As the Syrian conflict enters its seventh year, the humanitarian crisis in Lebanon remains one of the world's worst. Syrian refugees comprise approximately one fifth of Lebanon's population which, combined with 450,000 registered Palestinian refugees, represents the highest per-capita refugee population in the world. The 1,011,366 registered Syrian refugees and as many, if not more, vulnerable Lebanese present a complex challenge for the government and humanitarian community.

Refugees and Vulnerable Localities

Number of Syrian refugees by district

- UNRWA Palestinian refugee camp
- Governorate boundary
- District boundary

Vulnerable localities*
Mar. 2015

- Most vulnerable
- Moderately vulnerable
- Less vulnerable

* A national exercise correlating poverty data and UNHCR registration data has identified 251 of Lebanon's cadastres as particularly vulnerable – home to 87 percent of Lebanon's Syrian and Palestinian refugees, and 67 percent of deprived Lebanese.

Density of Syrian refugee informal settlements**
Apr. 2017

High
Low

** Approximately 15% of Syrian refugees reside in informal settlements, which consist of tents and makeshift structures and are characterized by extremely poor living conditions.

Shelter and Informal Settlements

Percentage of Syrian refugee households in residential buildings

- Greater than 80%
- 65% - 80%
- Less than 65%

Sources: UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRWA

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