

IDRF Spread the Warmth Campaign **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**



What is the Spread the Warmth Winter Campaign?

The Spread the Warmth Winter Campaign is designed to raise funds to support Syrian and Palestinian Refugees living in Lebanon survive the harsh Winter.

Here is some background information on why your support is important:

- *Since the conflict started in Syria in 2011 there's been an estimate 1 million refugees that have sought refuge in Lebanon*
- *There are 40,500 Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon*
- *That's added to already 260,000 Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon*
- *Where it becomes increasingly problematic is that PRS don't fall under the mandate of UNHCR but instead UNWRA (UN Relief and Works Agency)*
- *UNWRA is underfunded and already over stretched*

Why the focus on Palestinians?

- *All Palestinians in Lebanon are marginalized politically, economically and socially. Many are unable to find work and are heavily dependent on humanitarian aid*

Where will the support be provided?

- *While Bekaa isn't the largest populated PRS region in Lebanon its significance to this project is its climate and region (remote rural region)*
- *Harsh winters where snow and flooding is common*
- *Wavel Camp (near Baalbek) first started providing shelter to Palestinian refugees in the late 1940s*

Does IDRF have a experience running a Winter project in Lebanon?

- *Yes. IDRF has ran a similar project last year with the same project partners and in the same region*
- *Main differences between this year and last was it included warm clothes, bedding and fuel*
- *This year our focus will only be on fuel (oil - heating and gas - cooking) which was what 98% last year's voucher were used for.*

How many people will IDRF support with your generous contributions?

- *770 families OR 4235 individuals (50% women, 42% under the age of 18)*

- *Prioritizing based on: female headed households, 5+members of the family, member with a disability, chronic disease, elderly, lack of income generating activities*

How will your donations be distributed to families?

- *Vouchers will be distributed to families in denominations of (6 x \$20) = \$120/family which provides 2 months of fuel*
- **Why vouchers?**
 - *Gives flexibility to the beneficiary and allows them to withhold their dignity/autonomy* ○ *Benefits the local economy* ○ *Cost-effective*
 - *It's a familiar method of support which is used many times within the Lebanese context*