

Lebanon

Australia's aid partnership with Lebanon

Australia has budgeted [A\\$144.6 million in ODA to the Middle East and Africa for 2026-27](#). Since 2017 Australia has [committed more than A\\$178 million in humanitarian assistance to Lebanon](#), including \$30.5 million after the 2023–24 border escalation, to protect vulnerable Lebanese and the country's 1.5 million displaced Syrians. Lebanon has a population of approximately [5.8 million](#) and Gross National Income per capita of [US\\$3,560 \(2024\)](#).

Development challenges

Lebanon ranks [102 out of 193 on the Human Development Index](#), with significant development challenges including:

- Deep economic contraction and high inflation
- World-leading number of refugees per capita
- Recovery needs from 2020 Beirut port explosion and 2024 conflict damage
- Rising poverty and unemployment
- Political instability and weakened state institutions

Priority sectors

[Humanitarian assistance, protection services and livelihood opportunities](#).

Project spotlights

1. [Aid for vulnerable women in Lebanon](#)

Delivered by: UN Women

Objective: to help women and their families have access to emergency livelihood opportunities and basic sanitary necessities.

2. [Removing barriers: The path towards inclusive access](#)

Delivered by: Humanity & Inclusion

Objective: to address the lack of disability data in the Syria crisis context and recommend inclusive actions to be prioritised by humanitarian actors.

Sources

- [Australia's Official Development Assistance Budget Summary 2026-27 \(DFAT 2026\)](#)
- [Lebanon country brief \(DFAT 2026\)](#)
- [Lebanon overview \(World Bank 2026\)](#)
- [Human Development Insights \(UNDP 2026\)](#)
- [Aid for vulnerable women in Lebanon \(Keuchkerian 2022\)](#)
- [Removing barriers: The path towards inclusive access \(Humanity & Inclusion 2018\)](#)