

Lebanon is straining under multiple social and economic shocks as a result of the conflict in Syria:

The Economy

*Interruptions to trade and the impact on both business and consumer confidence are expected to lower the growth rate of Lebanon's Gross Domestic Product by 2.9 percent each year.

*The cumulative loss in government revenue during the 2012 to 2014 period as a result of decreased e0 1 39venu15.

Labor Markets

*Increased competition for jobs from the new arrivals is expected to push up the rate of unemployment and informal work by 10 percentage points each and add 220,000 to 324,000 Lebanese to the ranks of the unemployed by 2014.

*Active labor market programs to address the sudden increase in the number of people looking for work would require resources in the range of US\$166million-US\$242 million.

Health

*The urgent health needs of refugees is driving up costs for the Lebanese healthcare system, generating shortages of medicines and making it harder for the Lebanese population to access healthcare (Syrian refugees accounted for 40 percent of all primary care visits in December, 2012) which could lead to a rise in overall levels of morbidity.

*The fiscal impact on the healthcare system is estimated at US\$38 million for 2013 and US\$48-
US\$69

