



**SALAM  
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**EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE**

**SALAM LEBANON  
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**A LOCAL RESPONSE TO SUPPORT  
DISPLACED FAMILIES AND  
VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES**

# ABOUT SALAM LADC

Salam LADC is a Lebanese NGO established in 2009, with a strong community presence in the Bekaa, Beirut, and South Lebanon. The organization delivers integrated programs in protection, education, food security, and social cohesion.

Since the onset of the current crisis, Salam has demonstrated a rapid and adaptive emergency response, activating its emergency warehouse in South Lebanon to support displaced populations in transit, particularly in Kawkaba. Shortly after, Salam established its Emergency Community Kitchen in the Bekaa (Saadnayel), with initial support from partners including Salam Norway, Emdad Relief, and Salam France, enabling a timely and effective response to urgent humanitarian needs.

Building on field assessments, Salam has continuously adapted its approach to focus on the most vulnerable populations, particularly displaced families living outside collective shelters, including those in informal settlements and overcrowded host communities.

With proven experience in emergency response—including meal distribution, psychosocial support, and community-based interventions—Salam remains a trusted frontline actor capable of delivering timely, dignified, and locally driven assistance.



# LEBANON CONTEXT IN 2026

Lebanon is facing a severe humanitarian crisis following the renewed escalation of hostilities across several regions of the country. Airstrikes, insecurity, and repeated displacement orders have triggered large-scale population movements from South Lebanon, the Bekaa, and the southern suburbs of Beirut, forcing hundreds of thousands of people to flee within a very short period.

Despite the entry into effect of a 10-day ceasefire on 17 April 2026, the humanitarian situation remains critical, with continued displacement and limited conditions for safe return. As of 23 April 2026, more than **121,225** displaced people are hosted in **642** collective shelters. The crisis has resulted in over **2,483** deaths and **7,707** injuries, and returns remain restricted to at least **74** localities in southern Lebanon due to ongoing military presence.

Overcrowding, limited sanitation, reduced privacy, and shortages of essential supplies are increasing protection risks, particularly for children, women, older persons, and persons with disabilities. At the same time, host communities and public services are under increasing pressure, with rising social tensions and unequal access to assistance especially for families outside official shelters.

Food prices have increased by approximately 6 per cent compared to February 2026, further limiting households' ability to meet basic needs, while the healthcare system remains under extreme strain, with six hospitals closed and 15 damaged.

In this context, there is an urgent need for flexible, community-based, and conflict-sensitive interventions that can reach underserved populations..

# 1. Current Situation Update and Salam's Response

Since the start of the escalation, Salam LADC has mobilized its teams, volunteers, and community networks to deliver rapid and locally grounded support across the Bekaa, South, and Beirut.

## Key response achievements include:

- **2,628 hot meals** provided through Salam's Emergency Community Kitchen in Saadnayel, targeting displaced families and vulnerable households in surrounding areas.
- **486 food parcels** distributed across Bekaa and South Lebanon through 11 distributions, reaching families residing outside collective shelters, particularly those in informal settlements and remote locations.
- Distribution of essential non-food items, including **25 mattresses**, **101 blankets** (81 in Bekaa and 20 in South), and 8 kitchen kits, supporting displaced families with basic living needs.
- Provision of basic assistance to vulnerable groups, including **20 milk distributions**, **14 diaper packs** (for children and elderly), and **15 clothing support cases**, mainly targeting families outside formal shelter systems.
- Distribution of **172 sweet boxes** (including 120 in Kfarchouba and 40 in Kawkaba), contributing to psychosocial support for children in affected communities.

Through its response, Salam has focused on addressing gaps identified through field assessments, particularly among populations not covered by formal shelter-based assistance, including displaced families living in tents, informal settlements, or overcrowded host community settings.

In Saadnayel and Beirut centre , Salam provides safe spaces for children, women, and vulnerable groups, including migrant communities, helping them cope with stress, fear, and the impact of displacement.

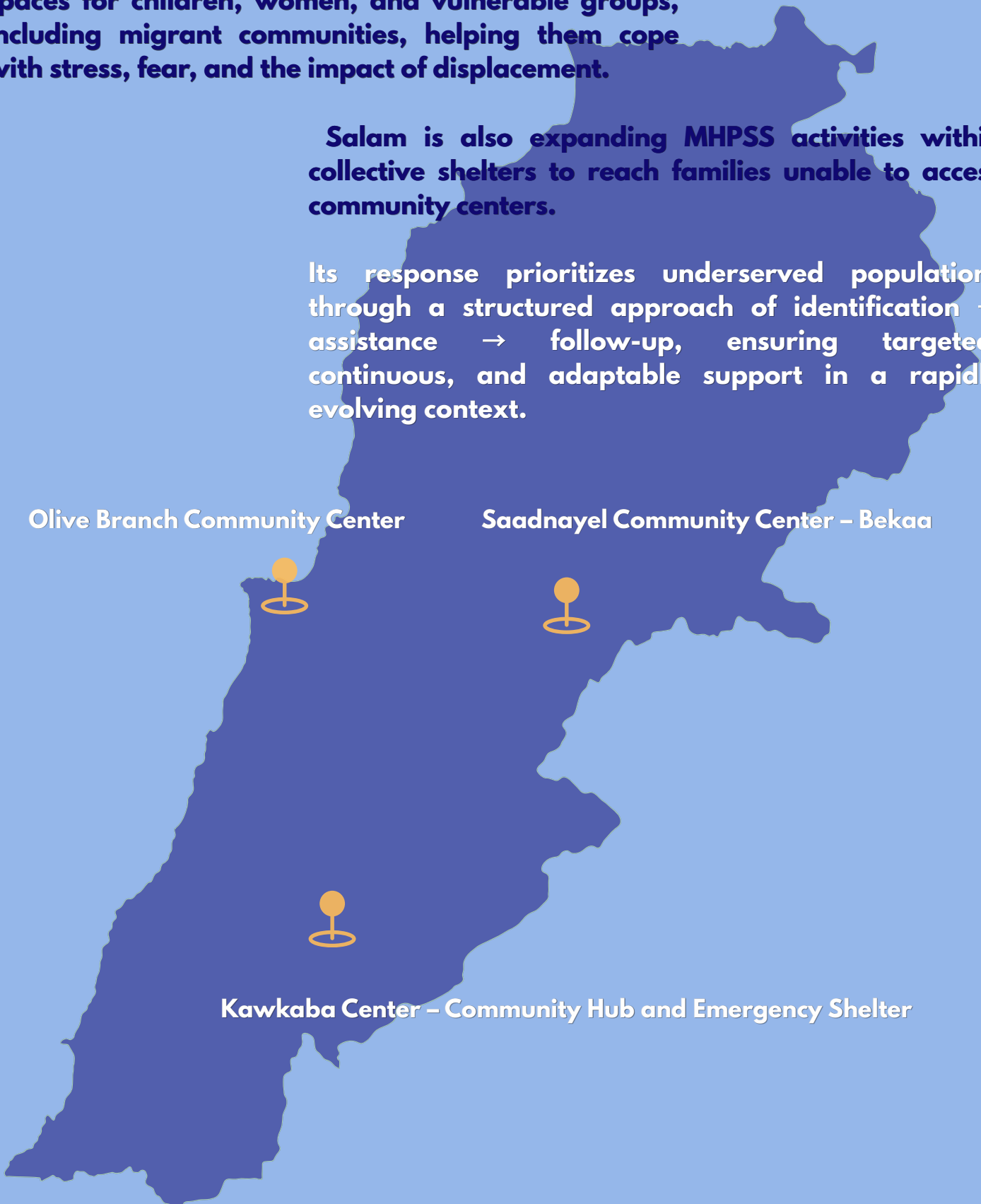
Salam is also expanding MHPSS activities within collective shelters to reach families unable to access community centers.

Its response prioritizes underserved populations through a structured approach of identification → assistance → follow-up, ensuring targeted, continuous, and adaptable support in a rapidly evolving context.

Olive Branch Community Center

Saadnayel Community Center – Bekaa

Kawkaba Center – Community Hub and Emergency Shelter



## 2. Proposed Emergency Response

Salam is scaling up its emergency response to support displaced families and vulnerable communities across three key locations: South Lebanon, the Bekaa, and Beirut.

Salam's response is designed to be flexible, locally led, and conflict-sensitive, adapting to the evolving context and shifting population needs. Following field assessments, the response prioritizes underserved populations—particularly displaced families living outside collective shelters, including those in informal tented settlements and overcrowded host community settings.

The intervention is based on a dual approach combining hot meal provision and weekly food parcel distribution, allowing Salam to respond effectively to different levels of vulnerability and access constraints. Families with access to cooking facilities receive food parcels covering weekly needs, while the most vulnerable households—particularly those lacking kitchens, fuel, or cooking tools—are supported through ready-to-eat meals provided through Salam's community kitchen.

The response also integrates psychosocial support and community-based services, delivered through Salam's centers and outreach activities, contributing to social stability, strengthening coping mechanisms, and reducing tensions within affected communities.

At the same time, Salam's approach emphasizes continuity and sustainability of support, prioritizing long-term commitment to the most vulnerable families before expanding coverage, ensuring that assistance remains reliable and does not expose beneficiaries to sudden interruption.



# 3. Priority Areas of Intervention

## A. Emergency Food Assistance – South Lebanon and Bekaa

Support to displaced families in South Lebanon (including Kfarchouba, Kawkaba, Souq Al Khan, and surrounding areas) and the Bekaa (Saadnayel and nearby locations), particularly those displaced from border areas and residing outside collective shelters.

### Assistance includes:

- Distribution of food parcels through weekly structured distributions, targeting families with access to cooking facilities
- Provision of ready-to-eat meals through Salam's Emergency Community Kitchen in Saadnayel, prioritizing households lacking kitchens, fuel, or cooking tools
- Distribution of basic food and household items, including kitchen kits and complementary assistance

This intervention prioritizes families living in informal settlements, tents, and overcrowded host community settings, ensuring flexible and continuous access to food assistance based on location and vulnerability.

## B. Psychosocial and Community Support – Beirut

Through the **Olive Branch Center** in Beirut, Salam will provide:

- Psychosocial support (PSS/MHPSS) for children and caregivers
- First aid and safety training for volunteers and community members
- Safe spaces for women, including migrant women from different nationalities
- Interactive activities (including theatre and music) to support children's emotional well-being and coping mechanisms

- Distribution of essential items, including clothing support and basic assistance for vulnerable families
- Provision of baby milk and diapers for infants and elderly individuals living outside shelters

These activities contribute to reducing stress and tension, strengthening coping capacities, and promoting social stability among displaced and host communities.

## C. Emergency Community Kitchen and Community Based Support – Bekaa

In Saadnayel (Central Bekaa), Salam operates its Emergency Community Kitchen as a core component of its response, providing regular hot meals to displaced families and vulnerable households.

### This intervention targets:

- Families without access to cooking facilities or financial means to prepare food
- Displaced populations living in informal settlements and outside collective shelters

### In addition, the center provides:

- Psychosocial support (PSS/MHPSS) for children and caregivers
- Safe and structured spaces for children, including interactive and recreational activities
- Community-based activities supporting women and vulnerable groups

To ensure effective targeting, Salam conducts continuous field assessments and follow-up to identify the most vulnerable households, particularly unregistered displaced families, including Syrian refugees who face barriers to accessing formal assistance.

## 4. Support Needed and Expected Impact

Salam LADC continues to implement its emergency response across South Lebanon, the Bekaa, and Beirut, with a focus on maintaining consistent support to the most vulnerable displaced families.

- **South Lebanon: continued need for food assistance to sustain support to affected families**
- **Bekaa: ongoing operational needs for community kitchen and related services**
- **Beirut: continued need for protection, psychosocial support, and community-based activities**

Through this approach, Salam aims to:

- maintain regular food assistance for vulnerable families through hot meals and food parcels
- continue support to underserved and unregistered populations, particularly those outside formal shelter systems
- provide psychosocial support and safe spaces for children, women, and vulnerable groups
- strengthen community coping mechanisms and resilience in affected areas



## Final Appeal

Salam's response goes beyond emergency relief. It supports dignity, stability, and social cohesion in a context of growing pressure and tension.

As a locally rooted organization, Salam can reach populations that are often missed, respond quickly to evolving needs, and deliver assistance in a way that is trusted, inclusive, and conflict sensitive.

**Your support** will enable Salam LADC to scale a high-impact, cost-effective response that provides **life-saving assistance** while **strengthening community resilience** and **stability** across Lebanon.

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