

ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze ECHO policy for food assistance in Lebanon by identifying the modalities that ECHO is using (cash transfer/food vouchers/in kind transfer...) and through which instruments and organizations. It will be beneficial for other organizations to understand the strategies of food assistance adopted by ECHO in challenging environment, focusing on the most vulnerable groups, women and children that constitute 75% of the Syrian refugees in Lebanon, and taking into consideration the deteriorated situation of the country that is affecting the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

This study was done during September-December of 2015. An interview was held with ECHO specific staff, as well as recent documents were used.

Findings of this study show that ECHO humanitarian partners supporting Syrian refugees in Lebanon in terms of food assistance are mainly UNHCR and WFP. Modalities adopted by WFP used to be food distribution and food vouchers; However, Since the beginning of the Syria crisis, ECHO has promoted a basic-need approach preferably through cash-based assistance in all Syria's neighbouring countries including Lebanon.

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