



### OVERVIEW

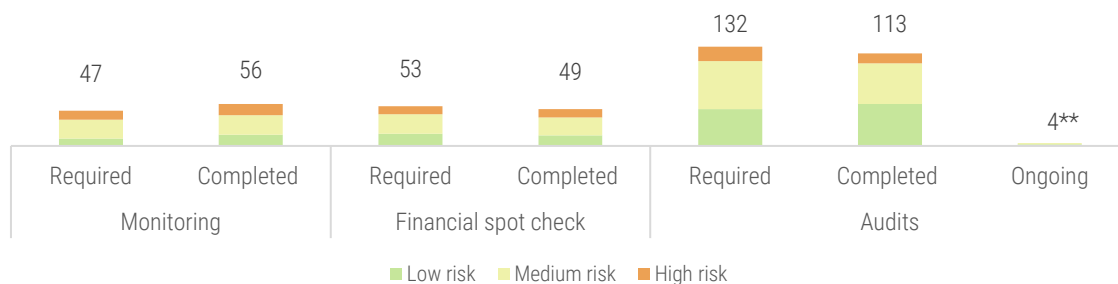
The LHF is a small, well-capacitated and flexible Country-Based Pooled Fund which launches evidence-based multi-sectoral allocations targeting beneficiaries with acute vulnerabilities. In May-June 2020, the LHF finalized the arrangements for partners implementing under the Fund's Second Reserve Allocation, and continued to support partner organizations in response to COVID-19, processing any required Covid-19 revisions and providing guidance.

OCHA releases a monthly updated infographic on CBPF and CERF response to Covid-19 (<https://pffi.unocha.org/COVID19/>). This covers direct allocations from CBPF and CERF (to WHO, UNICEF and UN-HABITAT), as well as funds reprogrammed towards Covid-19 response.

### 2020 1st Standard Allocation

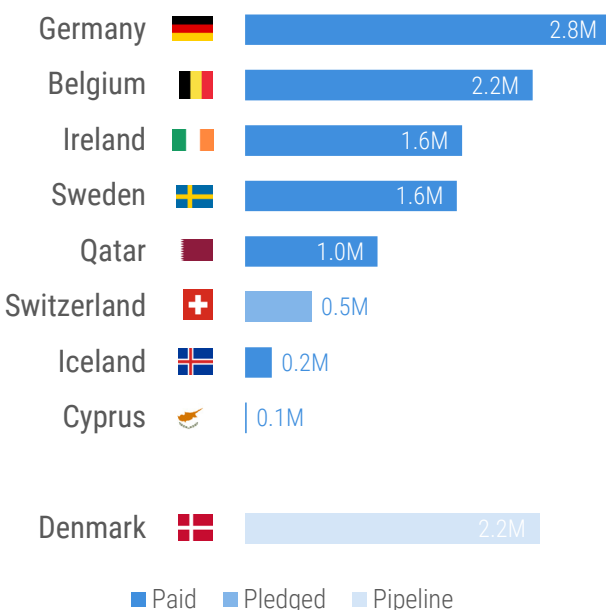
The HC has made available \$7M for the allocation that was launched in May and is currently in process. It targets a) older persons, b) those with serious medical conditions, c) persons with mental and physical disabilities or d) persons with other specific needs and e) those whose needs will be increasingly difficult to meet due to the enhanced and prolonged isolation measures. The allocation will provide support to those most in-need among Syrian refugees, Lebanese, Palestine refugees and migrant & domestic worker communities. The approved projects are expected to start implement on August 1, after the ongoing review process. Data for the 1st Standard Allocation 2020 will be reflected in an allocation specific factsheet and in the next LHF bimonthly update.

### PROGRESS ON RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES\*

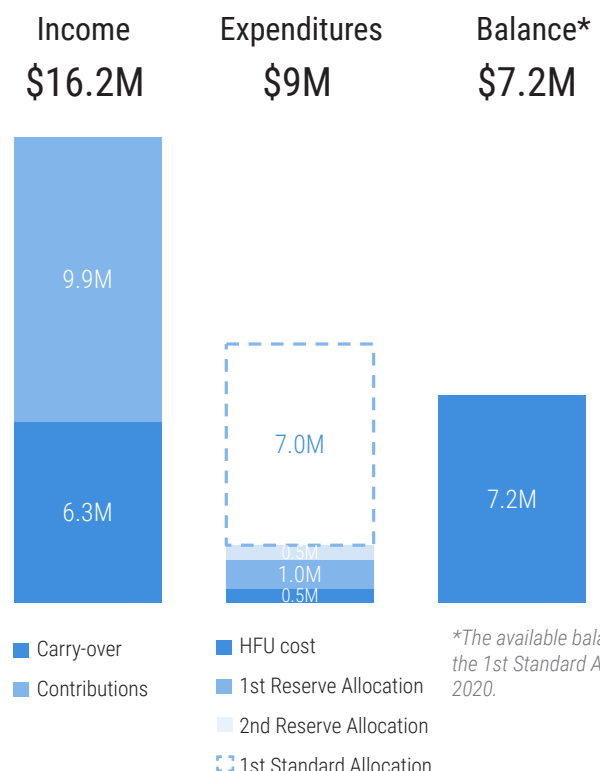


\*Monitoring and Financial Spot Check from 2017-2019 Allocations. Audit data is from the establishment of the Fund. Progress as of 2020-06-30.  
\*\* 15 additional audits currently under procurement and should be completed by end October, 2020.

### DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS



### FUNDING OVERVIEW



\*The available balance is after the 1st Standard Allocation 2020.

## 2020 Allocations overview so far: Jan - June 2020

**2**  
Allocations

**\$1.5M**  
Allocated

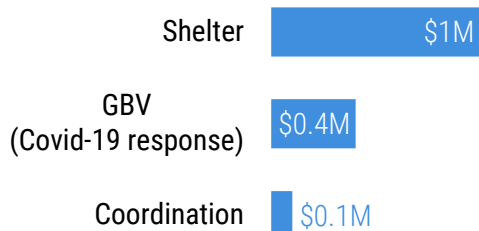
**5**  
Projects

**5**  
Partners

- Activities:**
- Weatherproofing
  - Site improvements
  - Component to support the shelter response to COVID-19
  - Transitional mid-way apartments for victims of physical and sexual abuse
  - Communication support for case management
  - Emergency cash grants
  - Local NGO coordination and support to mainstreaming of PSEA

### ALLOCATIONS BY SECTOR

Figures rounded to nearest 100,000

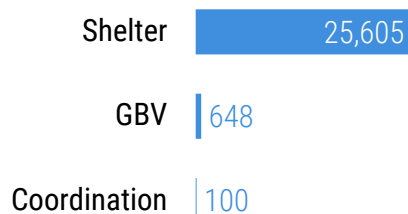


### ALLOCATIONS BY PARTNER TYPE

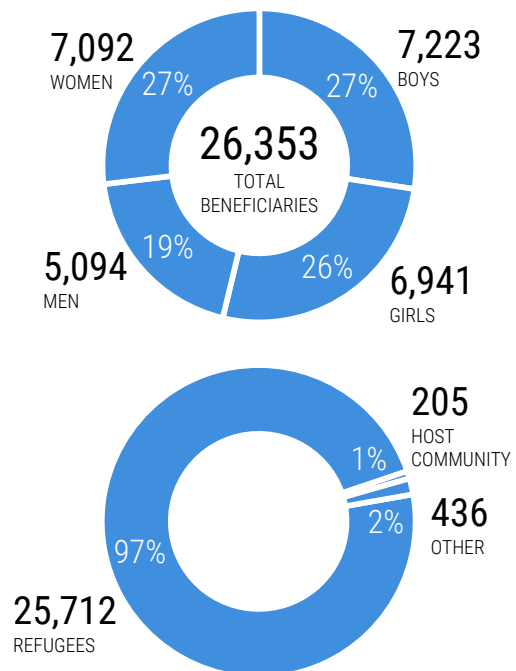
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### TARGETED BENEFICIARIES BY SECTOR



### TARGETED BENEFICIARIES BY GENDER AND TYPE



1st Reserve Allocation targets 25,605 refugees with weatherproofing and site improvements in Aarsal, while the 2nd Reserve Allocation targets host communities and migrant workers as well. In the 2nd Reserve, assisted beneficiaries are fewer due to the targeted nature of the interventions.

## Covid-19 revisions

**8**  
projects revised

**\$0.58M**  
total value of revisions

**13%**  
average share of project budget revised

**Revisions include:** Distribution of hygiene kits and food parcels; protection cash; adaptation of isolation centers used for COVID-19 to PWSNs



# LHF & Caritas supporting increased risk of GBV for vulnerable migrant workers

The LHF launched its second Reserve Allocation of the year in April to swiftly respond to the increasing risk of GBV as a result of Covid-19, in particular the impact of extended periods of lockdown. Under the allocation, the international organization Caritas is implementing a project that primarily targets migrant workers, identified as a particularly vulnerable group.

Like in many other parts of the world, migrant workers in Lebanon live in challenging conditions. The Kafala system under which they work ties the legal residency of the worker to the contractual relationship with the employer, and often allows the employer to coerce the worker to accept exploitative working conditions. Already before the Covid-19 pandemic, they were impacted by the deepening economic crisis affecting Lebanon. Now, the means to meet their basic needs have been taken away from them and protection concerns have escalated.

Hessen Sayah, Head of the Migrants Department at Caritas Lebanon explains that migrant workers are especially vulnerable in Lebanon: “After the Syria crisis, the donations and support from governments shifted towards Syrian refugees. Support to migrant workers, for example, was limited and now the migrants are struggling with the lack of support.”

Their situation is now worsening. “Their needs are increasing,” Sayah says. “They weren’t paid even before because of the crisis, and now they are struggling even more. They have been residing here for a long time, but since they don’t have documents they are not staying here legally. Now, in this situation, they are stuck in their homes, left without any help, and often traumatized and depressed.”

The project by Caritas aims to protect migrant workers from GBV through referrals to a safe shelter where they receive basic assistance, health care and psychological support, and where they have a safe place for isolation. Caritas not only supports with a safe shelter; 300 migrant workers will receive assistance through remote case management also. In addition, Covid-19 testing is made possible for suspect cases, as well as hospitalization when the virus is confirmed.



Gardening with beneficiaries in one of Caritas Lebanon's shelters. Credit: Caritas Lebanon

“The project tackles the most urgent needs, and the beneficiaries can regain their dignity and self-esteem,” Hessen Sayah declares. “It is among the only projects in Lebanon that target migrant workers at such scale and in such a holistic way. We are also providing medical and shelter assistance in a EU funded project to migrant workers and which was adapted to the current Covid 19 pandemic.”

Although Caritas, with the support of LHF, is assisting migrant workers, Sayah highlights the need for more support: “We are many NGOs working with refugees and the Lebanese host community, but what about the migrant workers? We need to include them in the response here. LHF is the first source of funding that took initiative to help migrant workers in this situation during the pandemic. We hope that more donors will follow.”

The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing vulnerabilities in an already fast deteriorating situation that is generating new challenges for the humanitarian community and requiring a swift response. As one of OCHA’s Country-Based Pooled Funds, the Lebanon Humanitarian Fund is well-positioned to respond as a flexible source of humanitarian funding that is able to adapt quickly to changing circumstances – always aiming to assist and protect the most vulnerable people in Lebanon.