



The Department for International Development (DFID) leads the UK's global efforts to end extreme poverty, deliver the Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs) and tackle a wide range of global development challenges. The UK's focus and international leadership on economic development is a vital part of Global Britain - harnessing the potential of new trade relationships, creating jobs and channelling investment to the world's poorest countries. Throughout history, sustained, job-creating growth has played the greatest role in lifting huge numbers of people out of grinding poverty. This is what developing countries want and is what the international system needs to help deliver. Whilst there is an urgent need for traditional aid in many parts of the world, ultimately economic development is how we will achieve the Global Goals and help countries move beyond the need for aid.

Planned budget for 2018/19	£85m
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<p><b>Sector breakdown of 2018/19 bilateral plans</b></p> <table border="1"> <caption>Sector Breakdown Data</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Sector</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Humanitarian</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Economic Development</td> <td>16%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Governance and Security</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Human Development</td> <td>43%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sector	Percentage	Humanitarian	40%	Economic Development	16%	Governance and Security	1%	Human Development	43%	<p><b>Top 3 planned spending programmes in 2018/19 (as at 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018)</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Support to the United Nations (UN) World Food Programme (WFP) Syrian refugee response in Lebanon</td> <td>£30m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Support to Lebanon's Reaching All Children with Education plan (RACE II)</td> <td>£22.2m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lebanon No Lost Generation Initiative (NLGI)</td> <td>£13m</td> </tr> </table>	Support to the United Nations (UN) World Food Programme (WFP) Syrian refugee response in Lebanon	£30m	Support to Lebanon's Reaching All Children with Education plan (RACE II)	£22.2m	Lebanon No Lost Generation Initiative (NLGI)	£13m
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**Contribution to the Global Goals and other government commitments (achieved as at March 2018)\***

**166 thousand** children supported to gain a decent education

**471 thousand** people with sustainable access to clean water and/or sanitation

**9 thousand** children under 5, women and adolescent girls reached through nutrition related interventions

**Headline deliverables**

- Humanitarian:** We are delivering vital support to Syrian refugees in Lebanon, primarily through multi-purpose cash grants to around 10,000 of the most vulnerable Syrian refugee families every month. We are also providing improved shelter accommodation for over 22,000 vulnerable refugees and legal assistance, support and advice (e.g. birth/marriage registration, civil documentation) to over 97,000 refugees. We work with United Nations agencies to reform and ensure they deliver effectively for the world's most vulnerable and are value for money for the UK tax payer.
- Basic services:** We are working toward reaching the goal of all Syrian and Lebanese children getting a decent education. We will do this by working with the government of Lebanon to improve the quality of primary and secondary education. We are providing support for over 185,000 yearly enrolment costs for the formal education of vulnerable Lebanese and non-Lebanese children, and we are supporting up to 100,000 places for catch up education for children currently out of school.
- Economic development:** We are helping to create job opportunities for Lebanese and Syrians by supporting Small and Medium Enterprises to grow, and through targeted infrastructure investments. To date, over 30 thousand people have been supported through livelihoods interventions and more than 1,400 jobs have been created for vulnerable Lebanese and Syrians. We will consider providing a loan to

\* Results less than 1 million are rounded to the nearest thousand. Results over 1 million are rounded to the nearest hundred thousand.

a multilateral development bank to provide concessional finance to support the government of Lebanon's large infrastructure projects, and advise the government on economic reforms to help tackle Lebanon's macroeconomic challenges.

### Why DFID is investing in Lebanon

Lebanon is a small country in a volatile region. With a population of 4.4 million Lebanese people, Lebanon is under severe strain hosting around 1.5 million Syrian refugees and approximately a quarter of a million Palestinian refugees that have lived in Lebanon for decades. The living conditions of the most vulnerable - both refugees and poor Lebanese - have worsened significantly over the years and the situation facing the displaced is painfully acute. The strain of the Syrian conflict on Lebanon's own services and economy is immense, fuelling tensions between communities and exacerbating pre-existing fragility. This is made worse by poor job prospects, widespread inequality and social marginalisation. This risks growing violence, extremism and radicalisation, as well as onward migration to Europe.

### How will the UK respond to opportunities and challenges?

The UK led the international community in agreeing the 'Lebanon Statement of Intent' at the London Syria Conference in February 2016. This offered international support for education, jobs and humanitarian assistance, in exchange for policy commitments by the government of Lebanon (such as giving refugees the right to work in certain economic sectors). Under this approach DFID is supporting refugees and vulnerable host communities to co-exist peacefully until refugees are able to return safely. Our development support and technical expertise will generate investment and jobs, alongside longer term economic reforms; provide access to quality education to children; and provide humanitarian support to those most in need. We are working closely with the government of Lebanon on delivering the commitments made at the London, Brussels and Paris Conferences, stressing the importance of building on the achievements so far by implementing reforms that would foster economic growth and create jobs for Syrian refugees and poor Lebanese alike.

### What is being achieved for the UK?

DFID plays a central role in the UK Government's strategic aim of a Lebanon that is: a) stable, democratic, prosperous and secure; b) increasingly resilient to regional crises and the threat of violent extremism; c) able to provide social and economic opportunity to all people within its borders; and d) a strong partner on defence and security issues. Lebanon provides for 1.5 million refugees from Syria, more refugees per head than any other country. Conflict and instability in Lebanon would lead to serious humanitarian, political, economic and security consequences for the region, including the potential for significant irregular migration to Europe, and could harm the UK's national security interests.

### Partners

- DFID Lebanon's work is complemented by programmes managed by other parts of the organisation for example the support to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon through the United Nations Relief and Works Agency is managed by DFID's Occupied Palestinian Territories team.
- We work closely with the Prime Minister of Lebanon's team and key ministries to ensure UK support is rooted in our shared commitments to economic development, job creation and education opportunities, and to advise the government on economic reform.
- We work through United Nations agencies, the World Bank, private sector providers and international non-governmental organisations with specialist expertise. This approach allows us to spread risk and draw on the capabilities of different agencies.
- DFID Lebanon prioritises value for money. Our largest education programme only pays when key results have been delivered, and we are providing targeted technical expertise to the Ministry of Education to maximise the impact of our investment. Our humanitarian support is largely through cash transfers, which reach people in need directly and allow our funds to go further. We have worked to streamline the cash transfer system in Lebanon to achieve further efficiencies and increase accountability and transparency.