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Project Factsheet

Strengthening the health care system resilience and provision of chronic and acute medications at primary health care centres and dispensaries for vulnerable Syrian refugees and Lebanese host communities

OBJECTIVES

- Improve access to quality non-communicable diseases (NCDs) care among vulnerable Syrian and Lebanese populations.
- Contribute to achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) with high quality, people-centred primary care.
- Improve access to comprehensive quality acute diseases care among vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugee populations.

BUDGET

EUR 38.4 million

START DATE

07/04/2018

DURATION

56 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 92,000 to 97,000 vulnerable Syrian and Lebanese patients benefit from continued access to NCD care at 420 Primary Health Care (PHC) and dispensaries.
- Resilience of structures and mechanisms for governing and regulating the health sector improved over the next 5 years.
- Primary care service delivery structures and processes better aligned with the requirements of universal coverage with high quality, people-centred primary care.
- 350,000 vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugee patients with acute conditions have comprehensive access to acute care and medications in 227 Ministry of Public Health PHC centres per year for 2 years.

BENEFICIARIES

2,000,000

Lebanese and
Syrian refugee
patients

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER



World Health
Organization

Lebanon

PROJECT LOCATIONS



Lebanon, with special focus on areas with high concentration of Syrian refugees

OUR IMPACT



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The EU Trust Fund, through WHO Lebanon, is supporting provision of chronic medications for vulnerable Syrians refugees and Lebanese host communities via a network of 420 health facilities since the beginning of 2018.

The project supports the national chronic medications program which is a partnership between the Ministry of Public Health and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). 73,549 Lebanese and Syrians benefited from chronic medications during the first year of the project.

Nelly has diabetes, hypertension, and osteoporosis. She had also suffered a stroke. She learnt about the chronic medications

program because she frequents the centre for mammography. If she doesn't receive her medications monthly, she will be forced to buy them from the pharmacy and this will lead to further aggravating her financial situation.

"I want to live longer for my children. The centre and services [including chronic medications] is a sanctuary to me. Everyone is kind. I am grateful [for the medication] with all my heart."

Another beneficiary of this program, Maryam, has diabetes and hypertension and her husband and extended family also benefit from this program.

"What these centres offer [in terms of chronic medications] is helping a lot of people, especially since [economic] conditions in the country are getting worse. More and more people rely on these centres and programs. This program is important for me and my whole family, these medications are essential because you cannot get out of having diabetes or blood pressure issues. I trust the doctors and medications here."