

Overview Report on Trócaire's support to Syrian Refugees in the Beqaa Valley 2024



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2024 PROGRAMS

- **Total Beneficiaries:** More than 3,000 Syrian refugees were supported through all partner programs.
- **Demographics:** Approximately 65% of beneficiaries were female, with a strong focus on women, adolescent girls, and persons with disabilities.
- **Disability Inclusion:** LUPD focused on enhancing the protection and inclusion of people with disabilities.
- **Integration with Host Communities:** Partners ensured that vulnerable Lebanese communities also benefited from interventions, promoting social cohesion and reducing tensions.
- **Beneficiary Satisfaction:** Supported beneficiaries reported high levels of satisfaction, with their needs being met through basic assistance services, including the provision of multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA).
- **Emotional Resilience:** A significant proportion of participants demonstrated improved coping mechanisms and emotional resilience after receiving psychosocial support (PSS) services.
- **Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Training:** Syrian refugees living in informal tented settlements in the Beqaa region developed their own DRR plans to enhance preparedness and resilience. They received training in fire safety, first aid, and sustainable development.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Trócaire's programs in Lebanon aim to address the critical needs of affected populations across the country. In the Beqaa Valley, Trócaire and its partners provide assistance to Syrian refugees and host communities through targeted interventions across several sectors:

1. Psychosocial Support (PSS) and Case Management

Trócaire and its partners, RDFL and Women Now, have focused on delivering psychosocial support (PSS) and case management services, especially for vulnerable Syrian refugees, particularly women and girls. RDFL provided group and individual PSS sessions in Douris and surrounding areas, while Women Now operated in Chtaura, Taalabay, Bar Elias, Saadnayel, and Zahle. Together, these partners have reached **1,024 beneficiaries** through group PSS sessions (918 females and 106 males) and an additional **176 participants** through individual PSS sessions (168 females and 8 males).

Additionally, gender-based violence (GBV) and protection case management services were provided by RDFL, Women Now, and LUPD. These services supported **147 individuals** (120 females and 27 males), addressing the specific protection and health needs of GBV survivors and those at high risk. Moreover, awareness sessions on topics such as positive parenting, reproductive health, and legal rights and documentation processes for Syrians have been conducted by all partners across several localities in the Beqaa region. These sessions have reached **3,360** individuals.

2. Cash Assistance

In vulnerable localities such as Baalbeck, Aarsal, Majdal Anjar, and Bar Elias, Nabad and LUPD have provided MPCA and resilience-building services to economically disadvantaged Syrian refugees and Lebanese communities. Their MPCA programs have supported **582 households** (356 female-headed and 226 male-headed), helping families meet their basic needs, including food and healthcare.

In addition, to complement case management efforts, protection partners offered emergency and recurrent cash assistance to **157 beneficiaries** (152 females and 5 males), including GBV survivors and individuals at high protection risk, safeguarding them from serious threats and exploitation.

3. Community Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

Nabad and LUPD established **nine active Syrian community committees** in the Beqaa region. These committees, consisting of 28 Syrian refugees aged 18-40 (14 females and 14 males), played a vital role in local awareness campaigns and conflict resolution initiatives. Approximately **1,000 beneficiaries** were directly reached through these efforts. Out of these nine committees, LUPD has supported two committees specifically focused on the needs of individuals with disabilities, promoting inclusivity in community initiatives.

CONCLUSION

Through its strategic partnerships and targeted interventions in the Beqaa, Trócaire has played a vital role in alleviating the hardships faced by Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Over the course of 2024, Trócaire and its local partners have delivered life-saving services that not only meet the immediate needs of the most vulnerable, but also pave the way for long-term resilience and recovery. From providing essential psychosocial support and protection services to offering cash assistance and strengthening community resilience, Trócaire's multi-sectoral approach has empowered thousands of Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese host communities to rebuild their lives with dignity. By focusing on women, children, and people with disabilities, the interventions have ensured that those most at risk are not left behind, fostering hope and stability in one of the regions hardest hit by the ongoing crisis. Trocaire's long-standing commitment to provide essential assistance and hope to those most affected by the crisis help them overcome their current challenges and build resilience for the future.

A special thanks...

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