



Emergency Response Concept Note

Support to Displaced Families in Northern Lebanon

1. Background

Recent security warnings issued to residents in southern Lebanon and the southern suburbs of Beirut (Dahyeh) have triggered large-scale displacement of civilians, including Palestinian refugees residing in camps located in these areas. The warnings covered wide and densely populated zones, prompting many families to leave their homes and seek safer locations.

Several Palestinian refugee camps in the south and in Beirut are therefore expected to experience significant population movement as families relocate to safer areas. In response, UNRWA has opened Siblin School as an emergency shelter and designated schools in Nahr al-Bared Camp in northern Lebanon to host displaced families.

NISCVT will support the management and response in the schools opened in Nahr al-Bared camp. Drawing on its previous experience during the 2024 escalation in Lebanon, when NISCVT successfully supported emergency shelter responses for displaced populations, the organization is well positioned to provide a rapid and effective response.

This prior operational experience enables NISCVT to quickly mobilize support and deliver assistance to displaced families arriving at the two UNRWA schools designated as temporary shelters in Nahr al-Bared camp. With the anticipated influx of displaced families, urgent humanitarian assistance will be required to ensure adequate shelter conditions and access to essential services.

2. Problem Statement

The sudden displacement of families has created urgent humanitarian needs, particularly for Palestinian refugees seeking shelter in schools designated as temporary collective centers. Many displaced families are arriving with very limited personal belongings and lack essential household and hygiene items needed to maintain basic living conditions.

Vulnerable groups, including elderly individuals and patients suffering from chronic illnesses, face additional risks due to disruptions in access to essential medicines and healthcare services. Many of these individuals also lack the financial means to purchase needed medications or cover urgent medical expenses.

Without timely intervention, displaced families hosted in shelters—particularly in schools in Nahr al-Bared Camp supported by the UNRWA and managed with the support of NISCVT may face worsening living conditions and heightened vulnerabilities.

Key risks include:

- Inadequate sleeping conditions due to overcrowded shelters and lack of bedding materials
- Limited access to food and essential hygiene supplies
- Interrupted treatment for individuals with chronic illnesses and other medical needs
- Increased health, protection, and psychosocial risks, particularly for women, children, and the elderly

3. Objective

To provide **life-saving humanitarian assistance** to displaced Palestinian refugee families hosted in shelters in Nahr al-Bared camp, ensuring access to basic relief items, food, hygiene materials, and emergency cash assistance.

4. Target Population

The project will support:

- Displaced Palestinian refugee families arriving at shelters in **Nahr al-Bared camp**
- Vulnerable groups including:
 - Elderly individuals
 - Patients requiring essential medication
 - Women and children
 - Families with limited financial resources

Estimated initial target: **200–300 displaced families** (subject to increase depending on displacement patterns).

5. Planned Activities

1. Distribution of Shelter and Bedding Items

Provision of basic sleeping materials for displaced families, including:

- Mattresses
- Blankets
- Pillows

2. Food Assistance

Distribution of:

- Ready-to-eat meals
- Emergency food parcels for newly arrived families

3. Hygiene and Dignity Kits

Distribution of essential hygiene items including:

- Soap and personal hygiene products
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Sanitary pads
- Baby diapers
- Cleaning materials

4. Emergency Cash Assistance

Provision of limited cash assistance prioritizing:

- Patients requiring medication
- Elderly individuals
- Highly vulnerable families
- Chronic diseases such as cancer, kidney dialysis & thalassemia

6. Expected Results

- Displaced families hosted in shelters have **safe and dignified sleeping conditions**.
- Households receive **essential food and hygiene supplies**.
- Vulnerable individuals maintain **access to critical medications**.
- Emergency cash assistance enables families to meet urgent needs.

7. Implementation Location

The primary response will take place in Nahr al-Bared Camp in northern Lebanon, where schools have been designated as temporary shelters for displaced families.

Interventions will be implemented directly inside the UNRWA schools currently hosting displaced populations. The response will focus on supporting families residing in these collective shelters by providing essential relief items, food assistance, hygiene materials, and support for urgent medical needs.

Field teams from the National Institution for Social Care and Vocational Training (NISCVT) will work closely with UNRWA to ensure coordinated assistance and effective support for displaced families currently accommodated in the schools.

8. Implementing Partner

NISCVT will coordinate and support the emergency response for displaced families hosted in designated shelter schools. NISCVT will work in close collaboration with UNRWA and other relevant humanitarian actors to ensure a coordinated and effective response. To facilitate the implementation of activities within the shelter facilities, NISCVT will establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UNRWA, enabling the organization to operate inside schools hosting displaced families in Nahr al-Bared Camp.

This partnership will support the provision of essential humanitarian assistance, including the distribution of relief items, food support, hygiene materials, and assistance for vulnerable individuals requiring medical care.

In addition, NISCVT will also operate inside Palestinian camps where local families are hosting displaced families, such as in Beddawi, Ain Al-Helweh, and Mar Elias camps. The organization is currently in the process of opening additional centers in the south to support families who prefer to remain inside the camps, as these areas are currently considered relatively safe and not directly targeted.

9. Funding Requirement

Urgent funding is required to procure and distribute emergency relief items and provide immediate assistance to displaced families currently hosted in shelters in Nahr al-Bared Camp. The response will prioritize essential non-food items, ready-to-eat meals, hygiene supplies, and cash assistance for the most vulnerable individuals, particularly those requiring urgent medical support.

The estimated unit costs for the planned assistance are as follows:

Item	Unit Cost (USD)
Mattress	\$20
Blanket	\$20
Pillow	\$5
Personal Hygiene Kit	\$25
Ready-to-Eat Meals	\$15
Cash Assistance (per vulnerable household/patient)	\$100
Food parcels	\$70

These items will support displaced families in meeting their immediate basic needs while staying in temporary shelters. Cash assistance will be prioritized for vulnerable individuals, including elderly persons and patients who require essential medications.

The response will be implemented by NISCVT to ensure efficient distribution and support for displaced families.

The total funding requirement will depend on the number of displaced families arriving at the shelters. A detailed budget and procurement plan can be provided upon confirmation of the target caseload and donor interest.

10. Conclusion

The current displacement situation requires immediate humanitarian intervention to prevent further deterioration in the living conditions of displaced Palestinian refugees. As families continue to arrive at temporary shelters in Nahr al-Bared Camp, there is an urgent need to provide essential assistance to ensure safe and dignified living conditions.

Timely donor support will enable the rapid provision of critical relief items, food assistance, hygiene supplies, and targeted cash assistance for the most vulnerable individuals, particularly those requiring urgent medical care. This intervention will help address immediate humanitarian needs and support displaced families seeking safety and protection in northern Lebanon.

Thank you for your support and for standing in solidarity with our people during this difficult time. Your help means a great deal to us.

Best regards

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