

# ***LEBANON: BUILDING CAPACITIES***

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## ***The context***

Lebanon has experienced important changes in 2000. The withdrawal of the Israeli forces from South Lebanon in May has been one of the most significant events. Tens of thousands of people decided to return to their homeland. Consequently, the need for various kinds of assistance increased. Social services as well as the capacity of the country to respond to disasters and crisis are struggling to meet all the requirements.

Although the political situation in South Lebanon has been more or less stable since the withdrawal of the Israeli forces, a final political solution for the region seems still far away.

The Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) as the main first aid and medical emergency organisation in Lebanon has been using its maximum capacity to respond to various needs throughout the country with very limited governmental and international support.

## ***Latest events***

The return of a large number of people to South Lebanon created an extraordinary demand for social services and health care. New responsibilities of the Lebanese RC in South Lebanon, specially in the field of the first aid and ambulance services, require stronger support to the National Society.

## ***Red Cross/Red Crescent action***

Through its delegation in Beirut and in co-operation with some PNS, the Federation has been continuously providing assistance to the Lebanese Red Cross. With the contribution from the Norwegian Red Cross Society, nine additional ambulances were provided for the LRC in the framework of the Health Programme. The newly acquired ambulances will support the National Society in maintaining minimum requirements for the effective ambulance services in Lebanon.

With the response to the Federation's Appeal No. 14/2000 for South Lebanon, dated 5 June 2000, the Federation started with the implementation of some training programmes in support to social, medical and first aid services in the south. As the present situation affects the entire territory of the country and the capacity of the LRC in general, the needs within the framework of the capacity building programme are still extensive.

## ***Outstanding needs***

Although this Appeal is covered 44.4%, the increasing needs in first aid and health care, represent additional financial trial for the LRC and call for stronger donor support, specially in ambulances, first aid material and further capacity building.

## ***External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media***

The Federation has been in close contact with the government of Lebanon ( through the National Society), UN and ECHO representative in the region. After the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from South Lebanon, more frequent contacts have been established with local authorities in order to plan further humanitarian programmes in Lebanon.

## ***Contributions***

See Annex 1 for details.

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<b>Lebanon</b>						ANNEX 1
<b>APPEAL No. 01.65/2000</b>		<b>PLEDGES RECEIVED</b>				04/09/00
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1,475,000		<b>TOTAL COVERAGE</b> <b>44.4%</b>
Balance carried forward from 1999				22,630		
NORWAY - GOVT/RC		1,684,395	NOK	411,590	13/01/00	Earmarked for Organisational Dev. of the (incl. Del support)
NORWAY - RC		521,000	NOK	103,146	13/01/00	Earmarked for Organisational Dev. of the (incl. Del support)
NORWAY - GOVT/RC		360,080	NOK	71,287	13/01/00	DEL. SUPPORT
NORWAY - RC		90,020	NOK	17,822	13/01/00	DEL. SUPPORT
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH</b>				626,475	CHF	42.5%
<b>KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Norway	Delegate(s)			28,747		
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES</b>				28,747	CHF	1.9%
<b>ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED</b>				0	CHF	
<b>THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:</b>						
PLB000, PLB012.						