

LEBANON / REFUGEE HOUSING



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UNHCR is helping Syrian refugees in Lebanon renovate their homes using eco-friendly methods and “upcycling”. UNHCR

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SHOTLIST

1. Various shots Recycle Beirut workers installing a stand on the wall of the renovated apartment
2. SOUNDBITE (English) Aline Raad, Lebanese Architect, Recycle Beirut:
"We're trying to improve the living conditions of Syrian refugees living in informal or slum areas in Lebanon."
3. Various shots, Haela and her daughter looking at workers while adding framed photos to the wall
4. SOUNDBITE (English) Aline Raad, Lebanese Architect, Recycle Beirut:
"She was living in a very small space with her four children, and the situation of her house was really really bad."
5. Wide shot, exterior of the house with a clean balcony
6. Wide shot, Haela putting plants on the wall stand
7. Various shots, cleaning the new furniture from dust
8. Various shots, machine crushing glass at Recycle Beirut's workshop part of recycling
9. SOUNDBITE (English) Aline Raad, Lebanese Architect, Recycle Beirut:
"Then we moved on to using recycled material for the renovation of the house, so we used reclaimed wood for the furniture, we used crushed glass and construction waste to make the tiles, and we used eco-friendly paint."
10. Wide shot, renovated room
11. SOUNDBITE (Arabic) Haela, Syrian refugee:
"I am over the moon. I am very happy because I have a healthy house now."
12. SOUNDBITE (Arabic) 8-year-old Marwa, Haela's daughter:
"I like it when the sun sets. I come here to read and enjoy a breath of fresh air."
13. Various shots, the slums area.

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STORYLINE

Over one million Syrian refugees are now living in Lebanon.

Over two in five live in dwellings that do not meet minimum humanitarian standards.

UNHCR and its partner, Recycle Beirut, are helping them renovate homes using eco-friendly methods and "upcycling".

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The NGO Recycle Beirut started with Haela's house.

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Their first aim of the renovation was to bring light and air to the house.

The NGO added windows and plants and restored natural ventilation.

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The renovation work cost \$10,000.

The NGO is studying the entire neighbourhood to help improve the lives of its disadvantaged residents.

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