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#4LEBANON



**NOBODY WANTS TO BE A REFUGEE
EVERYBODY WANTS THINGS TO
RETURN TO NORMAL**

ABOUT LHIF:

The Lebanon Humanitarian INGO Forum (LHIF) is a group of 39 international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) who are working to address the needs of vulnerable individuals, families and communities throughout Lebanon. The purpose of LHIF is to help increase the effectiveness of members' work by facilitating coordination, advocacy, representation and information sharing. LHIF works to develop a unified INGO voice on issues of common concern and provides a platform to facilitate action on joint initiatives.

Formed in October 2012, LHIF is an independent NGO forum where all members have an equal voice in decision-making. All LHIF members meet the following criteria:

- registered as an NGO in a foreign country;
- registered in Lebanon (or in process of registration);
- signatory to the Code of Conduct of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief;
- operating in humanitarian sectors;
- currently implementing projects in Lebanon.

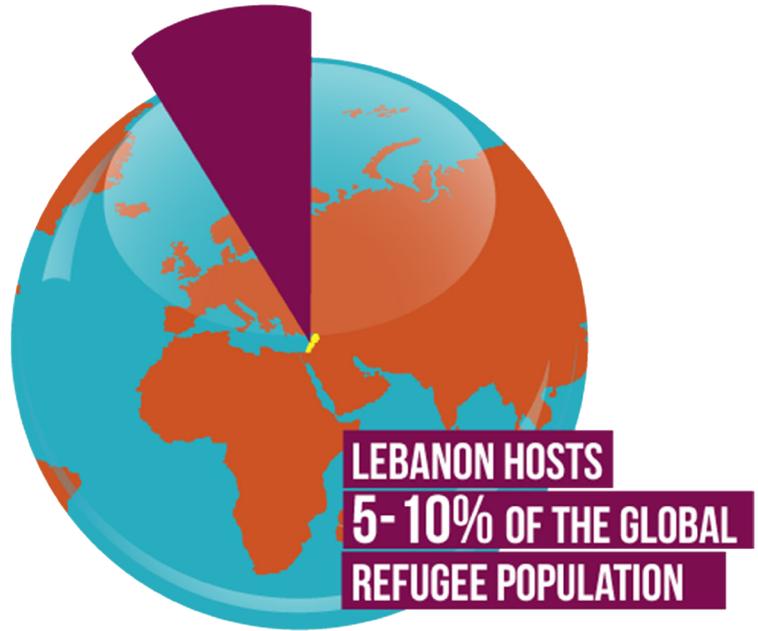
A five-member Steering Committee, elected every six months, represents the LHIF externally and oversees LHIF activities. Under the leadership of the LHIF Coordinator, a permanent Secretariat provides strategic, technical and logistical support to further LHIF initiatives. The LHIF Secretariat is administratively hosted by the Norwegian Refugee Council and funded by the Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department of the European Commission (ECHO).

For more information or to inquire about membership, please email the LHIF Coordinator at coordinator@lhif.org

SYRIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON

1 IN 4 PEOPLE

IN LEBANON IS A SYRIAN REFUGEE



LHIF'S WORK:



Coordinate: LHIF facilitates coordination among members by sharing information and identifying strategic issues of concern.



Advocate: LHIF advocates with a unified and consistent voice for better support to and solidarity with vulnerable and crisis-affected populations in Lebanon.



Engage: LHIF facilitates representation of INGOs in response leadership bodies and works to enhance engagement of NGOs throughout response planning and coordination mechanisms.

LHIF MEMBERS' WORK:

The work of LHIF members covers all sectors within the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan: education, health, food security, protection, shelter, basic assistance, livelihoods, social stability, water and sanitation; as well as long-term development programs. LHIF members work closely with the communities they serve, local civil society, municipalities, the Ministry of Social Affairs, and technical ministries such as the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the Ministry of Public Health, and the Ministry of Energy and Water. In 2016, LHIF members worked in partnership with over 100 national NGOs.

All LHIF members work with both displaced and host communities: In 2016, 96.43% of LHIF members worked with Lebanese and Syrian communities and 78.57% worked with Palestinian communities.