

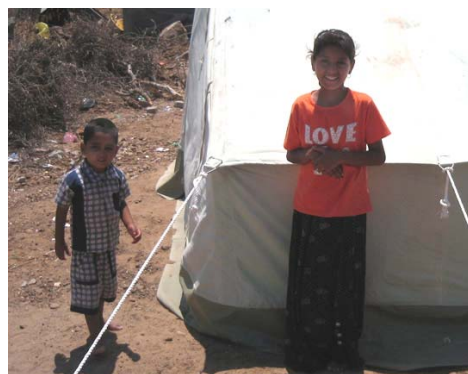
Expanding Regional Humanitarian Operations As Crisis Worsens

August 4, 2006 – The ongoing conflict in the Middle East continues to leave hundreds of thousands of people without the basic necessities for daily life. Relief International has been on the ground from the beginning, deploying emergency response teams to help people in Lebanon, Gaza and Israel, regardless of religion, nationality or political affiliation.

More than 500,000 people have been displaced with many now living in schools and makeshift shelters. As the humanitarian crisis continues, RI is providing food and hygiene supplies to displaced families in the conflict areas.

In Lebanon, RI has deployed relief teams to Achrafieh, a densely populated district in Beirut; Saida, Lebanon's third largest city south of Beirut; and Baabda, in western Lebanon. In Gaza, RI is working in Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip. RI is working to deliver emergency supplies to people in northern and central Israel.

Health and Nutrition: Relief International is meeting the daily nutritional needs of displaced families through the distribution of family food packages. Each package contains foodstuffs such as rice, sugar, corn oil, beans and meat, and can feed a 10-person family for roughly 30 days. Mothers are also receiving milk powder for their infants.



Hygiene and Sanitation: Hygiene is of primary importance to prevent an outbreak of illness and disease. Working with other NGOs, RI is distributing hygiene kits to displaced families. Each kit contains basic items such as soap, shampoo, anti-bacterial cleanser, female sanitary napkins and diapers for infants.

With teams operating in Lebanon, Gaza and Israel, Relief International will continue to increase staff and capacity to better meet the needs of the displaced. Please help to directly provide urgently needed assistance to the civilians impacted by the crisis and help thousands of families overcome this worsening humanitarian crisis.



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