Health services for refugees in Lebanon: Towards Universal Health Coverage

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Registered Syrian Refugees per year

- 2012: 129,106
- 2013: 1,118,144
- 2014: 1,418,498
- 2015: 1,069,111
- 2016: 1,011,366
Source UNHCR
As of 31 December 2016
Distribution of refugees by date of arrival to Lebanon
Registered Syrian Refugees: 1,011,011,366

Last Updated 31 Dec 2016
Source - UNHCR
Age distribution by gender:

Syrian

Lebanese
Refugees with health needs

- Chronic illness: 43%
- Physical or mental disability: 12%
- Serious medical condition: 3% (2016), 6% (2015)
- Support in basic daily activities: 5% (2016), 4% (2015)
- Temporary illness or injury: 29% (2016), 10% (2015)
The health system in Lebanon

- >10,000 Lab, dental clinics, pharmacies, rehab
Universal health coverage

Fig. 1. Three dimensions to consider when moving towards universal coverage

- **Population**: who is covered?
- **Current pooled funds**: reduce cost sharing and fees
- **Include other services**: direct costs: proportion of the costs covered
- **Extend to non-covered**: services: which services are covered?
The health response strategy

• To increase access to health care services to reach as many displaced persons and hosting communities as possible, prioritizing the most vulnerable
• To strengthen healthcare institutions and enable them to withstand the pressure caused by the increased demand on services and the scarcity of resources
• To ensure health security and control of outbreaks
• To improve child survival
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Population: who is covered?
Population targeted

Vulnerable refugees

- 750,000 Syrian refugee
- 31,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria

Vulnerable Lebanese

- 450,000 in poorest communities
- 35,000 Lebanese returnees from Syria
Refugee and Host community: a rising vulnerability

- نسبتة الولادات القيصرية (%):
  - لبنانيين: 47.7 (2012)
  - غير لبنانيين: 34.2
  - إجمالي: 54.9

- نسبة المواليدين دون ال 2.5 كغ (%):
  - لبنانيين: 8.8
  - غير لبنانيين: 10.4
  - إجمالي: 9.4

- معدل وفيات حديثي الولادة ( بالفئة ألف):
  - لبنانيين: 3.7
  - غير لبنانيين: 7.0
  - إجمالي: 4.9

- معدل وفيات الأمهات ( بالنسبة للألف ألف):
  - لبنانيين: 15.8
  - غير لبنانيين: 12.7
  - إجمالي: 21.3

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  - إجمالي: 34.2

- معدل وفيات حديثي الولادة ( بالفئة ألف):
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  - غير لبنانيين: 12.7 (2012)
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Increased demand on MCH services: the case of Tripoli (GH) host community
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Services: which ones are covered?
Coverage expansion: general PHC

Total number of PHC subsidized consultations per year

PHC subsidized consultations

2013
2014
2015
2016
Coverage extension: vaccination

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Number of vaccine doses administered at PHCs in Lebanon

![Graph showing the number of vaccine doses administered at PHCs in Lebanon over the years](image-url)
Coverage extension: Chronic medications

- Syrian Refugees
- Vulnerable Lebanese

Year:
- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
Coverage extension: Hospitalization

Total number of patients receiving secondary/tertiary and diagnostic services per year

![Chart showing the total number of patients receiving secondary health care services from 2013 to 2016. The number of patients increased from 40,000 in 2013 to 80,000 in 2016.](image)
Coverage extension: EWARS

- 6 Mohafaza health teams
- 27 qada health units
- 150 hospitals
- 550 PHCs
- 300 schools
- Media rumor tracking
Coverage extension: New services

- Clinical management of **Rape**
- **Mental health** and Psychosocial support at PHC
- **NCD** early detection and risk assessment
- Thematic **health awareness** and Hygiene promotion
- Polio **environmental surveillance**
Number of health facilities trained on CMR per year (total 43)
Special initiatives

- **THRIVE** (MCH, Institutional capacity building, WASH)
- **Orthopedic deformities** (surgeries, Rehabilitation)
- Cleft lip surgeries
- NCD care for elderly
- Catastrophic illnesses (cancer, renal failure...
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Cost:
what proportion is covered?
Proportion of cost covered

PHC services

- 90% for general PHC consultation
- 100% ANC/PNC
- 100% vaccination
- 100% awareness

Hospital care

- 85-75% of hospital cost;
- 100% for very poor
- 100% catastrophic illnesses
Humanitarian support towards Universal Health Coverage: HOW?

- Direct reimbursement of health facilities, TPA
- Procurement: medications, vaccines, equipments
- Rehabilitation/ establishment of new services
- Training: new services, new approaches, standardization of care, quality monitoring
- Staff support/ secondement
Humanitarian financial contribution in health

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Main partners in humanitarian response

NGOs
INGOs

unicef
OCHA
IOM
The United Nations Migration Agency
UNFPA
World Health Organization
UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency
THE WORLD BANK