

Amira 54 is a refugee living in Lebanon who has life-threatening kidney disease requiring 3-hour dialysis twice a week. WHO/P. BalladelliAmira, aged 54, is one of 1.2 million Syrian refugees who have fled to Lebanon with her husband and family. Life as a refugee is hard but for Amira it is even harder. She has a life-threatening kidney disease requiring 3-hour dialysis twice a week.

In Syria, she received these services at no cost. In Lebanon, however, the cost has been a challenge. Initially, with support from UNHCR, Amira received dialysis services at Mount Lebanon hospital in Beirut for 3 months, but now she is struggling to pay.

"I am extremely grateful that my family and I are safe. Getting medical care in Lebanon for dialysis is costly. I am paying for my own expenses," she says. "I have no hope that the hospital will provide the dialysis, but I am asking if they can simply provide me the medicines."

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