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The EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis

الصندوق الاستئماني الأوروبي 'مدد'

## Project Factsheet

### Providing essential life-saving care to refugees in Lebanon

#### OBJECTIVES

- Reduce avoidable deaths by ensuring a social safety net to cover critical emergencies.
- Provide vital care to refugees in Lebanon.

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

- Set up referral mechanisms for refugees to have better access to life-saving and emergency hospital care.
- Collaborate more effectively with the Ministry of Public Health to deliver more improved services.

#### BUDGET

EUR 15 million

#### START DATE

01/08/2017

#### DURATION

24 months

#### BENEFICIARIES

**140,000**

Lebanese and Syrian patients

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER



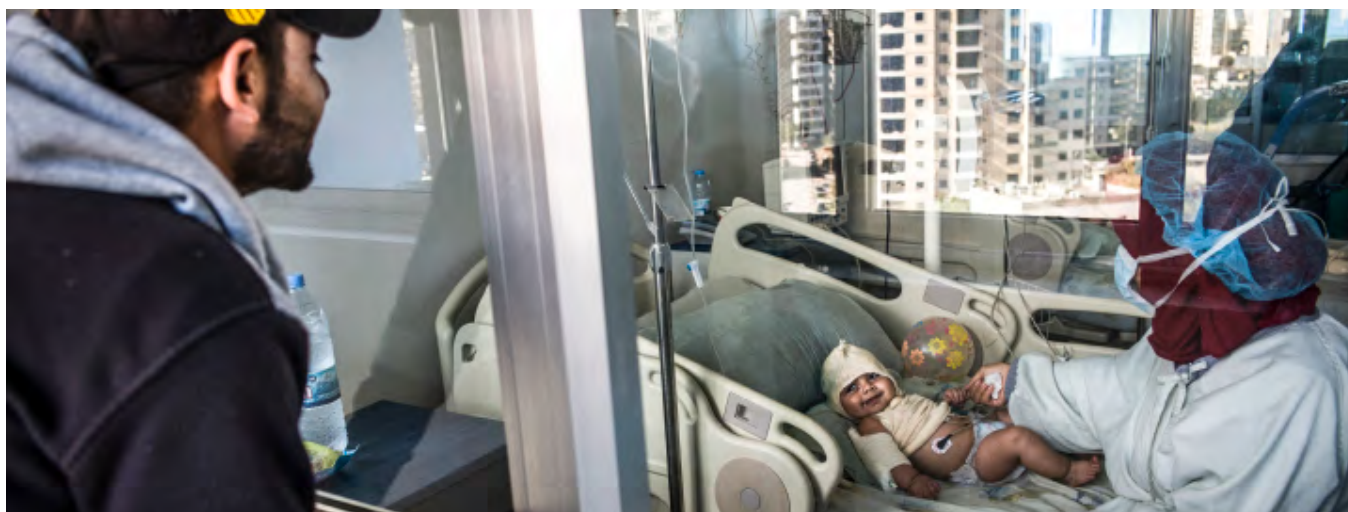
## PROJECT LOCATIONS



**UNHCR supports a network of hospitals across Lebanon.**

**The project also provides a 24/7 referral care call centre.**

## IMPACT



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### Omar

Omar was born in Lebanon, the first child of Syrian refugees who had fled the war in their home country six years ago. After meeting in Lebanon, the couple married and settled in Akkar, near the Syrian border in the north of the country where they welcomed Omar into their family.

One morning, Omar's mother went out to get bread and left Omar sleeping in his cot. When she came back, the tent was on fire. While their neighbour had managed to get the child out, Omar sustained third degree burns to his head and face, and was in urgent need of medical attention. The family took Omar to a local clinic, but due to monetary restrictions, they were advised to take him to the El Salam Hospital in Tripoli instead, where the UNHCR covers up to 90% of the costs.

*"We took immediate care of him,"* says Dr Gabriel Sabeh, Director of El Salam Hospital. *"Burn treatments were immediately administrated and after that, once the wounds became neat, we started cellular therapy. His wounds are healing, so soon, I hope, he will be fine."*

While Omar's father works in agriculture, his work doesn't allow him to make enough money to cover his family's needs. Thanks to UNHCR – and with the support of the EUTF – Omar has been able to receive the life-saving treatment he needs.

A few months later and Omar's father has managed to build a new home for his small family. Omar's mother, who refuses to let Omar out of her sight for even a second, is watching her eight-month child gradually recover. Despite the difficulties they have been through, Omar's survival has given his family new hope.