



Stand-By Partnership Surge Request Form

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Requesting Country/Regional Office:	Lebanon	Emergency Country:	Lebanon
CRD Geographical Branch:	MENA	Emergency Declaration:	None
Modality of Deployment:	In-Person	Duty Station:	Beirut
P Level:	P3	Profile Requested:	Humanitarian Affairs Officer
Duration in Months:	6	Proposed Start Date:	13/07/2026

CONTACT DETAILS

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Consulted OCHA Technical Sections:	True

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY

Brief Description of Emergency Outbreak/Upsurge and the Consequences for OCHA:

The people of Lebanon are facing a severe humanitarian crisis. Hostilities have escalated despite ceasefire announcements, driving renewed displacement and escalating humanitarian needs. Affected people are rapidly exhausting their coping capacities. Communities across southern Lebanon, the Bekaa, and Beirut's southern suburbs are facing a dire situation marked by civilian casualties, destruction of homes, loss of livelihoods, and severe psychosocial distress after months of sustained violence and displacement. Displaced people are living in untenable conditions and are in urgent need of assistance, both within and outside of collective shelters. People who return home will need sustained support to rebuild their lives. People remaining in areas affected by hostilities and displacement orders face dire conditions due to the hostilities, large-scale destruction of housing and civilian infrastructure, the disruption of basic services, and the presence of unexploded ordnance. UNOCHA is supporting the coordination of the response, in particular with humanitarian access and civil-military coordination, including through the Humanitarian Notification System.

Brief Surge Need Justification:

The significant deterioration in Lebanon's security environment following the escalation of hostilities in the south and across Lebanon necessitated the establishment of the humanitarian notification system, alongside a substantial increase in access analysis and related operational support requirements. This has taken place at a time when requests from humanitarian partners continue to grow within an operating environment characterized by persistent insecurity, volatility, and unpredictability, particularly in southern and eastern Lebanon, as well as an increasing need for strengthened coordination among humanitarian, military, and other relevant actors. In this context, the Access Team requires the immediate support of additional specialized capacity to address emerging access challenges and provide technical support across key workstreams, particularly access severity mapping, access monitoring and analysis, and the development of evidence-based access products to inform operational planning. To support OCHA's commitments under the IASC frameworks on humanitarian access and civil-military coordination, the Access Officer will provide critical support to the Access Team by conducting access severity mapping and analysis, updating and operationalizing the access strategy, monitoring and reporting on access constraints, identifying and mitigating access-related risks, and strengthening humanitarian notification and coordination mechanisms. This additional capacity will enable OCHA to more effectively support the Humanitarian Country Team in implementing its access strategy, delivering on the 2026-2027 workplan, and facilitating the safe, sustained, and principled delivery of humanitarian assistance to hard-to-reach and severely affected populations across Lebanon.

OCHA's Role and Key Challenges:

OCHA's overall goal in Lebanon is to ensure the delivery of effective and principled humanitarian action that meets the needs of the most vulnerable people. To achieve this, OCHA supports the humanitarian partners in operational coordination, humanitarian financing, public information, humanitarian analysis, advocacy and information management.

Main Partners and Stakeholders in the Field:

CMCoord, HNS, military, Security personnel and UNIFIL.

Long-Term Plan After SBP Deployment Ends:

The deployee will cover needs generated by the response and by the end of their deployment the country office will have assessed the longer-term needs and filled gaps with staff.

Will Other Surge Resources Be Requested?

Yes, we will submit more surge requests and SBP requests for complementary profiles.

ROLE REQUIREMENTS

Main Tasks and Duties to be Executed:

Under the supervision of the Head of Access and Civil-Military Coordination, the deployed Access Officer will support OCHA's access and coordination functions with a particular focus on strengthening evidence-based access analysis, monitoring constraints, and facilitating humanitarian operations in areas affected by insecurity and movement restrictions. • Lead the development and regular update of access severity mapping at the national and sub-national levels. • Collect, consolidate, and analyse access-related information from humanitarian partners and relevant stakeholders. • Produce periodic analytical products, and briefing materials on humanitarian access trends and constraints. • Support the review, updating, and implementation of the Lebanon Humanitarian Access Strategy and associated action plans. • Participate in access working groups, inter-sector coordination forums, and CMCoord cell processes as required. • Contribute to the management and strengthening of the humanitarian notification system established in response to the escalation of hostilities. • Support the analysis of notification trends, incidents, and lessons learned to improve operational effectiveness. • Provide technical advice and recommendations to humanitarian partners on notification procedures and related risk mitigation measures. • Ensure timely information sharing and coordination related to humanitarian movements in high-risk areas. • Contribute to the preparation of briefings, guidance notes, and standard operating procedures related to access and civil-military coordination. • Facilitate training sessions, workshops, and briefings on humanitarian access, notification mechanisms, and risk management.

Expected Outcome of the Deployment:

- An updated and operationalized Humanitarian Access Strategy that reflects the evolving operational environment in Lebanon.
- Regular access severity mapping and analytical products produced to support evidence-based planning and advice.
- Strengthened monitoring and reporting mechanisms for humanitarian access constraints, enabling timely identification of trends and risks.
- Support the management and effectiveness of the humanitarian notification system, contributing to safer humanitarian movements in high-risk areas.
- Increased availability of actionable access analysis to support response planning, prioritization, and resource allocation.

Language(s) Required:

English

Language(s) Desired:

Arabic

Specific Required Skills:

- Familiarity with humanitarian access concepts, monitoring and reporting frameworks an asset.
- Experience participating in and/or leading inter-agency coordination systems, policies and mechanisms an asset.
- Ability to work in remote field locations often in challenging work environments.
- Solid communication and people skills.
- Capacity to train others.
- Creativity to find solutions to access challenges problems.
- Ability to plan and organize both at an individual level and to organize offices and humanitarian partners.

OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Overall Security Situation:

Security level: High (5)

Duty Travel:

No travel.

Visa Requirements:

Entry visa requirement depends on nationality, otherwise OCHA will process the Visa through MOFA before departure.

Please confirm workstation & communication/MOSS equipment will be provided:

True

R&R Cycle and Location/Destination:

6 weeks

Is SSAFE Training Required?

True

Arrangements for SSAFE Training (if required):

Deployment of an SBP who has already completed SSAFE is requested

Medical Requirements (e.g. Vaccinations):

Nothing Significant To Report

Medical Facilities Available:

International standard medical facilities available.

Living Conditions:

UNDSS approved hotel or apartment in the duty station.

Accommodation Provision:

SBP self-arrangement in a building approved by UNDSS.

APPROVALS

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