On the evening of Thursday 7 September, clashes resumed in Ein el Hilweh camp between armed actors after four weeks of relative calm. Shooting and the use of heavy weaponry has continued since this time, with attempts at establishing a durable cease-fire unsuccessful. Intense fighting has been reported in multiple parts of the camp and adjacent areas, including Hattin, Jabal Halib, Taamir, Tawari, Ras el Ahmar, Safsaf and Bustan. The current clashes are affecting a wider area than was impacted by the initial clashes in July/August 2023. At least four individuals are reported to have been killed and 60 injured. One of those killed is understood to be a Lebanese citizen killed outside the camp by a stray bullet. Significant damage to property and infrastructure inside the camp has been observed, while stray bullets and artillery shells have also damaged property and caused road closures outside the camp.

Hundreds of families have left the camp since 7 September. Many are understood to be staying with family outside the camp, while others have entered one of the several emergency shelters that have been opened. Approximately 400 families have sought shelter at the el Musalli mosque immediately to the north of the camp. UNRWA, in coordination with Naba’a, has opened Nablus School in Saida city, which is currently accommodating 78 displaced families comprising approximately 280 individuals. This emergency shelter is currently at full capacity. UNRWA is making preparations to open Siblin Training Centre to serve as an emergency shelter should clashes continue and displaced people continue to flee Ein el Hilweh. In addition, more than 80 families are sheltering inside the Saida municipality building. Najdeh and Yad el Aoun have opened another emergency shelter in the Fawar area of Saida which is currently hosting around 50 families (with discussions underway with UNRWA about opening a second facility). A number of organisations are providing basic supplies and services to those inside these emergency shelters (see the response and needs section below for details).
**Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management and Assessment**

- On Saturday 9 September, a meeting of humanitarian agencies and responding partners was convened at the Saida municipality to coordinate the response to the clashes and the increasing number of displaced persons. Discussion focused on meeting the immediate needs of displaced persons, including the provision of emergency shelters.
- A high-level coordination meeting will take place on Monday 11 September at UN House in Beirut involving chiefs of relevant humanitarian organisations.
- The emergency shelter in UNRWA Nablus School is being managed with support from Naba’a, and essential items, services and other support are being provided by organisations including Intersos, Médecins sans Frontières, Naba’a, Norwegian Refugee Council, Oxfam, Save the Children, and UNICEF.

**Humanitarian response and needs**

- **Food security**: Naba’a is providing food supplies for those sheltering in UNRWA Nablus School.
- **Non-food items**: Save the Children is providing bedding supplies, including mattresses and cots, for those staying at the Nablus School emergency shelter. The Norwegian Refugee Council has provided 820 mattresses to other emergency shelters.
- **Health**: Médecins sans Frontières is providing health services and check-ups to those sheltering in Nablus School and is preparing to do the same in Siblin Training Centre should it open as another emergency shelter.
- **Hygiene and sanitation**: Save the Children has provided clean water and hygiene kits for those sheltering in Nablus School. UNICEF and Norwegian Refugee Council are also providing hygiene kits to other emergency shelters.
- **Protection**: UNICEF is coordinating case management for those staying at the Nablus School emergency shelter. UNRWA is coordinating the recording of those arriving at the shelter including the identification of those with particular vulnerabilities and protection needs, and has undertaken an initial protection assessment of the Nablus School emergency shelter.

**Future needs**

- Possible ongoing provision of emergency shelter and basic assistance to those who remain displaced by the clashes.
- Provision of assistance, including emergency cash assistance, to support families’ recovery process, including rehabilitation works to their houses partially or entirely damaged by the fighting.
- Repair and maintenance of critical infrastructure in the camp, including water supply, wells, wastewater systems and the electricity network.
- The removal of debris and rubble in the most affected areas in order to ensure humanitarian access and improve the living conditions of the community.
- Support for the upgrading of other UNRWA schools that will temporarily accommodate students unable to attend the eight schools inside Ein el Hilweh that will be unable to open for the start of the school year in October.
- Ongoing awareness-raising among residents of the camp and adjacent areas to protect individuals from physical and psychological harm posed by UXO and other remnants of war.