

SHiFT Emergency Response 2026

Status Report

Period: 2-22 March 2026



Situation Overview

In light of the ongoing escalation in Lebanon since early March 2026, the humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate rapidly, placing increasing pressure on communities and public infrastructure. Widespread displacement has been triggered by intensive airstrikes and large-scale evacuation orders, forcing families to flee their homes with little to no belongings and seek refuge in safer areas.

Since the onset of the crisis, evacuation orders have expanded significantly, from over 50 villages in the early days of the escalation to around 200 villages and towns across South Lebanon, Nabatieh, Bekaa, and parts of Beirut's southern suburbs.

These orders, combined with ongoing hostilities, have led to a massive wave of internal displacement affecting a large portion of the country.

According to humanitarian partners and UN agencies, hundreds of thousands of people were displaced within the first days of the escalation, with figures rapidly increasing over time. Current estimates indicate that over 1,000,000 displaced individuals have been registered, as the crisis continues to unfold. Many of these families have sought refuge in public schools and other facilities that have been repurposed as collective shelters, while others are hosted by communities or living in informal arrangements.

The scale and speed of displacement have overwhelmed existing response capacities, resulting in significant gaps in access to essential services. Displaced families are facing critical shortages in shelter, food, water, hygiene items, healthcare, and psychosocial support. The situation remains highly dynamic, with continued displacement and increasing humanitarian needs across affected areas.

1,049,328

Self-Registered IDPs

(As for March 16)

133,678

IDPs in Collective Shelters

645

Collective Shelters Opened

1,036

Martyrs

2,874

Injuries



Conditions of IDPs

The displaced individuals are experiencing significant hardship due to their displacement. They are residing in temporary shelters and private homes under precarious conditions, lacking basic necessities and relying on external aid for essential services like food, hygiene, and health care. Many of the displaced people recorded the need for medication, too. The financial abilities of these families are limited to scarce, leaving them in need for every type of support being provided. Additionally, these families have faced tormenting incidents as they left their homes, leaving them in need for psychosocial support and their children in need for enrollment in education systems.

Conditions of Shelters

The collective shelters lack adequate safety measures and basic facilities such as water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services. Rehabilitation is urgently needed to restore security and provide essential amenities including chairs, tables, mattresses, blankets, pillows, and other supplies, as the spaces are largely empty and uninhabitable in their current state.

SHiFT team distributes blankets to displaced families in Metrit, Koura as part of the emergency response | March 9, 2026





SHiFT team visits the collective shelters in Quobbe
| March 10, 2026

Ongoing Response

Since the launch of its emergency response on March 2nd, SHiFT has continued to scale up its efforts to respond to the growing needs of displaced families from the South and Bekaa. During the third week, the response further expanded to reach additional collective shelters and host communities, while maintaining a strong focus on addressing gaps in access to essential services and basic needs.

Coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) and humanitarian partners 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 continue to be supported by a growing number of volunteers contributing to coordination, field activities, and relief interventions.

The emergency response team thus far:

- Scaled up assistance to additional shelters and vulnerable households.
- Continued identifying and responding to critical gaps in collective shelters.
- Expanded support to displaced families outside shelters, particularly in host communities.
- Conducted ongoing rapid needs assessments to guide interventions.
- Strengthened coordination with local and international partners as part of LHDF.

2,077

Displaced People

Supported
in Collective Shelters/Households

The response focuses on several key humanitarian sectors, including:



Collective Shelter
Support



Household
Support



Protection
Support



Education
Support



Social
Cohesion

Type of Intervention



Basic Needs

Provision of 272 Blankets

- 12 Blankets in Rawdat Baal Mohsen - Jabal Mohsen
- 34 Blankets in Qobbe Primary School for Girls - Qobbe
- 32 Blankets in Ibn Rushd Official for Girls – Jabal Mohsen
- 65 Blankets in May School - Al Tal
- 5 Blankets in Mina I Oula I rasmiye lal banet School - Mina
- 60 Blankets in Amioun School - Koura
- 24 Blankets in Dahr El Ein School – Koura
- 20 Blankets in Metrit Municipality (Households) - Koura
- 20 Blankets in Amerikan neighborhood (Households) - Tripoli



Hygiene Items

Provision of 134 Dignity Kits and 206 Hygiene Kits/Items

- 20 Dignity kits in Metrit Municipality (Households) - Koura
- 32 Dignity kits in Nahda school - Mina
- 21 Dignity kits in Alma Municipality (Households) - Zgharta
- 30 Dignity kits in Amioun Technical Institute - Amioun
- 30 Dignity kits and 40 Hygiene kits in the official Farah Youssef Akar Institute - Kfarhazir
- 56 Toothbrush in Alma Municipality (Households) - Zgharta
- 85 Toothbrushes in Amioun Technical Institute - Amioun
- 25 Boxes of Diapers in El Oula for Girls School - Mina
- 17 Boxes of Diapers in El Baal Mohsen School - Jabal Mohsen



Education

Provision of 72 Education Kits

Delivering 3 Recreational Sessions in shelters

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 72 education (LEGO, Early Childhood Development (ECD), and recreational) kits to 12 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 (See Current Emergency Interventions Under Ongoing Projects Section).

Targeted Collective Shelters in Tripoli

Tajamaa Rawdat Bilal Mohsen Public School - Jabal Mohsen
Ibn Rushd Public School for Girls – Qobbeh
Al-Qobbeh Al-Jadida Public School for Girls – Qobbeh
Tripoli Secondary School for Girls – Zehriye
May Secondary Public School – El Tal
Al-Nahda Public School for Girls – Mina
Farah Al-Tahloun Public School – Zahriyeh
Al-Qalamoun Public School - Qalamoun

Targeted Collective Shelters in Koura

Amioun Public Secondary School - Koura
Sheikh Khalil Hassan Institute – Bhabboush, Koura
Kfarya Public School - Koura
Dhafer El Ain Public School - Koura

The SHiFT Education team delivered 3 recreational activity sessions in collective shelters as part of the emergency response for displaced people, providing children with a safe space for play, social interaction, and psychosocial support.

Targeted Collective Shelters in Koura

22 Children in Markabta School - Minieh Denieh
16 Children in Abu Firas Hamdani - Jabal Mohsen
21 Children in Rawdat Baal Mohsen - Jabal Mohsen
8 Children in Al Hessa Al Rasmiye - Akkar
20 Children in Baal Mohsen - Jabal Mohsen
19 Children in Al Hesayneye Metrit - Koura



Drinking Water

Provision of **780** Liters of Water

- 120 L of water (10 boxes) in Mina I Oula I rasmiye Ial banet school
- 240 L of water (20 boxes) in Alma Municipality (Households) - Zgharta
- 240 L of water (20 boxes) in Amioun Technical Institute - Amioun
- 180 L of water (15 boxes) in the official Farah Youssef Akar Institute - Kfarhazir



Cleaning Items

Provision of **121** Cleaning tools/products

- 55 Cleaning tools in Abu Firas Hamdani - Jabal Mohsen
- 25 Cleaning products in Alma Municipality (Households) - Zgharta
- 62 Cleaning products in Amioun Technical Institute - Amioun
- 13 Cleaning products in the official Farah Youssef Akar Institute - Kfarhazir
- 102 Cleaning products/items in El Ghoraba School - Tripoli
- 15 Cleaning products/items in El Baal Mohsne - Jabal Mohsen



SHiFT team distributes hygiene kits and water to displaced families in Koura as part of the emergency response | March 12, 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 12, 2026

Mother's Day

As part of the ongoing emergency response, SHiFT 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. The activity was facilitated by SHiFT team, with the support of volunteers, who 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.



5
Collective
Shelters



55
Mothers



104
Children

Eid Day

On the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr, SHiFT, in collaboration with Al-Khan 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.

Rapid Needs Assessment

SHiFT released its first 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 highlights the conditions in shelters and host communities and aims to inform humanitarian partners and guide the delivery of timely and effective support to those most in need

➔ Key Figures from the Assessment



Social Media

SHiFT is leveraging its social media platforms to raise awareness about the urgent needs of displaced families and mobilize community support. In addition, through Social Media, SHiFT will work on countering hate speech and mis/dis information.

A 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. A total of 397 volunteers registered to support the emergency response.

Volunteer Demographics:

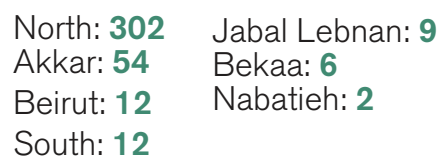
Gender



Nationalities



Location



A Fundraising Campaign

A global fundraiser has been launched through SHiFT's 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 system to ensure accountability and transparency.

Thus far, SHiFT raised over **5,480** USD through GlobalGiving.

- ➔ Financial Donations through GlobalGiving on the link <http://goto.gg/75260>
- ➔ Financial Donations through Whish Money **112059**
- ➔ In-kind Donations through the following number **81 578647**

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.

Bel Aarabiye

SHiFT partnered with “Bel Aarabiye” to support displaced communities in North Lebanon through a meaningful donation initiative. This collaboration encourages 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 combines social impact with support for local businesses, while offering flexible payment options to make participation accessible.

First Responder Team

SHiFT launched its team of 25 trained first responders ready to support emergency response efforts after completing specialized training with the Lebanese Red Cross. This initiative aims to strengthen coordination and communication within the team while preparing members to respond effectively to emergencies such as IRR incidents, 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.

SHiFT team delivers recreational activity sessions to children in Merkabta shelter in coordination with UNICEF | March 13, 2026



Current Emergency Interventions Under Ongoing Projects

Makani - Education in North Lebanon

PSS In partnership with UNICEF

SHiFT is delivering recreational activities to displaced children in 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. By focusing on their well-being and emotional resilience, SHiFT helps children cope with displacement while fostering creativity, social interaction, and hope.

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. Thus far, **20** families received cash assistance.

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

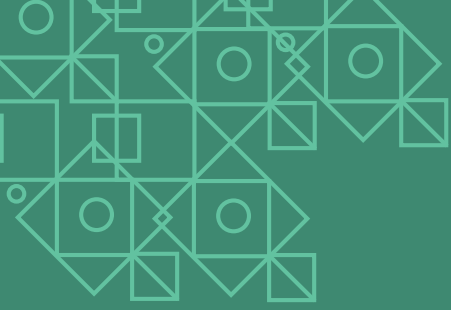
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Youth Connect

Digital Peacebuilding In partnership with British Council

Shadda Media Lab is engaging its community in producing impactful digital content that promotes peace and social cohesion. Participants collaborate to create videos aimed at countering hate speech, challenging harmful narratives, and spreading messages of positivity and inclusion.



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