



# HEALTH BRIEF

16 - 28 February 2025

## Ceasefire - Situation overview

- Access to health services in the affected areas slowly improving: o Hospitals: Bint Jbeil and Salah Ghandour – soft opening. Mays El Jabal is still closed.
- A total of **21** new injuries and **4** deaths related to the war have been reported from 16 to 25 February 2025.
- A total of **162** attacks on healthcare were reported since the conflict started 8th Oct. 2023.. These attacks have resulted **241** fatalities of health workers, **296** injuries of health workers **45** impacted health facilities and **104** impacted medical transport.



**17 529**  
People injured



**4 256**  
Deaths

Impact of hostilities from 8 Oct 2023 - 23 Feb 2025. Source: MoPH Lebanon.



**98 999**  
People displaced



**2 367**  
Registered IDPs in  
38 collective sites

Source: Displacement Tracking Matrix 5 Feb 2025.

### • Population movement:

- No major changes from the previous week. Source: IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix.
- Displaced people: estimate **950 652** people who were displaced within Lebanon returned in their cadaster of origin returnees, **98 999** remain displaced. Between 8 December 2024 and 18 February 2025, Lebanon's Disaster Risk Management Unit (DRM) reported around **89 400** arrivals from Syria in Baalbek Governorate, including **31 800** people sheltering in **186** informal collective sites and **57 600** living within host communities, among them **20 000** Lebanese returnees (UNHCR).

## Health needs and response

- **Public Health Emergency Operation Center** is still coordinating the emergency response and referral of the injured patients. The staff are also managing the emergency stock by ensuring the availability of adequate trauma kits, medications and other medical supplies in all hospitals and PHCs.
- WHO continued to support the PHEOC operations including staffing and coordination work.
- **Trauma Care Pathway**
- **Trauma Care** training:
  - The first round of case management training for trauma care was completed in February 2025.
  - The 2nd round of trainings under trauma care pathway is ongoing.
  - Critical and emergency care for nursing in conflict situation: Fourth round completed for 24 nurses. Training of Trainers completed for 23 nurses. Supervision initiated for 4 local trainers in addition to training of 24 nurses.
- **Psychosocial training in conflict situation** (inside hospitals): ToT conducted – training for 19 hospitals for around 400 HCWs.
- TWG coordination work continues including planned distribution for 25 MCM kits and 18 external fixators.
- Preparing for second set of MCM activation drills for 2025.
- **MHPSS/NCDs:**
- **Trainings for hospitals:** rollout of “breaking bad news” and “de-escalation techniques” trainings for Q1 ongoing.
- MHPSS coordination activities continue. Planning 3-day workshop for partners on MHPSS minimum service package in March.
- **Supplies:**
- WHO – DAMCO warehouse: 50 trauma backpacks in stock, 18 fixa-tors in stock.
- Chronic medication program: 83% of the 64 chronic EML available. New YMCA agreement to cover patient contribution to be imple-mented for a 3-month period starting this February.

- Mental health and psychosocial support**
  - In 2025, more than 350 health care professionals in hospitals were trained on basic psychosocial skills including de-escalation techniques and breaking bad news. This is in addition to a 3-day Training of Trainers.
- Continuity of care for IDPs**
  - First aid kits distribution- From 9 to 22 February:
- Baalbek/Bekaa and Hermel:**
  - 184** visits conducted
  - 351** kits distributed
  - 261** education sessions conducted, reaching a total of **4 305** participants.
- Beirut:**
  - 14** visits conducted
  - 18** education sessions conducted, reaching a total of 339 participants.

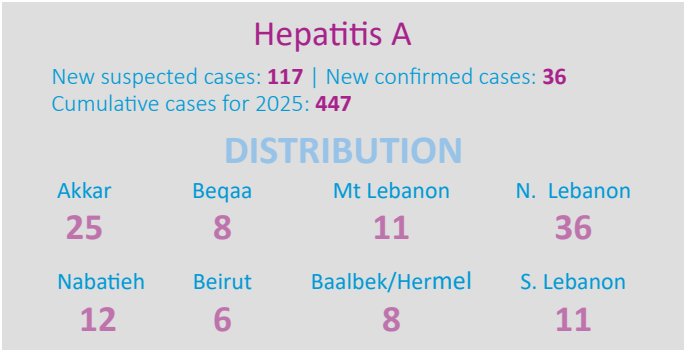
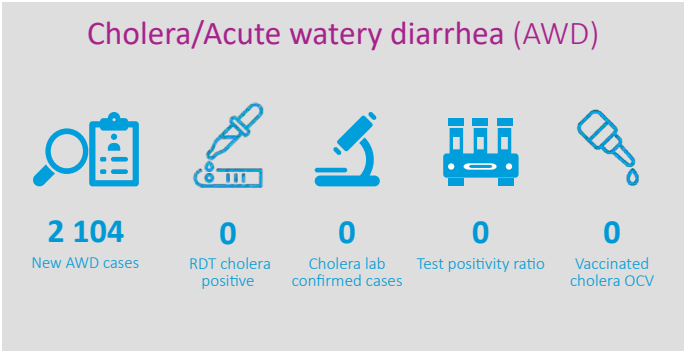
- Gaps and priorities**
  - The Lebanon Flash Appeal has been extended for another 3 months (from Jan to March 2025), calling for additional **\$371.4 million**.

Heavy rain. Constant cold. No home. Can you imagine your child living in such conditions? Harsh weather is the current reality for people in #Gaza and has reportedly claimed 7 babies’ lives due to hypothermia. The best medicine is peace. We call for a permanent ceasefire.

– Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Secretary General

## Epidemiological situation

### Food and waterborne diseases 16 - 28 Feb 2025



### Vaccine preventable diseases 16 - 28 Feb 2025

| Disease outbreaks | New suspected cases | Location of cases                                                          | Vaccination status of cases | Cumulative for 2025 | Confirmation             |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| AFP               | 5                   | 1 Zahle, 1 Saida, 1 Jbeil, 1 Tyre, 1 Beirut                                | All fully vaccinated        | 14                  | 0                        |
| Measles           | 1                   | 1 North Lebanon                                                            | Fully vaccinated            | 13                  | 0 confirmed measles      |
| Meningitis        | 12                  | 1 Beirut, 2 Bekaa, 6 Mount Lebanon, 1 Nabatieh, 1 N. Lebanon, 1 S. Lebanon |                             | 44                  | 29 Bacterial<br>15 viral |

## Preparedness and response

- WHO procured and delivered **300** barcode readers for ESU. On the 20th of Feb, 2025: Training on barcode readers for **18** people from the ESU central and peripheral teams to digitize sample identification and follow up.
- Influenza season has started on week 52 of 2024 predominated by H1 followed by B Victoria and H3. Positivity rate for influenza as reported by the respiratory infection sentinel surveillance is 23% for outpatients and 26% for inpatients. As per the pandemic influenza severity assessment, influenza activity has been moderate for the past 2 weeks.

## Advancing Primary Health Care towards UHC retreat



Lebanon has made progress in expanding Primary Health Care access and moving towards essential health services packages. These efforts are key to advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and ensuring health for all. The Ministry of Public Health's Primary Health Care department and WHO convened a retreat on reshaping the essential health packages at PHC. Through engaging discussions with key partners in PHC and expert inputs, we developed key recommendations to enhance the packages of care and increase their uptake.

## Strong partnerships = real impact

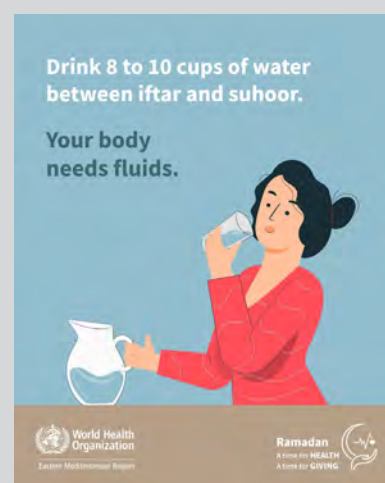
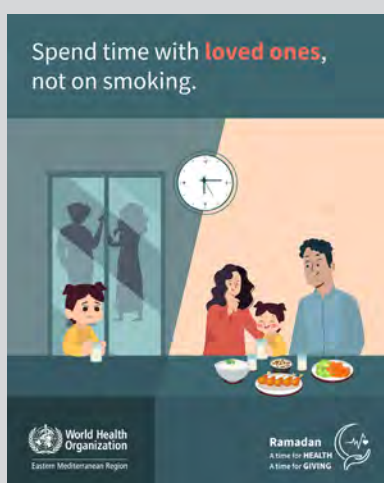
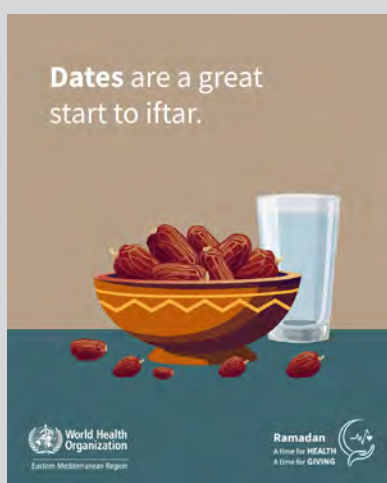


A table where health priorities meet action! WHO Lebanon brought together key resource partners to discuss challenges and synergies needed to support the future of Lebanon's health system. Strong partnerships = real impact. Grateful for the support in ensuring every person gets the care they need.

## Meeting between the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Finance to discuss NHA reporting mechanism



A productive meeting took place today between the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Finance to explore mechanisms for reporting on the introduction and methodology of the National Health Accounts (NHA), facilitated by WHO. This is a key milestone in the ongoing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) project, which is generously funded by the government Luxembourg. The primary focus of the meeting was to establish a streamlined and efficient process for reporting and ensuring transparency. Both ministries discussed the technical aspects and collaborative efforts required to enhance the accuracy of health spending data, vital for advancing UHC indicators and goals. The NHA system will play a crucial role in providing detailed insights into national health expenditure, contributing to better policymaking and resource allocation in the health sector. This initiative is in line with the broader objective of improving data under the National Health Strategy 2030.



## WHO Global response



### WHO strengthens support for grassroots crowdsourcing campaign: a global movement of unity and solidarity

What started as a grassroots initiative by a WHO staff member has grown into a global movement for health. Building on the success of the [1 Dollar 1 World campaign](#), the World Health Organization (WHO) is now amplifying and evolving the initiative to encourage more people around the world to show their solidarity.

Inspired by an individual's initiative, WHO is now backing the 1 Dollar 1 World movement, encouraging regions, countries, champions, and its own workforce to unite behind the effort. Together with the WHO Foundation, WHO will strengthen its efforts to create awareness about its critical work and engage communities worldwide.

With this initiative, WHO is embracing a new approach by leveraging crowdfunding to support its mission. For the first time, WHO is activating its existing infrastructure – spanning 150 country offices – alongside the WHO Foundation's reach, to amplify this grassroots movement. This strategic shift not only strengthens community engagement but also aligns with WHO's broader strategy to diversify funding sources and support its ongoing Investment Round.

Since its launch in early 2025, almost 5000 people from over 140 countries have contributed to the campaign through the WHO Foundation, created to bring together funders and high impact health initiatives to further the mission of WHO. The high level of success and engagement demonstrates that there is a broad sense of solidarity and shared commitment to global health. This campaign is not just about crowdfunding – it's about people standing together to remind us that health is a right, not a privilege. [Read full article](#).

**WHO Lebanon would like to thank the support of all partners and donors who have and are still contributing generously and directly to the WHO health response. Together health for all by all.**



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