

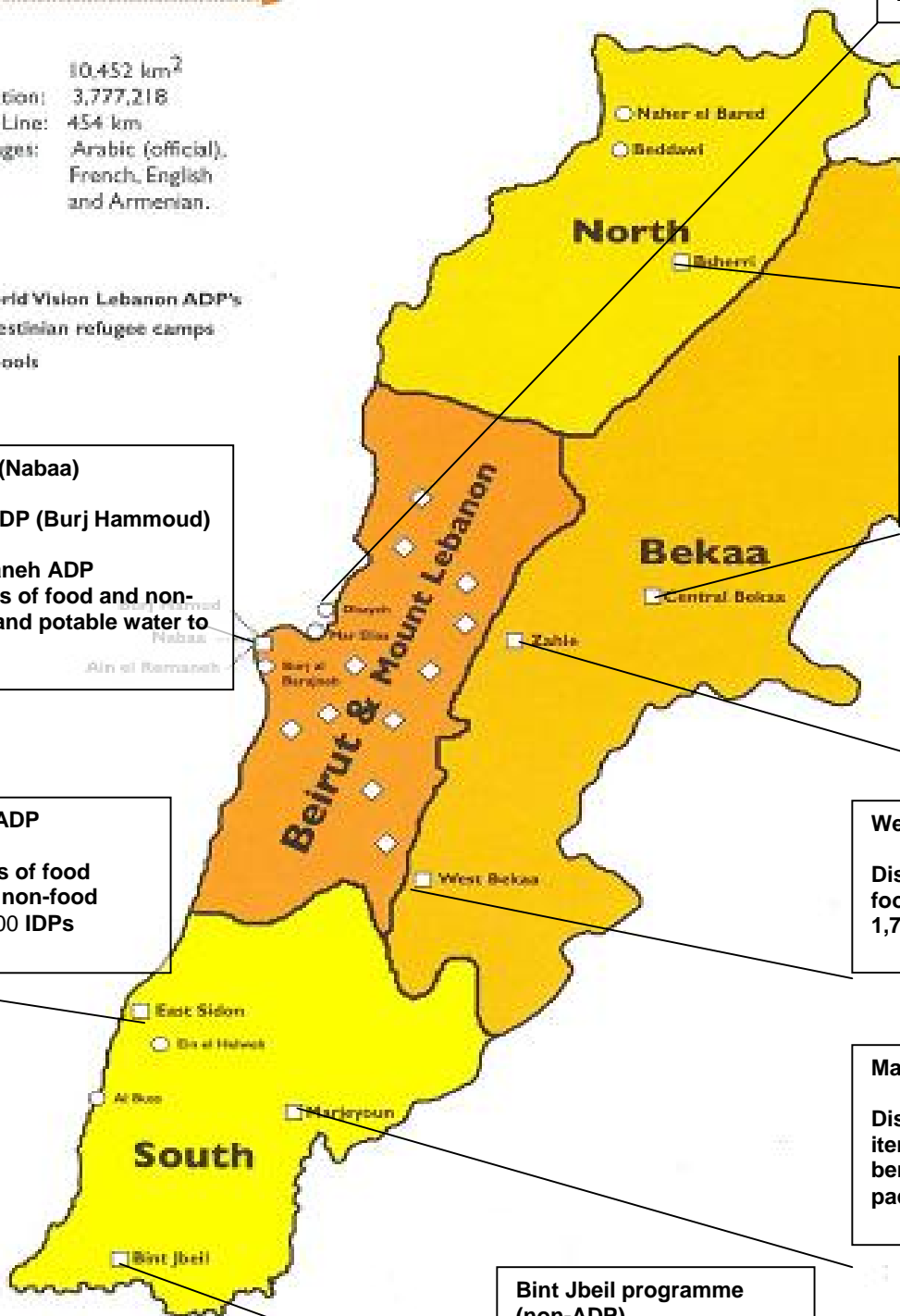
World Vision Response in Lebanon RELIEF SNAPSHOT

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Lebanon

Area: 10,452 km²
 Population: 3,777,218
 Coast Line: 454 km
 Languages: Arabic (official),
 French, English
 and Armenian.

- World Vision Lebanon ADP's
- Palestinian refugee camps
- ◇ Schools



Beirut ADP (Nabaa)
Armenian ADP (Burj Hammoud)
Ain el Remaneh ADP
 Distributions of food and non-food items and potable water to 15,900 IDPs

East Sidon ADP
 Distributions of food parcels and non-food items to 4,000 IDPs

Bint Jbeil programme (non-ADP)
 Distributions of food parcels to 3,750 beneficiaries

Palestinian refugee camp of Dbayeh (non-ADP program)
 Ongoing distributions of food items, potable water and non-food items distributed to 200 IDPs

North ADP (Becharré and surrounds):
 Ongoing distributions of food, non-food items and medicines to 4,000 IDPs

Central Bekaa ADP
 Distributions of food and non-food items to an estimated 1,700 IDPs

Zahle Bekaa ADP
 Distributions of non-food and food items to an estimated 1,700 IDPs

West Bekaa ADP
 Distribution of non-food and food items to an estimated 1,700 IDPs

Marjeyoun ADP
 Distributions of food, non-food items and medicines to 7,770 beneficiaries. Another 2,250 relief packs distributed this week.

World Vision Lebanon

Relief Programme Update - 22 August 2006

Current reported # of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in country: 971, 361 IDPs
(Lebanese Higher Relief Council)

Total # of IDPs and other beneficiaries assisted by World Vision to date: 40, 570

World Vision Lebanon (WVL)'s first 30 days of relief operations focused on all nine Area Development Programmes (ADPs), where tens of thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) sought shelter after being uprooted from their communities by the conflict in Lebanon that began on 12 July 2006.

Based on the hope that the 14 August ceasefire will hold and IDPs will return in large numbers to their communities, World Vision's second phase of its relief response will focus on southern Beirut and the corridor between Marjeyoun and Rmeish.

World Vision's focus areas will include agricultural/economic recovery, public health, water & sanitation, protection, child programming and building local capacities for peace.

The following relief operations have been carried out to date, in assistance to more than 40,570 IDPs and other beneficiaries:

■ In South Lebanon:

South Lebanon is the most dangerous region where WVL is engaged in relief operations, due to widespread devastation of buildings and infrastructure and the threat from unexploded ordnance.

- **In East Sidon**, World Vision Lebanon (WVL) assisted some **3,700 IDPs** in its East Sidon ADP with food parcels (bread, pulses, jam, cheese, tuna, milk) and non-food items (shampoo, toilet paper, diapers, sanitary pads, detergents, and mattresses). These IDPs were scattered across various villages of the area.
- **In Marjeyoun and Bint Jbeil**, WVL assisted **2,250 non-displaced people** with food and non-food items, as well as medicines in the isolated areas of Marjeyoun. So far, WVL has assisted **10,000 IDPs and residents** in the isolated areas of the South.

■ In North Lebanon:

In North Lebanon, WVL assisted some **4,300 IDPs** in its North ADP (Becharre and surrounds) with mattresses, diapers, medicines and food items including vegetables and pulses. WVL assisted **6,000 IDPs** in the area of North Lebanon. A medical doctor who is a committee member in one of the North ADP villages was continuously checking the health of IDPs living in the Becharre area.

■ In Beirut and Mount Lebanon:

IDPs in Beirut and Mount Lebanon were relatively accessible by road due to their concentrations in and around the capital of Beirut. IDPs flooded into three ADPs in poor urban neighbourhoods of Beirut (Ain el Remaneh ADP, Nabaa and Burj Hammoud ADPs) and another smaller IDP group established temporary residence in a Palestinian refugee camp north of Beirut where WVL has long-established programming.

- **In Nabaa and Burj Hammoud**, WVL assisted **750 IDPs** in the area of Burj Hammoud living in abandoned residences or at relatives' homes. Some **6,000 IDPs** living in 17 gatherings were provided food and non-food items. WVL served almost **7,000 IDPs** in the area of Nabaa/Sin El Fil/Burj Hammoud.
- **In Ain el Remaneh**, also in north Beirut, WVL assisted more than **7,000 IDPs** in 12 gatherings with food items including pulses, bread, jam, tuna and cheese, as well as potable water, shampoo, sanitary items, diapers, liquid soap and disinfectant. Recreational and therapeutic activities were also been initiated for youth and children in 12 IDP locations within this ADP.
- **In the Dbayeh Palestinian Refugee Camp** WVL assisted some **200 IDPs** with the above-mentioned food and non-food items.

■ **In the Bekaa Valley:**

Access to the Bekaa Valley was very limited due to bombardments of roads leading into the region eastward from Beirut and westward from the Syrian border. WVL's relief operations are limited to the Central Bekaa and Zahle ADPs, which straddle two different areas of bombardment in northern and southern Bekaa. Thousands of IDPs crossed through these ADPs while moving eastward towards and across the Syrian border, where some 150,000 refugees from Lebanon resided.

- Distributions to some **3,200 IDPs** occurred in the areas of Central and West Bekaa, Zahle and their vicinities. WVL staff in respective areas met with NGO (Non-Governmental Organizations) and GO (Governmental Organizations) representatives working in the Bekaa to organize emergency relief and avoid duplication of work and to serve as many IDPs as possible.

■ **About World Vision Lebanon and its HEA Unit:**

World Vision began its work in Lebanon in 1975 and has remained operational throughout years of conflict since that time with programmes that have included child education, emergency relief and child-focused community development. Current programming encompasses child healthcare, education, environmental sustainability, income generation and agricultural development.

WVL's Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs (HEA) unit began mounting a major relief response in the first week of this current conflict. An assessment team was also formed to gather information about IDPs, their locations and needs. The HEA unit has subsequently expanded to include a number of WVL development workers within the national office and in the field.

To date, WVL team has intervened in 10 locations within its nine ADPs, as well as assisting IDPs and other persons in need within isolated areas of southern Lebanon.

Number of staff: 118

Number of projects: 42