

Background

As the conflict escalates in Lebanon, so does its effect on children and families caught in the crossfire. NEF is responding to the immediate and urgent needs of ten of thousands of children and families have fled their homes and are now living in schools and parks. Others are trapped in their homes without electricity and running water and are unable to meet basic food, medical and hygiene needs.

NEF, with 75 years in experience operating in Lebanon, is teaming up with Human Concern International (HCI), a Lebanese non-governmental organization, and is communicating closely with four local partner Lebanese CBOs, well located in the most affected areas, to identify and meet the needs of the people affected by this crisis.

NEF will focus first on helping to meet the basic needs of people displaced from their homes, including providing supplemental food, medicines, first aid kits, hygiene kits and sleeping materials, with a special focus on ensuring the safety and well-being of children, elders and women. 1,000 persons in the most hit areas are expected to benefit from this assistance.

NEF's four local partner Lebanese CBOs (Caring for the Handicapped Charitable Association in Nabatiyeh south east of Lebanon , Islamic Social Welfare Association in Saidon south west of Lebanon, Dar Al-Sadaka in Zahle east of Lebanon, and Islamic Women's Association in Tripoli north of Lebanon) will assist in providing the logistics and the outreach to the most affected areas.

NEF is appealing for public support as it responds to the most urgent needs of children and families affected by the crisis in Lebanon. The organization is closely monitoring the evolving situation, and may expand its efforts to provide relief assistance to communities elsewhere in the region.