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Executive Summary

Lebanon entered 2026 already facing a severe humanitarian and economic crisis, with widespread poverty, strained public services, and nearly 3 million people in need of assistance. CVC's interventions between December 2025 and March 2026 were part of the "Season of Giving" campaign, spanning Christmas, Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr, and Easter. This approach strengthened resource mobilization and ensured sustained support to vulnerable communities during a period of heightened need. However, the situation deteriorated dramatically following a sharp escalation in hostilities beginning in late February and intensifying throughout March.

Airstrikes and widespread insecurity triggered mass displacement exceeding 1.1 million people, forcing families to flee from southern Lebanon, the Bekaa Valley, and areas near Beirut under urgent and often life-threatening conditions. Many displaced households arrived in overcrowded shelters without basic belongings, facing acute shortages of food, water, sanitation, and healthcare.

Children and women have been disproportionately affected. Nearly one in five children in Lebanon was displaced within a single month, severely disrupting education and increasing exposure to trauma and psychological distress. Shelter conditions remain critical, with overcrowding, lack of privacy, and inadequate services posing serious protection risks.

In response, CVC rapidly adapted its programming to address the escalating crisis. While maintaining ongoing education and protection initiatives established in January and February, the organization shifted to a full-scale emergency response in March under the "Lebanon Cannot Wait" campaign.

Through a combination of direct implementation and strategic partnerships, CVC delivered life-saving assistance across multiple sectors, including food security, shelter, education, and psychosocial support. Between January and March 2026, 87,655 individuals were reached, demonstrating CVC's operational flexibility and commitment to responding to urgent humanitarian needs.

Despite these efforts, the scale and speed of the crisis continue to outpace available resources, underscoring the urgent need for sustained humanitarian funding and expanded response capacity.



CVC Strategy (Jan–Mar 2026) – Summary

CVC implemented an integrated, flexible response combining education, protection, and emergency relief to support vulnerable and displaced populations in Lebanon.

-Education: Expanded access through mobile and community-based programs, delivering literacy, numeracy, and psychosocial support, with a focus on children, youth, and girls in camps.

-Protection & PSS: Provided GBV awareness, legal support, and psychosocial services, shifting to emergency protection and psychological first aid during escalation.

-Emergency Relief: Delivered food, hygiene items, shelter support, and other essentials through both Ramadan assistance and crisis response.

-Rapid Adaptation: Transitioned quickly from planned programs to emergency interventions in response to conflict and displacement.

-Partnerships: Leveraged collaborations to scale impact and reach more beneficiaries.



Key Highlights of CVC implementation

-CVC delivered critical education support across the Beqaa and Mount Lebanon, combining formal schooling and mobile learning approaches to reach children in vulnerable and displaced communities. Through Aman School, SNEH, and the School in a Bus initiatives, children and youth accessed literacy, numeracy, and life skills education, alongside psychosocial support to help them cope with crisis-related stress.

-Protection activities reached 632 beneficiaries through awareness sessions, inclusion support, and psychosocial services. Following the escalation in March, CVC rapidly shifted to emergency response, providing psychological first aid and urgent support to displaced children and women in shelters.

-Under the Lebanon cannot wait campaign, CVC's shelter and relief response addressed urgent food and basic needs through a combined Ramadan and emergency approach. Over 10,000 food parcels, ready-to-eat kits, and hot meals were distributed before March 2026, alongside clothing and essential items, ensuring immediate support to displaced and vulnerable families. CVC expanded its reach by delivering food, hygiene kits, and sleeping materials to displaced populations across multiple regions. These combined efforts enabled CVC to support 87,655 individuals with life-saving assistance during the reporting period.

School in a Bus and Community Education Programs Reach 1,114 Children

In 2026, several education-focused initiatives were implemented across the Beqaa and Mount Lebanon to expand access to learning opportunities for children and youth, particularly in vulnerable communities. In Barelias, the Aman School served 262 children and teenagers by providing a proper learning environment aligned with official curricula. In Majdel Anjar, the SNEH program supported 30 children with structured education based on standard academic frameworks. Meanwhile, the School in a Bus initiative (SIAB1) in the Beqaa, implemented in partnership with CVC Charity and the Read Foundation. Continued its four-year mobile education program targeting 400 children annually, especially those aged 8 to 14 and youth girls living in camps. The bus functions as a fully equipped mobile classroom delivering Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN) and Youth Basic Literacy and Numeracy (YBLN) curricula directly inside camps, alongside Arabic and English literacy sessions, mathematics and science classes, psychosocial support (PSS), and parent awareness activities. Building on this model, the SIAB2 project in Mount Lebanon, running for five years.



Reached children in camps, youth girls, and displaced families in shelter centers. The program supported 92 children, 30 youth girls, around 250 indirect beneficiaries, and an additional 300 beneficiaries in shelters through Early Childhood Education (ECE), BLN, and YBLN activities. Services included Arabic and English language education, science and mathematics lessons, psychosocial support, extracurricular activities, religious education, and vocational handicraft training such as crochet, gypsum art, and decorative crafts, in addition to emergency PSS sessions for displaced children and youth girls. Together, these initiatives highlight a comprehensive approach to mobile and community-based education that addresses both academic learning and psychosocial wellbeing.

632 Beneficiaries Reached Through Hope, Harmony and Dignity Project

Under the Hope, Harmony and Dignity project, a three-year ongoing initiative implemented by CVC in partnership with Stichting Vluchteling, protection and psychosocial support activities were carried out in Beirut, Mount Lebanon, and Baalbek during January till March 2026, reaching 632 beneficiaries. In January and February, the project followed its planned approach, reaching 243 women and girls through structured protection awareness sessions on gender-based violence, legal rights, and reporting and referral pathways, and 16 persons with disabilities through inclusion activities, alongside psychosocial support sessions for women and children using group discussions, stress-management techniques, art therapy, and play-based activities aimed at strengthening resilience and well-being. In March 2026, the escalation of hostilities and increased displacement across Lebanon required a rapid transition to an emergency response under the Lebanon Cannot Wait campaign, during which activities were adapted to reach displaced families in shelters and collective sites, providing rapid safety and awareness sessions, referral information, and emergency psychosocial support and psychological first aid to 424 children and 52 women, helping them cope with stress, fear, and uncertainty during the crisis.



Reaching 87,655 Individuals with Life-Saving Support Across Lebanon

During Ramadan 2026, which coincided with the escalation of the war in Lebanon starting February 28 and continuing thereafter, Shelter and Relief interventions were implemented through a dual approach combining Ramadan assistance and emergency response. As part of the Ramadan and Zakat Al-Fitr activities carried out in February and March, a total of 10360 food parcels were distributed to Palestinian, Lebanese, and Syrian beneficiaries, as well as 600 pairs of shoes. These food parcels were supported by our partner Ummah charity. Complementary Ramadan initiatives included the distribution of 200 food parcels through AMA, 649 food parcels in Beirut through Asunya, and the provision of community iftar and hot meals reaching 100 beneficiaries in North Lebanon, 50 in Beirut, and 100 in Bekaa. In parallel, emergency response efforts were launched to address urgent needs resulting from the conflict, including the distribution of 200 ready-to-eat kits in Mount Lebanon, 190 ready-to-eat kits accompanied by bread packs and water gallons, and 100 hot meals provided to Palestinian communities in North Lebanon. Additionally, through individual donor contributions (CVC), a combined total of 1,814 interventions were delivered across both Ramadan and emergency activities, including 1,136 ready-to-eat kits, 758 food parcels, and 573 hot meals, along with clothing vouchers for 300 children. Overall, these interventions enabled Shelter and Relief teams to support thousands of vulnerable individuals across multiple regions, ensuring both immediate humanitarian assistance and dignified support during Ramadan despite the ongoing crisis.



In collaboration with READ Foundation, 480 families received ready-to-eat food kits and hygiene kits, ensuring access to both nutrition and basic sanitation during displacement.

Through a large-scale new partnership from Global Ehsan Relief, CVC implemented distributions across 10 areas in Mount Lebanon, reaching 395 beneficiaries with bread packs, ready-to-eat kits, sleeping kits, and water gallons.

Meanwhile, the ongoing partnership with Stichting Vluchteling, which enabled the distribution of sleeping kits, including mattresses, blankets, and pillows, to 440 individuals across Beirut, Saida, and Ain El Remmaneh, helping displaced families access safer and more dignified living conditions. Thus brings the total of 87,655 individuals supported being supported.

365 families successfully received sponsorship assistance during the first quarter of 2026,



As humanitarian teams sustained critical support operations despite escalating conflict and access challenges.

From January through the end of March 2026, the Sponsorship Sector implemented a coordinated distribution plan targeting vulnerable families across Lebanon and Syria. The primary distribution took place on March 18, 2026, covering multiple locations in Lebanon, including Mount Lebanon, Beirut, Akkar, Tripoli, Aarsal, and the Bekaa.



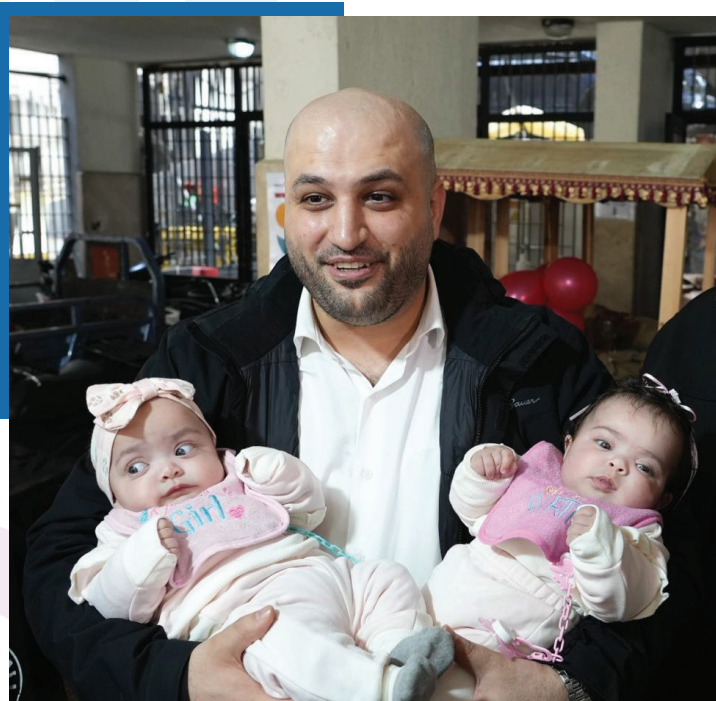
Due to the escalation of conflict in Lebanon during March, traditional field activities were significantly constrained, prompting a shift to remote implementation. No in-person beneficiary visits were conducted, and distributions were carried out through Whish Money in Lebanon and local transfer centers in Syria. Teams relied on remote communication to follow up with beneficiaries, ensure accountability, and complete all required reporting and documentation.

Challenges

The scale and speed of displacement during March 2026 placed significant pressure on CVC's ability to respond, as humanitarians need rapidly outpaced available resources. The sudden movement of over one million people created challenges in targeting, registration, and ensuring equitable assistance delivery, particularly in overcrowded shelters and informal settlements.

Access constraints and security risks in affected areas, especially in southern Lebanon and parts of the Bekaa Valley, limited the ability of field teams to conduct assessments and deliver assistance consistently. Rapidly changing displacement patterns further complicated planning and required continuous adaptation of response strategies.

Severe funding gaps remained a critical challenge, restricting the expansion of interventions despite increasing needs. While campaigns such as Season of Giving and Lebanon Cannot Wait enabled immediate response, available resources were insufficient to meet the growing demand for food, shelter, education, and protection services.



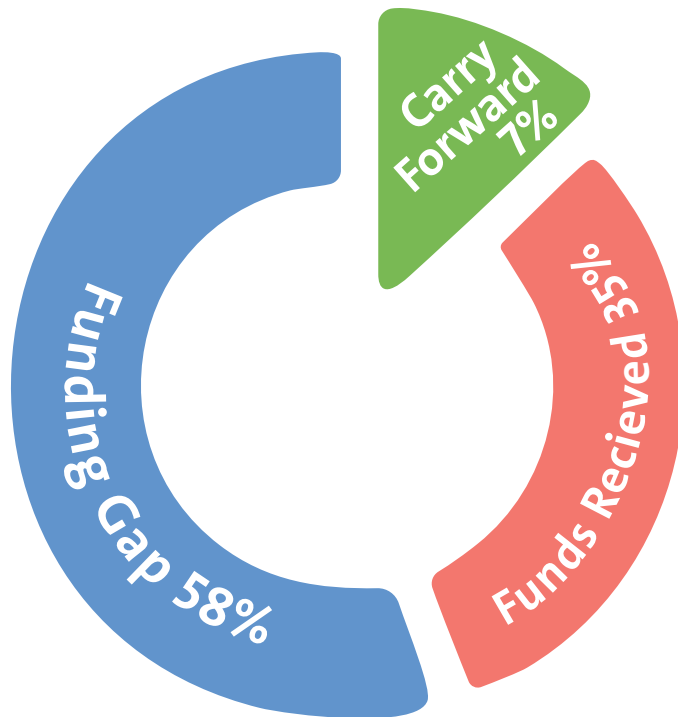
Humanitarian coordination

CVC operates within the national humanitarian coordination framework in close collaboration with relevant Lebanese government institutions, municipalities, and local authorities to ensure an effective and contextually appropriate response. Coordination is maintained with line ministries, local disaster management structures, and municipal authorities to facilitate needs-based targeting, access to affected communities, and alignment of interventions with national priorities.

CVC Response & Funding Overview Jan – March

In 2026, CVC reached nearly 89,000 vulnerable individuals across Lebanon through education, protection, psychosocial support, and emergency relief interventions. Despite significant program progress, the response remains critically underfunded, with only 35% of required resources secured and 58% of needs still unmet. Continued support is essential to sustain and scale life saving assistance.

Funding Status



Program Progress vs Funding

