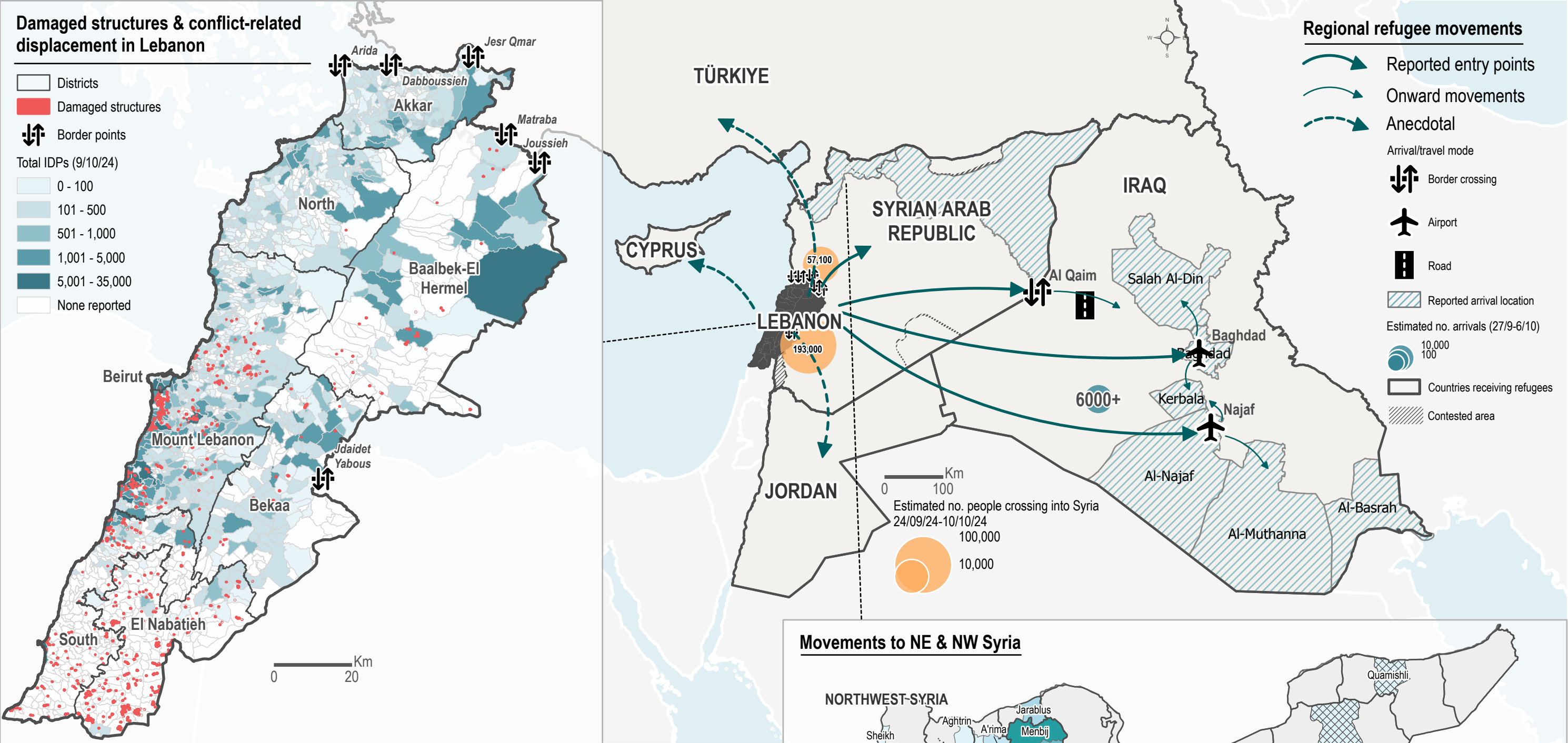


LEBANON - REGIONAL DISPLACEMENT OVERVIEW

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Since the marked escalation of conflict in Lebanon on 23 September, almost 670,000 persons are estimated to have been internally displaced (IOM, 10-Oct), with another 258,000 having crossed into Syria (UNHCR, 10-Oct). As Beirut airport has remained largely open, an estimated 72,000 Lebanese and Syrian individuals have left by air. Another 1,800 have departed by sea (IOM, 10-Oct), with anecdotal evidence suggesting boats having arrived in Cyprus and Türkiye.

The majority of displacements have occurred from the most heavily targeted southern governorates of El-Nabatieh and South, with additional displacements particularly from Beirut and its southern suburbs, Baabda in Mount Lebanon governorate, and Baalbek district in the east (IOM, 10-Oct). Anecdotal evidence suggests that more often women and children are completing cross-border displacement journeys into neighbouring countries, with men being left behind due to protection concerns at border points. Within Lebanon, limited data is available on the demographics of those displaced; however, displacement-affected locations include rural agricultural communities that are economically vulnerable, as well as Syrian and Palestinian refugee populations, and migrants. Limited reports from actors operating south of the Litani river suggest that there are some populations remaining behind in areas facing ongoing hostilities.

REACH is launching data collection in Lebanon and across the region (coordinated with key partners on the ground) to better understand the needs of displaced populations and populations remaining in targeted areas. All information products and analysis related to the escalating crisis in Lebanon and the wider Middle East will be shared on the [Crisis Thread on our website](#).