

Cash for Rent in Lebanon

Theme: Shelter / refugees

Country: Lebanon

Timeline: 1 year or more

Key objectives:

- Preventing evictions of most vulnerable refugees and members of Lebanese host communities
- Provision of rapid shelter assistance to evicted refugees and members of host communities in Greater Beirut, Northern Lebanon and Bekaa
- Contributing to maintaining decent, dignified living standard of the most vulnerable populations in Lebanon
- Cash for Rent assistance can benefit Syrian refugees, impoverished Lebanese nationals, or both communities

Key activities:

- Cash assistance disbursed through ATM cards
- PCPM experience in Cash for Rent since 2012
- Monitoring every two months (conditional assistance)
- Duration of assistance: 6-12 months
- Rates: Beirut \$200 / family / month, other regions \$100 / family / month

Project rationale:

Despite almost 9 years that passed from the beginning of the Syrian crisis, the needs of the refugees in Lebanon remain very high while the funding for humanitarian aid has not increased adequately. Adding to the many years of displacement, the recent economic crisis in Lebanon has hit the vulnerable members of both refugee and host communities, affecting their ability to cover the most basic needs. In the last quarter of 2019, there has been a 10-fold increase of the number of families in acute need of shelter assistance, in comparison to the previous quarters.

Related PCPM activities:

PCPM has operated in Lebanon since July 2012, being one of the longest operating NGOs that respond to Syrian refugee crisis. For the last 7 years PCPM has operated in Northern Lebanon, in the close proximity of Syrian border, where we provided humanitarian aid to over 100,000 refugees. Since 2012, all PCPM activities in Lebanon have been coordinated with the UN and are part and parcel of a UN-led humanitarian appeal titled "Lebanon Crisis Response Plan" (LCRP). PCPM Lebanon, duly registered in the country, operates 3 field offices and employs over 60 staff that work in the sectors of shelter, non-food items, health, education, WASH, social stability and livelihoods (the latter including agriculture).

PCPM has been implementing Cash for Rent since 2012. The total number of households assisted since the beginning has exceeded 4.000. The main area of operation has been Akkar with over 2.000 families, but the activity has been implemented also in other areas of Lebanon - in Beirut and Mount Lebanon, Tripoli and in the Bekaa.

Indicative project budget (USD):

Budget line	1,000 families in Beirut	1,000 families outside Beirut	500 families in Beirut, 500 outside
Cash for Rent assistance	\$1,200,000	\$600,000	\$900,000
Banking costs, staffing, operations	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$225,000

