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12 youths from the work team and volunteers of the Children and Youth Center–CYC completed two-week Night Survey of the total steadfast resident families, and the hosted displaced families in Shatila camp. All doors were knocked on. The numbers given do not represent the actual population size of the camp in normal conditions, as large percentage of the population has left the camp due the fear of hostile targeting and random shelling surrounding the camp. The survey witnesses few families didn't want to answer questions, others expressed that they don't need help, as well as some houses weren't noticed by the young men and women team due to the complexities of construction of the camp and its overlap, and due to the extreme darkness in the alleys during the census between 9:00 and 11:30 p.m.

The Survey showed that there is a significant number of residents still residing and steadfast in the camp and needs attention, and the return of UNRWA and the NGO's that closed their centers in the camp. Especially since the camp is crowded during the day and life is almost normal.

It is important to note that the survey targeted the residing families at night. So, the fathers who their families left the camp were excluded, they counted as displaced non-residents. However, the survey included families consisting of one person, divorced, widowed, or elderly.

It is also important to note that these numbers are not fixed and are subject to change according to the development of the criminal Israeli aggression on Lebanon and the increase of bombing. It cannot be relied upon as a measure of the demographic, economic and social conditions of the camp in its normal conditions. The form prepared by the NGO's for the aim of determining the urgent needs of the displaced people, but now it is considered poor in the amount of data required for the normal census. It was supposed after a month of displacement had passed, to modify the form to obtain more data that would help in the treatment.

The survey included 1388 families, a total of 5899 individuals, distributed as follows:

- 1167 families with more than 3 members
- 221 small families with no more than 3 members (these are unconfirmed numbers, as they were only people's answers)
  - Number of males: 2955
  - Number of females: 2644
  - Number of families displaced to the camp: 192, most of them hosted by relatives and friends, and a limited number rented
  - Number of individuals by nationality: -1 (Lebanese 563) -2 (Palestinian Lebanese 2539) -3 (Palestinian Syrian 456) -4 (Syrian 2041)
  - Number of pregnant women: 54 Number of infants 124
  - Number of chronic diseases: 22 kind of diseases listed in detail in the table
  - Urgent needs: recorded in the table. Almost everything according to the answers of residents and displaced people

We aimed that the survey results to know the real size of the responsibility, to help in better coordinating efforts in supporting the steadfastness of the people in the camp and the displaced families, especially in preventing wasting efforts, by being faire in delivering aid to the largest possible number, and stopping the random and doubling distribution where some people receive repeated aid from more than one NGO, while others do not receive anything.

Therefore, we are putting the forms and names of the survey at the disposal of who want to cooperate at least in the distributions, considering that one association cannot cover everyone, but with our collective organizing work we can reach most of the targeted people.

Greetings to all

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