

# Healthbrief

11 October - 11 November 2025

## Health emergency: Situation overview

- A total of **77** new injuries and **32** deaths related to the war have been reported from 10 October 2025 to 10 November 2025.
- 163** incidents of attacks on healthcare were recorded including **46** impacted health facilities, **241** fatalities, **296** injuries, **113** impacted healthcare workers, **105** impacted medical transport. Last reported attack on health care as reported on WHO's Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA) platform on 03 April 2025.



Impact of hostilities from 8 Oct 2023 - 10 Nov 2025. Source: MoPH Lebanon.

## Cross-borders movement

- Between 24 October and 31 October 2025, a total of **224,495** movements were recorded across 10 (out of 16) official border crossing points (BCPs) and unofficial crossing areas. Over 55 per cent were through air travel movements, including **57,522** entries and **66,270** exits.
- Movement by land accounted for 44 per cent of all movements, with **47,035** entries and **53,371** exits.
- Additionally, movements by sea accounted for one per cent of the total, with **145** entries and **152** exits recorded during the reporting period.

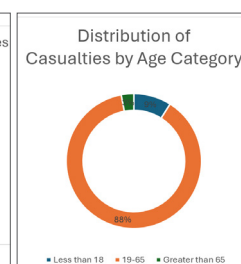
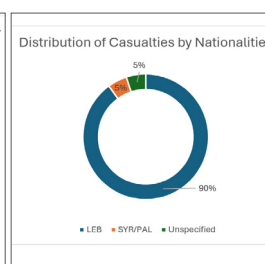
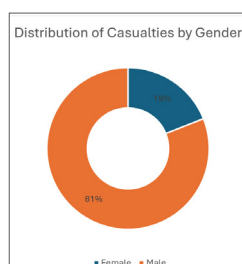
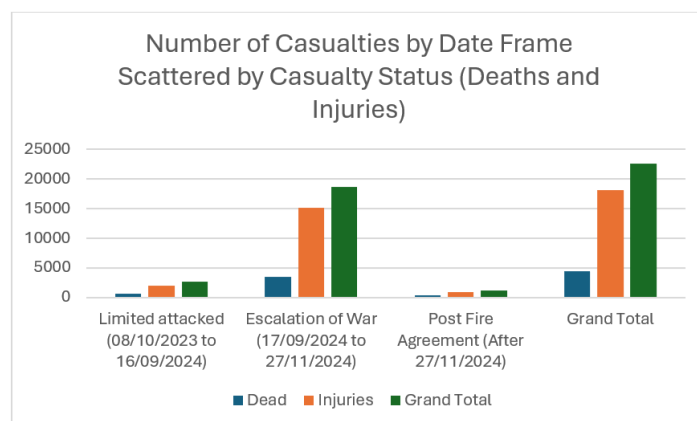
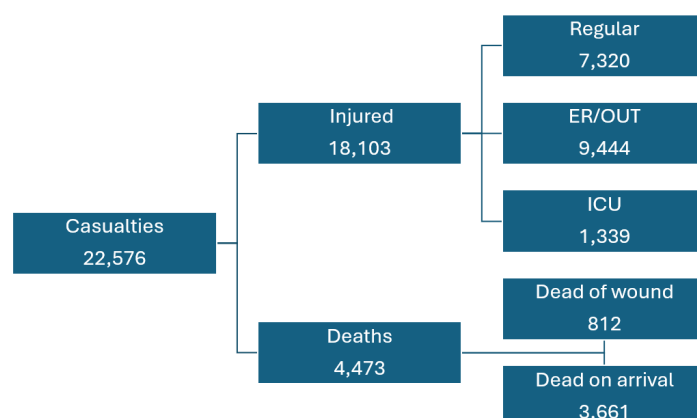
## Trauma care pathway updates

### Case management for trauma care:

- Trauma surgeon second mission in country ongoing:
  - 2 rounds of trainings for residents: **completed**.
  - 1 round of training for surgeons, with focus on trauma care centers: **under preparation**.
  - Assessment of 4 additional trauma centers (Hermel, Baalbek, Tebnin and Nabatieh): **completed**.
  - Meeting with orders of nurses and nursing schools for discussion on institutionalization: **under preparation**.
  - Initiation of the discussion on National Clinical Practice Guidelines: **under preparation**.
  - Rolling-out training on emergency critical care in conflict setting for nursing staff.
  - Rolling-out of 14 rounds of 3-day trainings, reaching 30 hospitals: **completed**. Additional 13 rounds: **under preparation**.
  - TOT facilitation skills conducted over 2 days: **completed**.
- Mass Casualty Management activation drills for 4 hospitals: **completed**.
- Assessment and coaching to activate RRT in 4 public hospitals previously trained on mechanical ventilation and airway management (Nabatieh, Sibling, Tripoli, Halba): **completed**.
- Training on invasive mechanical ventilation and defibrillators in 4 public hospitals: **completed**. Additional trainings under preparation.
- Distribution of kits & supplies:** TESKS distributed with a contingency stock kept in the warehouse.
  - Distribution list of external fixators and major trauma bag pack still under finalization by MoPH.

## Impact of escalation of hostilities

Lebanon War 2023-2025: Tree Diagram in numbers (Deaths and Injuries) from 08 October 2023 to 07 October 2025.



Mental Health Psycho Social Support/  
Non-Communicable Diseases

Trainings

- Initiated the in-hospital trainers TOT:
  - 2 groups received one-day refresher training, total of 34 nurses from 30 hospitals, after which they initiated the onsite practice and filling a practice logbook (de-escalation and self-care skills).
  - 2 online coaching sessions: **completed**.
- Next steps:
  - Day 2 refresher for both groups: **planned**
  - 2 additional online coaching sessions: **planned**
- Regular de-escalation skills training provided to 20 participants from hospitals in Bekaa, incl. reception, security, finance, etc:
  - Next steps: 3 more groups planned for other areas.

Coordination

- MHPSS Working Group meeting held 7 Oct 2025
  - Challenges raised regarding mental health hospitalization gaps; a separate meeting with partners will be planned for this.

Training of trainers process	Estimated time	Modality
• Three-day advanced ECM training	• 24 hours	• In-person, centrally (already implemented)
• Two-day skills ECM training	• 16 hours	• In-person
• Logbook implementation	• Practicing each skill 10 times at least and filling a logbook	• In-hospital
• Online coaching sessions	• 4 hours	• Online
• Trainers' coaching in hospitals	• Full day	• In-hospital

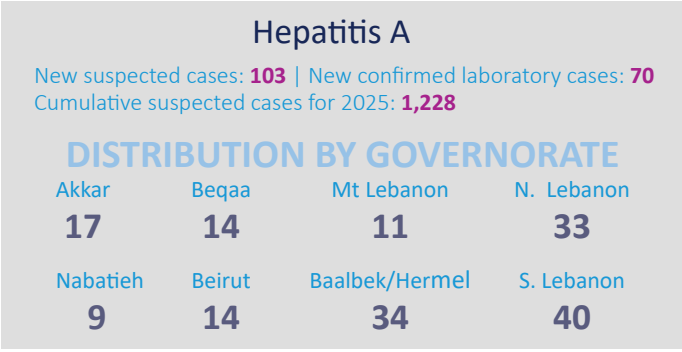
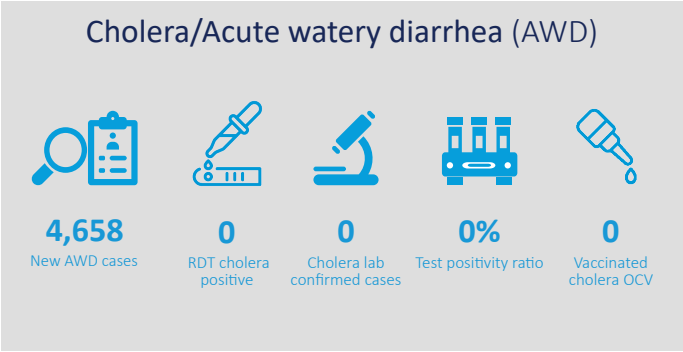
\*ECM: Emotional Crisis Management

Cholera preparedness and response trainings

- The trainings/refreshers on Cholera Preparedness and Response in high-risk areas completed:
  - Number of personnel trained via Online trainings: 155
  - Number of trained personnel during the visits: 612 across 29 hospitals.
  - 4 new Governmental Hospitals covered:
    - Turkish Governmental Hospital
    - Tyre Governmental Hospital
    - Bint Jbeil Governmental Hospital
    - Karantina Governmental Hospital.

Epidemiological situation

Food and waterborne diseases 11 Oct - 11 Nov 2025



Vaccine preventable diseases 11 Oct - 11 Nov 2025

Disease outbreaks	New suspected cases	Location of cases	Vaccination status of cases	Cumulative for 2025	Confirmation
AFP	4	1 Akkar, 1 Beirut, 2 North Leb	4fully vaccinated	0	0
Measles	2	2 Beirut	1fully vaccinated 1zero dose	0	0
Meningitis	34	1 Baalbek/Hermel, 5 Beirut, 8 Bekaa, 7 Mt Lebanon, 2 Nabatieh, 7 North Lebanon, 4 South Lebanon		313	19 Bacterial 14 viral

# Epidemiological situation *continued*

## Preparedness and response

- From weeks 41 until 45 of 2025, **40** EBS signals of infectious diseases were registered at the Epidemiological Surveillance Program (ESP) through the call center (42.5%), DHIS2 (27.5%), and the ESU (30%). Public (50%), health facilities (42.5%), NGOs and municipalities (2.5%), schools (2.5%), and media scanning (2.5%) were the different sources of information.
- The Epidemiological Surveillance Program (ESP) selected **32** of these signals, of which 32 (100%) were verified within 24 hours and all investigated within 48hrs. **32** signals were verified as true and included: **15** signals of food poisoning, **1** signal of AWD, **1** signal of chemical contamination, **2** signals of rotavirus, **11** signals of acute jaundice, and **2** signals of malaria.
- WHO continues to support the MOPH 1787 call center. From weeks 41 till 45 of 2025 the MoPH 1787 call center received **348** calls, averaging **9.9** calls a day.

## Health needs and response

- **Public Health Emergency Operation Center (PHEOC)** 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, coordination work and technical support.

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## The reform prescription: REshaping Lebanon's pharmaceutical sector

The Ministry of Public Health, with the financial support of the European Union (EU) and in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), convened a national workshop on reforms in the pharmaceutical sector.

The workshop – Reform prescription: reshaping the pharmaceutical sector for access, affordability and accountability, held in Beirut on 17 October – brought together senior officials, technical experts and representatives from professional organizations, academia, civil society and the private sector to help shape a comprehensive reform roadmap for Lebanon's pharmaceutical system.

In his opening remarks Minister of Public Health H.E. Dr Rakan Nassereldine reaffirmed the Government's commitment to transparency and equitable access to quality medicines.

"Reform and rescue is the defining vision of the current government, and for the Ministry of Public Health it is a daily mission. We are convinced that Lebanon will recover only through reform, deep and systemic reform. And that only through strengthening our institutions can we heal our health system, empower our people and restore the vitality of our economy."

In closing, Dr Nassereldine concluded: "Allow me to speak not only as Minister but as a citizen who believes in this country's capacity to reinvent itself. Lebanon's story has never been a surrender, it is one of persistence and reinvention. With your collective expertise and commitment we can turn this workshop into a turning point towards recovery and growth." [Read full article.](#)



## WHO and Ministry of Youth and Sports explore new avenues for youth health and wellbeing

At the invitation of the Minister of Youth and Sports, Dr. Noura Bayrakdarian, a delegation from the World Health Organization visited the Ministry to engage in consultations and strengthen coordination around a number of key initiatives the Ministry aims to implement. The delegation was composed of the WHO Representative

in Lebanon Dr Abdinasir Abu Bakar, the Technical Officer for Health Promotion, and the Communications Officer.

The visit highlighted WHO's ongoing commitment to supporting national institutions in

advancing health and wellbeing, particularly among young people.

The WHO Representative expressed appreciation for the invitation and reaffirmed the WHO's readiness to collaborate closely with the Ministry. Discussions covered the Ministry's mandate, strategic priorities, and the various programs and activities scheduled for the coming period. Particular emphasis was placed on youth-related initiatives, including efforts to promote healthy lifestyles, enhance youth engagement, and strengthen community-based activities.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to explore potential areas for joint action between the Ministry and WHO. Both sides exchanged views on several projects that could be developed and implemented collaboratively, especially those that advance public health awareness and empower young people to adopt healthier behaviors.





## Enhancing hospital supply management: WHO and Japan support LMS expansion in Lebanon

As part of strengthening coordination, improving forecasting accuracy, and enhancing the analysis of medicine and supply consumption patterns at public hospital level, WHO, with generous support from the government of Japan has expanded the automated Logistics and Management System (LMS) to 10 public hospitals. The support includes providing essential ICT equipment — including personal computers, servers, and printers, based on detailed needs assessments, and developing APIs for smooth integration and information sharing. This is a first phase of a project planned for the 33 public hospitals, to be complemented in the next two years, in line with the Ministry of Public Health's strategy for public hospitals development and capacity building.



## WHO and EU support Lebanon in strengthening pharmaceutical manufacturing standards



Under the WHO EMRO Flagship for equitable and timely access to medical products in the EMRO region, WHO Lebanon, supported by the European Union, launched a project to assist the Lebanese National Regulatory Agency in improving Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) standards among local pharmaceutical manufacturers.

In October 2025, over 25 Ministry of Public Health pharmacy inspectors received training on WHO GMP guidelines and the Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme (PIC/S), alongside an assessment of local GMP compliance. The sessions highlighted gaps such as fragmented oversight and lack of accredited labs, while emphasizing the benefits of PIC/S membership for international recognition and enhanced inspection capacity.

The training also focused on practical inspection skills, including planning, execution, and reporting, using standardized tools and real-case simulations. Inspectors were encouraged to adopt a mentorship approach to promote continuous quality improvement. This initiative strengthens Lebanon's regulatory framework and prepares the country for PIC/S accession.

## Ensuring timely access to lifesaving hospitalization for vulnerable populations in North Lebanon

In November 2025, the European Union Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) team, accompanied by WHO Lebanon, conducted field visits to Tripoli and Minyeh Governmental Hospitals in North Lebanon as part of the lifesaving and limb-saving hospitalization program. During the visits, the teams met with hospital administration to review the populations served, the types of services provided, quality of care measures, referral pathways for vulnerable patients, and the timeliness of claims reimbursement. They also visited admitted patients benefiting from the program and toured hospital facilities to assess medical emergency preparedness. Between May and November 2025, and with the generous support of ECHO, WHO provided around 1,500 vulnerable patients with timely access to lifesaving hospitalization, including trauma care, severe respiratory infections, and cardiac emergencies. This support complemented the Ministry of Public Health's coverage and ensured strict adherence to medical and social eligibility criteria. The visits underscored the resilience of Lebanon's public health institutions and their critical role in ensuring equitable access to care. Through this program, WHO and ECHO continue to strengthen quality standards, preparedness, and the development of a more integrated, people-centered health system capable of addressing both acute and chronic health challenges.



## Strengthening immunization in Lebanon: MoPH and WHO conduct national review workshops

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), in collaboration with the WHO, conducted two national workshops to review and update Lebanon's National Immunization Strategy (NIS).

The first workshop held on the 14th–15th of October focused on identifying key bottlenecks and challenges across the immunization system through an in-depth situation analysis.

The second workshop held between the 21st–23rd of October built on these findings to define strategic priorities, key interventions, and measurable milestones to guide Lebanon's immunization agenda for the coming years.

These workshops brought together experts from the MoPH, WHO, UN agencies, and key national partners — this collaborative effort aims to strengthen immunization coverage and ensure that every child in Lebanon is protected.



## Mental Health Teams: You're Not Alone



To all mental health professionals and volunteers who continue to provide psychosocial support even in the most challenging circumstances: thank you for your dedication. And a gentle reminder: if you ever feel emotional pressure or fatigue during your mission, support is available through the National Mental Health Programme's services and resources.

## It's World Diabetes Day



Diabetes currently affects 1 in 6 adults in the Eastern Mediterranean Region – the highest prevalence globally. By 2050, the number of cases is expected to increase by 92% reaching 163 million .

“Today, on #WorldDiabetesDay, we are reminded that #diabetes affects people at every stage of life, and every journey is different. Each person living with diabetes deserves access to supportive communities and policies that prioritize health, dignity and inclusion. WHO calls on governments, health care providers, communities and partners to strengthen efforts to prevent type 2 diabetes, expand access to quality care and create healthier environments where people can live, work and thrive.”

– Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General

WHO promotes healthier populations by supporting countries in preventing diseases, improving nutrition, and encouraging healthy lifestyles. It provides guidance, tools, and partnerships to help people live longer, healthier lives. WHO focuses on promoting health through various initiatives, including health promotion activities and addressing the social determinants of health. They aim to ensure healthy lives and well-being for all at all ages.





### WHO launches global guidelines on diabetes during pregnancy on World Diabetes Day

The World Health Organization (WHO) today released its [first global guidelines for the management of diabetes during pregnancy](#), a condition affecting about one in six pregnancies – or 21 million women annually. The new recommendations provide a critical roadmap to tackle this growing health challenge and prevent serious complications for both women and their children.

Diabetes in pregnancy, if not managed effectively, significantly increases the risk of life-threatening conditions such as pre-eclampsia, stillbirth, and birth injuries. It also has long-term consequences, elevating the lifetime risk of type 2 diabetes and cardiometabolic diseases for both mother and child. The burden is greatest in low- and middle-income countries, where access to specialized care and resources may be limited, yet the need is most acute.

“WHO has long had guidance on diabetes and guidance on pregnancy, but this is the first time we have issued a specific standard of care for managing diabetes during pregnancy,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “These guidelines are grounded in the realities of women’s lives and health needs, and provide clear, evidence-based strategies to deliver high-quality care for every woman, everywhere.” [Read full article.](#)

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