The approach also fostered social cohesion by bringing together women from different backgrounds and communities, creating opportunities for mutual understanding, empathy, and support.

A total of 150 women participated across the two schools, providing an important opportunity to amplify voices, acknowledge emotions, and create space for stories that deserve to be heard.



His excellency, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium, Mr. Arnout Pauwels visiting SHiFT center in Qobbeh | June 2026 in Quobbeh, Tripoli | June 2026

- ▶ On June 10, his excellency, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium, Mr. Arnout Pauwels visited SHiFT premises in Qobbeh to meet with rightsholders and participants of the 11.11.11 activity funded by the Kingdom of Belgium's Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (DGD)

The visit started with a reflection on SHiFT's emergency response initiatives and the critical role of locally driven efforts in fostering resilience, strengthening social cohesion, and supporting communities through crisis and recovery.

At Shadda Media Lab, Ambassador Pauwels joined a roundtable discussion with young activists and displaced women who shared their experiences, challenges, and hopes for the future. Youth participants spoke about using digital storytelling to challenge hate speech and promote positive narratives, while displaced women shared how the ongoing crisis continues to impact their daily lives and livelihoods.

Reflecting on the visit, Ambassador Pauwels underscored the importance of supporting local organizations and community-led initiatives, recognizing their essential role in delivering effective humanitarian assistance and fostering long-term recovery. He also highlighted the value of creating safe spaces that empower young people and women to share their experiences, amplify their voices, and actively contribute to building more resilient and cohesive communities.

The visit reaffirmed the commitment of the Kingdom of Belgium, 11.11.11, and local partners to strengthening community resilience, promoting inclusion, and ensuring that the voices of affected populations remain at the center of humanitarian response and recovery efforts.

Hot Meals for IDPs

Food Security

In partnership with WFP

In partnership with the World Food Programme, SHiFT is leading the distribution of hot meals across the governorates of North Lebanon and Akkar. This entails support to over 40 collective shelters across these governorates. Since May 22, a total of 45,820 hot meals were distributed, providing immediate food assistance to individuals and families facing difficult living conditions.



45,820 Hot Meals



Al Ghoraba High School for Girls in Zahriyeh - Tripoli
Zahriyeh School for Girls - Tripoli
Institut Technique of Abu Samra - Tripoli
Institut Technique of Abu Samra, Army Families - Tripoli
Institut Technique of Beddawi - Tripoli
Al Qalmoun School - Tripoli
Halba School - Akkar
Institut Technique of Halba - Akkar
Deir Daloum School - Akkar
Al Hissa School - Akkar
Tal Bire School - Akkar
Bebnin School - Akkar
Habshit School - Akkar
Al Hmayra School - Akkar
Al Bireh School - Akkar
Cheikh Mohamad Hall - Akkar
Cheikh Mohamad School - Akkar
Dr Yaaqoub Al-Sarraf School - Akkar
Official kindergarten in Zbeina - Akkar
Official Al Kwashra Secondary School - Akkar
Rahba Mosque Hal - Akkar
Al Dawra Official School - Akkar

Rahba Official Boys' School - Akkar
Rafik Hariri Official School in Tikrit - Akkar
Arab Al Mafrak Official School - Akkar
Mashha Official School - Akkar
Al Amara School - Akkar
Fneidek Institute - Akkar
Minnieh Official EN Secondary School - El Minieh Dannieh
Educator Al-Barr Hanna Ayoub Official School - Koura
Saint George Official School - Koura
Beddawi Second Official Kindergarten - El Minieh Dannieh
Amioun Official Secondary School - Koura
Btterrmine School - Koura
Akram Oweida Technical and Vocational Institute - Tripoli
Educator Victor Bitar Official School - El Minieh Dannieh
Deir Ammar Institute - El Minieh Dannieh
Bakhoun Technical Institute - El Minieh Dannieh
Beddawi Official Boys School - El Minieh Dannieh
laal Official Mixed School - Zgharta
Farah Antoun Official Boys School - Tripoli
Jdeideh Official Boys School - Tripoli
May First Official School - Tripoli
May Second Official Girls School - Tripoli
Qalmoun School - North
Rasheen School - North
Kafar Zeina School - North
Meryata School - North
Meryata High School - North

SHiFT team monitors the provision of WFP hot meals in a collective shelter in Abu Samra | June 2026





SHiFT team delivers BLP Sessions
in Bedawi Camp | May 2026

Education in Emergencies

EiE for IDPs

In partnership with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)

SHiFT is delivering psychosocial support (PSS) and Education in Emergencies (EiE) sessions to internally displaced children living outside formal shelters.

Through this intervention, trained facilitators are implementing the Better Learning Program (BLP), a structured approach designed to help children process distress, regain a sense of safety, and improve their emotional well-being. In parallel, children are engaged in interactive and structured sessions that address key life skills, including emotional regulation, communication, problem-solving, and resilience-building.

These activities aim not only to support children in coping with the immediate impact of displacement and crisis, but also to provide them with safe, supportive spaces where they can learn, express themselves, and gradually restore a sense of normalcy in their daily lives. The intervention further contributes to strengthening children's ability to adapt to challenging environments and continue their learning journey despite disruptions.

SHiFT delivered the Better Learning Program (BLP) sessions. To date 43 Better Learning Program (BLP) sessions were delivered across Koura, Bedawi and Abu Samra, reaching 120 children from displaced communities. These sessions aim to help children cope with the impact of displacement while providing them with safe and supportive space.



120

Children joined
the sessions

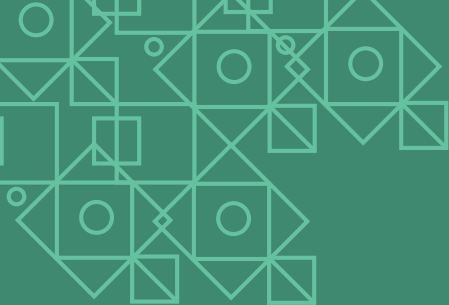


43

Sessions
Delivered



Beddawi Palestinian Camp
Nakhle - Koura
Abu Samra - Tripoli



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