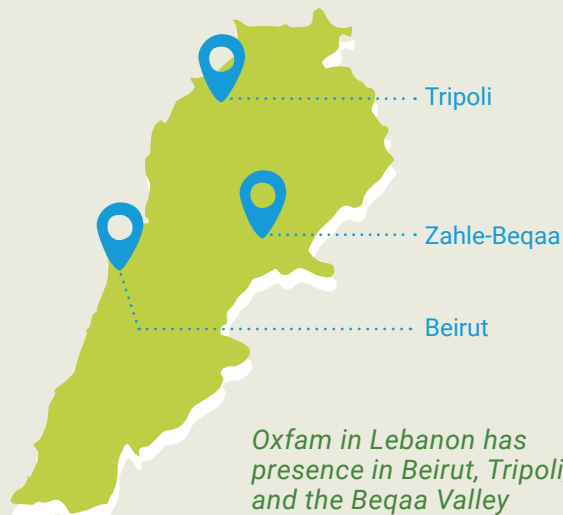


## OXFAM IN LEBANON

Oxfam has been delivering programmes and creating an impact in Lebanon continuously since its inception in 1993. We are active in the sectors of **Inclusive Economic Development, Humanitarian Response and Resilience, Good Governance, and Gender Justice**. In addition, our **Policy, Advocacy, and Influencing work** is firmly grounded in programmatic evidence and ongoing political and economic analyses. This integrated approach allows us to effectively bridge the gap between programmes and advocacy, enabling us to implement comprehensive interventions that bring about meaningful change.



## SAVING LIVES NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

Through Oxfam's Humanitarian Programme in Lebanon, we aim to empower and alleviate the suffering of marginalized women, men, and people with diverse SOGIESC, including refugee, migrant, and host communities, and to ensure basic needs are met and rights are upheld in the face of current and future crises and shocks. Our approach centralizes local humanitarian leadership for service provision and delivery. To this aim, we partner with civil society organizations and local and national structures to provide protection and basic services.



In the past year, Oxfam reached over **180,000 INDIVIDUALS** with humanitarian assistance, with **52%** of them being **women and girls**.

### COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION

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Being the only actor in Lebanon to adopt the Group Cash Transfer (GCT) approach, Oxfam has worked on embedding decision making within affected communities, working with 6 informal groups/structures across the country and transferring decision making power to crisis-affected communities. To that end, Oxfam has supported 8 informal groups across the country, including migrant, LGBTQIA+, women, and Palestinian refugee groups to implement community-led protection and basic assistance interventions.

### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



Our programme aims to support marginalized women and men in realizing their rights to **safe and adequate water and sanitation**. We work towards ensuring public health while minimizing the depletion of Lebanon's natural resources. We also design and implement projects that aim to strengthen governance and support with small and medium infrastructure development. More recently, Oxfam has partnered with local organizations in the Beqaa to strengthen local protection, resilience, and self-reliance for the most vulnerable groups by improving access to WASH services. Between 2022 and 2024, our WASH services reached 37,118 unique individuals in the region and indirectly impacted tens of thousands more. Around the same period, Oxfam also participated in the rehabilitation of local water supply systems, sanitation facilities and sewage networks for 12,500 individuals in crises-affected areas.

Oxfam has also been at the forefront of innovative gender-transformative programming. In our WASH interventions, Oxfam is always committed to shifting gender norms and breaking gender-based roles. Notably this year, Oxfam trained 50 young women in the maintenance and repair of WASH facilities, provided them with equipment kits, and connected them with safe job opportunities.

Moreover in 2022, Oxfam also undertook a project to equip water pumping stations with solar systems in water deprived areas, reaching 16,147 individuals and 6 public schools. For more on renewable energy work, check Oxfam's brief: Sustainable Solutions and System Change.

### ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES AND IMPROVING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURES AND SERVICES

In collaboration with specialized partners, Oxfam in Lebanon works to provide the most vulnerable in urban and rural areas with access to basic services in the form of legal assistance on administrative procedures and intervention in courts, legal representation for cases of childbirth and marriage registration, lawyer and detention fees, referrals, and psycho-social support, with a focus on case management for GBV survivors and those at risk.

Since 2014, Oxfam in Lebanon has increasingly built relationships with municipalities and local authorities and invested resources to improve the quality of public infrastructures and services, while offering the most vulnerable individuals with short-term income-generating opportunities. Through our employment-intensive projects, we have been able to rehabilitate urban infrastructures, including schools, and offered temporary livelihood opportunities to around 1,000 refugees and Lebanese in the Beqaa and North Lebanon.

In the last two years, Oxfam has provided protection services and implemented Community-Based protection interventions for 9,290 individuals in the Beqaa region. Services included training local groups in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, providing legal and case management services to SGBV survivors, and raising awareness on SGBV, with our SGBV-related components benefiting 4,880 individuals. Considering the severe impact of the economic crisis affecting women to practice hygienic management of menstrual hygiene, Oxfam has adopted an integrated approach to MHM to tackle the growing issue of period poverty. As such, Oxfam has been raising awareness on menstrual hygiene management and regularly distributing MHM kits to around 5000 vulnerable women and girls of reproductive age in different areas, including kits for women and girls with disability. In parallel, Oxfam has been raising awareness on reusable pads as a sustainable, environmentally friendly, and cost-effective alternative to disposable pads. To that end, Oxfam has piloted two successful initiatives, one in Bekaa where 50 interested women and girls received reusable pads kits, and another in Tripoli where 60 women participated in vocational training on manufacturing and selling reusable menstrual hygiene pads to girls and women. The main outcomes of these pilots were increasing women's access to sustainable and affordable MHM products and enhancing their financial independence and decision-making power.

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### FOOD AND ECONOMIC SECURITY



Following the country's series of crises, Oxfam grew its focus on influencing and programmes that aim at addressing food and economic insecurity of marginalized populations. Oxfam is continuously advocating and engaging with the government of Lebanon and other stakeholders for the approval and implementation of inclusive and comprehensive Social Protection Programmes. At the same time, Oxfam is working with partners and SDCs to respond to life cycle as well as sudden shocks through cash plus interventions.

More so, following the increase in food insecurity rates in country, Oxfam has been targeting niche groups such as marginalized lactating women, older persons with no support and people living with disability, and those scoring low on poor food consumption scores with cash for food assistance. As of 2022, Oxfam has also provided 6,398 of the most vulnerable individuals, three quarters of whom are including LGBTQIA+ and migrant households, with Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) to cover the full Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB).

### WORKING WITH LOCAL CIVIL SOCIETY

Currently, Oxfam works with a portfolio of more than 30 local civil society and community-based organisations under the different streams of work. Oxfam in Lebanon's 2023-2028 strategy specifically looks at focusing its efforts to partner and support local grassroots formal and informal structures, Women's Rights Organisations and marginalised groups-led structures and organisations such as Refugee-led organisations and LGBTQIA+-led organisations. Oxfam is currently working with 9 local and national partners on advancing the feminist agenda in Lebanon and the region.



**30+ LOCAL PARTNERS**

### HUMANITARIAN PREPAREDNESS



In the summer of 2021, Lebanon was declared a CAT2 emergency by the Oxfam confederation in light of the deteriorating situation in the country and in response to the Beirut Blast on August 4th, 2020. As such, Oxfam in Lebanon has developed Contingency and Preparedness Plans which were completed in the first quarter of 2022 and response plans for the Economic Collapse and then the Cholera Outbreak. The two emergencies have generated lessons learned which have been taken up by the team in preparation for potential future emergencies. Oxfam teams and partners are also being trained on preparedness, and emergency responses in addition to specific themes and tools such as the Community Perceptions Trackers and Public Health Outbreaks.

The Oxfam team is well positioned to lead, implement, and support partners in responding to emergencies following the multiple emergencies responded to by the country office. Given the multiple converging Response Plans in country (LCRP and ERP), Oxfam is using interagency and sectoral platforms to advocate for the improvement of coordination efforts in preparations and to respond to emerging crises. Oxfam continues to support partners and local authorities in developing their own preparedness plans and strengthen their capacities to ensure efficiency and sustainability of actions.