



# 2026 Lebanon Emergency Response

## Situation Report #5

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**Project HOPE continues to support displaced families in South Lebanon, Beirut/Mount Lebanon, and North Lebanon. The team is activating additional mobile medical units to provide primary health care services and improve access to essential, lifesaving care.**

### Situation Overview

Lebanon continues to experience intense hostilities linked to the wider regional war, with sustained Israeli airstrikes, expanding evacuation orders, and damage to critical civilian infrastructure causing repeated displacement across South Lebanon, the Beqaa, Mount Lebanon, and Beirut. Airstrikes have continued to affect Beirut, including both the southern suburbs and central areas, and the destruction of bridges and transport routes in the south is further constraining civilian movement, humanitarian access, and supply chain flows.

According to the latest reporting from the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), at least 1,116 people have been killed and 3,229 injured since the escalation began in early March. **Waves of displacement are affecting the entire nation, with more than 1 million people displaced**, 136,000 people living in 663 overcrowded shelters, and more than 130,000 people fleeing the violence and crossing into Syria.

**At least 77 attacks on health care have been reported by the World Health Organization, resulting in 51 deaths and 119 injuries.** Multiple hospitals and at least 54 primary health facilities have been closed or declared non-functional. And still, Lebanon's pre-existing economic crisis continues to magnify the emergency.

### Key Updates

- The recent escalation of hostilities has resulted in **1,116 deaths, 3,229 injuries, and the displacement of over 1 million people.**
- Project HOPE **completed a delivery of essential medicines, 18 Emergency Health Pallets**, to the Ministry of Health to support affected hospitals and primary health facilities.
- **Project HOPE has activated three mobile medical units**, which are now providing primary health care services to 14 shelters across Halba (North Lebanon), Al-Akbiye (South Lebanon), and Beirut/Mount Lebanon.
- Project HOPE's team in Lebanon plans to activate an **additional mobile medical unit** in the coming days in Toura (South Lebanon).

Communities already under financial strain are absorbing new displacement despite limited capacity, and **humanitarian operations are being complicated by insecurity, road damage, traffic congestion, fuel volatility, and market disruption**. The overall trajectory of this crisis remains highly fluid, with further strike activity, renewed evacuation orders, and additional displacement waves likely in the coming days.

## Project HOPE's Response

**To increase access to essential health care services for those displaced by this latest crisis, Project HOPE has established three fully operational mobile medical units (MMUs),** which are now delivering primary health care services to displaced families living in 14 different shelters.

MMU teams are providing medical consultations and conducting outreach sessions for displaced families in Halba (North Lebanon), Al-Akbiye (South Lebanon), and Beirut/Mount Lebanon. **To meet additional needs, a fourth MMU is set to be activated and begin operations next week,** with service to displaced families in Toura (South Lebanon). MMU operations are adaptable and able to flex support as needed, guided by ongoing coordination with local officials, partner NGOs, and our continuous reassessment of needs and displacement dynamics.

**Across the shelters Project HOPE has provided care at, patient trends indicate a rising threat of both infectious and noncommunicable diseases,** with a high prevalence of diabetes, hypertension, upper respiratory tract infections, gastroenteritis, and scabies among those displaced. These patterns point to disruptions in the continuity of care for people living with chronic diseases, and increased exposure to infections, likely driven by overcrowding, poor water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) conditions, and limited access to basic services and essential items.

**So far, Project HOPE's MMUs have provided 854 medical consultations to 284 beneficiaries,** with women accounting for 58% of patients. The overwhelming majority of patients are Lebanese nationals and half of our patients (51%) are adults aged 18–59, nearly a third (31%) are children, and the remainder are older adults (17%). In parallel, 21 outreach and awareness sessions reached 241 individuals, with team members providing health education on hygiene practices and health-seeking behavior. The team has made 70 referrals to facilitate access to higher levels of care for patients in need of additional services.

Project HOPE is continuously coordinating with the Public Health Emergency Operations Center at the MoPH and other key partners to address priority needs. **Recently identified gaps include:**

- Essential medications and medical supplies/consumables for hospitals and primary health facilities
- Human resources support and emergency coordination capacity
- Additional deployment of MMUs to sustain services in shelters and high-displacement areas.

Project HOPE's procurement and distribution efforts are being conducted in alignment with the updated MoPH and sectoral priority lists to ensure a targeted and timely response. **Project HOPE recently completed delivery of 18 Emergency Health Pallets to MoPH** to support affected hospitals and primary health facilities. These pallets contain a mix of essential medications that health workers need to continue caring for their patients. **To support health facilities managing increased demand, Project HOPE is actively working to secure and mobilize additional medicines, trauma supplies, and medical consumables** to address emerging gaps and ensure the continuity of essential health services.

*“Humanitarian assistance does more than alleviate suffering. It acts as a peace anchor.”*

**— Rabih Torbay, Project HOPE CEO**

Project HOPE previously distributed essential relief items to eight shelters, in coordination with local authorities and partners, to improve living conditions and reduce health and hygiene risks in the most affected locations. Distributions of family hygiene kits, bedding kits, and bottled water reached 2,795 individuals and Project HOPE's team in Lebanon stands ready to procure and distribute additional supplies as needs dictate and resources allow.

**Across the region, Project HOPE is scaling up its field presence to support displaced individuals and vulnerable host communities** through health service delivery and essential relief assistance. The safety and well-being of Project HOPE's staff is a top priority. Operations are conducted under strict security protocols, with continuous monitoring of the security situation and implementation of appropriate risk mitigation measures to ensure staff can safely deliver critical assistance to communities in need.

Project HOPE has extensive experience delivering lifesaving health and humanitarian assistance in complex emergencies and active conflict settings. In Lebanon, Project HOPE has maintained an established, long-term operational presence, working closely with MoPH and national partners to strengthen primary health services, respond to public health emergencies, and support Lebanese and refugee populations. These relationships provide Project HOPE with the contextual knowledge, partnerships, and operational readiness needed to scale emergency health; mental health; and WASH interventions.

Project HOPE continues to act in coordination with partners in impacted areas to assess how and when we can best support the health and humanitarian needs of affected communities across the Middle East region, while remaining committed to the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence.