

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

According to UNHCR **5,379,644** have now fled Syria. More than **2.5 million** of them fled in 2014 alone. During the course of 2014, an average of more than **4,738** people fled every day. In 2015 more than **1.1 million** Syrians fled the country, an average of more than **7,130** per day. Children now make up **47.5%** of the refugee population, meaning there are an estimated **2,652,164** refugee children in the region.


5,379,644

Registered Syrian Refugees
16 November, 2017, UNHCR

2,652,164

Estimated number of children
16 November, 2017, UNHCR


SYRIA KEY FACTS


People in hard to reach or besieged areas
2017, OCHA

3 m

People internally displaced by violence
2017, OCHA

6.1 m

People are living in areas with high exposure to explosive weapons
2017, OCHA

6.3 m

Children out of school
April 2017, OCHA

1.75 m

OUR RESPONSE

Save the Children has worked in the Middle East for decades. Since July 2012 we have been running an ambitious emergency response to the growing crisis in the region aiming to raise **USD 424,000,000** for our humanitarian interventions in **Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria**. Our response is 85.6% funded to date.



To date we have reached **4,127,000 people** in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria, including approx. **2,711,040 children**.



With the needs growing every day in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria. more funding is desperately needed.



Save the Children is actively coordinating with governments, UN agencies and other NGOs to respond to the humanitarian crisis.

URGENT NEEDS

Despite diplomatic efforts at the highest level and ceasefire agreements brokered in some areas, the humanitarian situation in Syria remains dire. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced by offensives to retake areas controlled by ISIS, and escalation of conflict across Syria continues to put children at risk of being bombed, getting their education disrupted and to be in an extremely high state of 'toxic stress'. The conflict has been characterized by intense bombardment and attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure by parties to the conflict.

-Parties to the conflict must uphold their obligations to allow humanitarian aid to reach those most in need, especially to the 3 million people in besieged and hard-to-reach areas, including 200,000 in besieged areas. Parties must spare civilian infrastructure and refrain from targeting civilian objects or using them for military purposes.

-The "Supporting Syria and the Region" conference held in London in 2016 and the follow-up conference held in 2017 in Brussels offered renewed hope for Syrian refugees and vulnerable host communities. The governments of Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, and the international community agreed to wider policy changes and incentives that, if fully implemented, could significantly improve the living conditions of refugees. Most notably, the three countries agreed to ensuring all children have access to quality education, as well as to facilitate access to livelihoods for refugees and some protection guarantees to improve access to legal status.

- Six months on since the Brussels conference, there have been promising steps, but much more needs to be done. Even though donors have disbursed or committed 80% of the funding pledged in Brussels, the UN-led appeal for the Syria crisis remains only half funded and the lives of most refugee children and vulnerable communities have not improved compared to last year. Many of the positive policy developments already underway will take time and require sustained political will, and sufficient funding and technical capacity to come to fruition.



As part of our participation in European week of action for girls, Save the Children collected messages from girls under the theme #GirlsCan. Hdeji, 15, who lives in an informal tented settlement in Lebanon, says girls can inspire innovations.

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LEBANON

Lebanon has received staggering numbers of Syrian refugees. With no official camps the refugee population is spread out across the country, making them hard to reach.

➔ **1,001,051**

Refugees in Lebanon UNHCR 30 June, 2017

Our response



***Reached 168,397**
of these **96,668** are children

Highlights from our response in October:

-24 new Education Community Liaisons (ECLs) in Akkar and 19 in T5 joined for phase 3. 103 out of 120 Education Community Liaisons have signed their contracts and received induction on Child Safeguarding Policy and started volunteering in 30 schools in the North.

-194 Females in 4 locations attended and completed the Life Skills training sessions. 197 females attended the theoretical training on sweets production. 190 females attended the first demonstration day. 200 females attended and completed the Basic Nutrition, Food Safety and Hygiene training in the aforementioned 4 locations. 8 groups completed the Food Safety and Hygiene trainings related to the 5 value chains that the beneficiaries have been trained on in the 4 locations.

JORDAN

Jordan host the region's largest refugee camp, Za'atari, where we are working in multiple sectors. Two thirds of Syrian refugees live in host communities.

➔ **655,056**

Refugees in Jordan UNHCR 31 Oct, 2017

Our response



Reached: 1,216,311
of these **786,829** are children

Highlights from our response in October:

-Through Arsenal Foundations funds Save the Children Jordan Finished the construction process to build five play grounds, and working with children on sport awareness sessions and football teams in 6 locations.

- Save the Children Jordan is Currently implementing Every Child Learning Partnership, which is a project that was launched in September, 2017 in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Pearson that aims to pilot and adapt an innovative education project that integrates digital learning tool, targeting Syrian refugees and local children in refugee hosting communities, affecting the ways hundreds of thousands of children experience education in emergency and conflict settings, quickly getting some of the world's most vulnerable children back on track, learning, and enabling them to fulfil their potential.

SYRIA

The most vulnerable children are those who remain inside Syria, who risk death, illness, abuse and exploitation on a daily basis. The humanitarian needs in Syria are incalculable, and providing essential life-saving services to Syrian children and their families remains a priority.

The widespread insecurity and fighting inside Syria makes this a challenging context, but we are delivering humanitarian assistance to children and their families. To date we have reached **2,473,290** beneficiaries in Syria, including **1,669,487** children.

OTHER REFUGEE LOCATIONS

UNHCR Last updated 19 October, 2017

North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Libya)

+30,000

TURKEY

The first influx of Syrian refugees into Turkey was in spring of 2011. Currently, individuals registered under SuTP (Syrians under Temporary Protection) are found across all 81 provinces of Turkey.

➔ **3,320,814**

Refugees in Turkey UNHCR
16 November 2017

Our response



Reached: 42,803
of these **38,864** are children

Highlights from our response in October:

During this period SCI has gone under registration renewal process for the second time during which the office was closed for almost 6 weeks. The registration was renewed until 17 March 2018

-School construction has started for three districts: Kumlu, Erzincan and Arsuz, one school for each district. The excavation and filling works have been completed and the foundation concrete has been poured. The overall rough school construction is 85 % completed. As per the contract, the schools will be finalized by the end of Jan 2018, while there are solid indications that show that they will be finalized by late December 2017.

IRAQ

Approx. 98% of Syrian refugees in Iraq reside in the Kurdistan Regional Governorate, Northern Iraq, where they live in a mixture of camp and non-camp settings.

➔ **246,592**

Refugees in Iraq UNHCR 31 October 2017

Our response



Reached: 156,236
Of these **78,810** are children

Highlights from our response in October:

-One cycle of Youth Resilience Program in Gawilan camp is completed targeting a total of 14 adolescent boys, one cycle of adolescent girl's toolkit in Gawilan camp is completed targeting a total of 17 adolescent girls.

-Child clubs activities are ongoing in the three locations (Domiz1, 2 & Gawilan). Three clubs are established in each camp with a total number of 172 (73 females & 99 males). The activities being given to children are music, handicrafts, sports, and journalism).

-A total of 100 families in Gawilan camp who have been identified by case management registered by the Asia Cell Company to receive the 1st instalment of cash transfer to provide the basic need of the children.

EGYPT

The refugee population is spread out across Egypt, making the coordination of service delivery challenging. Large numbers live in poor areas in Greater Cairo and Alexandria.

➔ **126,027**

Refugees in Egypt UNHCR 31 October 2017

Our response



Reached: 69,963
Of these **40,382** are children

Highlights from our response in October:

-1695 Syrian children (aged 5-15years old) attended raising awareness sessions on Personal Hygiene and received hygiene kits (October and Obour)

-408 Syrian children and adolescents (aged 6-17 years old) attended sessions of the Child and Youth Resilience Program (CRP \YRP) which builds personal resilience and will help them to adapt to their new situation and plan and lead new initiatives in their communities. (Greater Cairo).

-305 Syrian children participated in educational trip to the Child Center for Civilization and Creativity (Obour). While, 50 Syrian children participated in an educational trip to the discovery city (October)

Legend



Non Food Items



Shelter



WASH



Education



Protection



Health



Nutrition



Food security and livelihoods



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EDUCATION

Children fleeing violence in Syria have had their worlds turned upside down, and urgently need the safety, stability and structure a positive learning environment can bring to them.

-We provide children with school bags, uniforms, essential school materials, and pay school fees parents cannot afford. We are also providing **non-formal education** for adolescents.

-Save the Children implements Early Childhood Care and Development programmes in Bekaa Valley and North Lebanon, where vulnerable children between 3-6 years of age attend activities that qualify them for school years ahead. Implemented directly and through partners, the ECCD project has reached more than 5,000 children.



CHILD PROTECTION

Children urgently require specialised care and protection to help them recover from the extreme psychological and emotional distress they have been through.

-We run **child-friendly spaces/ youth-friendly spaces** in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and inside Syria reaching thousands of children

-We carry out a range of **child protection activities**: child resiliency activities, support child protection committees, establish Parent Child Centres and refer children in need of support from psychologists

-Save the Children provides psychosocial support and recreational activities for children in Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS), especially for children who witnessed traumatic events and live in distress. CFS activities help those children to overcome their distress and begin to recover their childhood.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Lack of medical care and nutritious food will put children and other vulnerable groups at risk of malnutrition and illness.

-In Egypt and Syria we have conducted **vaccination campaigns** of Hepatitis A and polio, respectively

-In Egypt we have conducted **capacity building programmes** for health staff in **Primary Health Clinics and hospitals** in Giza District. 44 doctors and nurses were trained on modules such as family health and maternal and child health.



SHELTER/NFIs



During the winter, temperatures across the region drop below zero and refugees are ill-equipped to cope with the cold, without winter clothes, sufficient blankets, heating or proper shelter.

-Save the Children and its partners have been delivering essential aid items such as clothing, kitchen sets, and hygiene kits to displaced families in 42 locations in Syria, reaching almost 145,000 people. We have also helped ensure that almost 10,000 people have adequate shelter by providing them with tents or the support to make repairs to their existing shelters.

-The Save the Children shelter team was established in November 2012. To date, it has provided shelter, NFI and WASH assistance to over 20,000 of the most vulnerable families in Lebanon (over 100,000 individuals). SC has focused its interventions in the sub-standard buildings (unfinished houses, converted garages, abandoned buildings, etc.) and Informal Settlements. These shelter-types represent 25% and 15% respectively of the registered Syrian refugee population accommodation and also house Palestinians, Lebanese returnees and an increasing number of economically vulnerable Lebanese



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

-Food security for Syrian refugees remains a grave concern. In Jordan in partnership with WFP we distribute electronic food vouchers in Za'atari Camp and in host communities, which refugees can exchange for food in local supermarkets.

-We run **Cash for Work** programmes in Lebanon and Jordan where families have the opportunity to put their own skills to work in projects which benefit their communities

-We implemented a **Youth Livelihoods project**, in Egypt co-funded by Quick Impact Project funding from UNHCR and the French Embassy.

-Women and youth in Bekaa valley and in Tripoli and Akkar benefit from the Home-Based Skills Development Programme (HBSD) through trainings on livelihoods activities, life skills, entrepreneurship and production and marketing. Save the Children also provides equipment and raw material needed to start up income-generating activities.



WASH

It is essential to improve water, sanitation and hygiene conditions for Syrian refugee children and their families in order to prevent diseases and ensure their well-being.

-We have been distributing household items, winterization kits and **WASH/ hygiene kits**, newborn kits in Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and Syria, and providing shelter support through materials distribution

-During the winter we distribute blankets and provide shelter support across the region.

-We have conducted **hygiene promotion awareness-raising sessions** in Iraq and Syria and Lebanon

-We distribute drainage kits, water vouchers, dislodging vouchers, metal septic tanks, latrines and a number of other items in Lebanon

Our partners

