

## REGIONAL OVERVIEW

According to UNHCR **5,456,108** 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 **47.7%** of the refugee population, meaning there are an estimated **2,602,563** refugee children in the region.


**5,456,108**

Registered Syrian Refugees  
18 December, 2017, UNHCR


**2,602,563**

Estimated number of children  
18 December, 2017, UNHCR



## SYRIA KEY FACTS



People in hard to reach  
or besieged areas  
2017, OCHA

**2.98 m**


People internally  
displaced by  
violence 2017, OCHA

**6.1 m**


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

**8.2 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 **86.1 %** funded to date.



To date we have reached **4,228,070 people** in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria, including approx. **2,774,823 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.

Julia\*, 9 years old, attends school for the first time this year in Lebanon, where she is receiving basic literacy and numeracy education to help her catch up on three years she lost without education. You can learn more about our work within "Their Education, Our Future" campaign [here](#). Photo Credit: Ahmed Bayram/Save the Children.

## 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.

➔ **997,905**

Refugees in Lebanon UNHCR 30 November, 2017

### Our response



**\*Reached 189,657**  
of these **107,372** are children

### Highlights from our response in November:

-11 units housing eight households received six Fire Extinguisher and 12 smoke detectors, in addition to receiving six fire prevention trainings.

SC shelter team conducted 12 hygiene promotion sessions in Water Management, Personal Hygiene, Water Treatment and Hand Washing topics for 32 individuals.

-17 water quality testings were done at the household level for 68 households who benefitted from major rehabilitation projects and 10 water quality testings were conducted for minor repair beneficiaries.

-16 active volunteering facilitators are supporting the education team in running all active self-help groups all around central Bekaa.

## 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.

➔ **654,903**

Refugees in Jordan UNHCR 18 December, 2017

### Our response



**Reached: 1,220,577**  
of these **790,556** are children

### Highlights from our response in November:

--The Education Team conducted two workshops aimed at providing education for the Syrian volunteers. The workshops focused on delivering the core concepts in both Arabic and Math subjects in order to improve the knowledge and skills of the Syrian volunteers in our Makani centers. The total number of participants was 30 volunteers.

-Save the Children Jordan started conducting Vocational Training sessions upon the request of KAP's community and young people. One of the qualified volunteers provided the trainings on the basic skills of Barbering to 25 children aged 13 to 17 years old.

-In girls Multi Activity Centers (MACs) a reading competition was held with the participation of all girls registered in our MACs. The competition included 12 female participants.

## 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 **2,543,695** beneficiaries in Syria, including **1,714,779** 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.

➔ **3,381,005**

Refugees in Turkey UNHCR  
7 December 2017

### Our response



**Reached: 47,385**  
of these **42,402** are children

### Highlights from our response in November:

According to the signed sub-grant agreement between Save the Children and Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) on 17.07.2017, food baskets distribution to the orphanages and camps completed as of 15.10.2017 and following the completion of food basket distributions, TRC has submitted all the required documents and MEAL and program teams are in the process of reviewing them.

-As of 27th of November, 639 women attended trainings and 413 women received baby kits and information sessions, adding up to 1,052 caregivers.

## 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.

➔ **246,974**

Refugees in Iraq UNHCR 30 November 2017

### Our response



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

### Highlights from our response in November:

-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.

-Distribution of Bags and stationary completed in 11 schools in the refugee camp targeting a total of 3269 ( 1647 girls, 1622 boys)

- 2,100 Sunrise English books for grades 8 and 9 have been printed out. A total of 617 books have been distributed as below: (302 for grade 8 and 315 grade 9) for 617 children (281 girls, 336 boys) in 9 schools in the three Refugee camp schools (Gawilan, Domiz 1&2).

## 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: 70,520**  
Of these **40,904** are children

### Highlights from our response in November:

-- 14 Syrian, 38 African and 230 Egyptian mothers attended sessions of the Positive Discipline for Everyday Parenting program (PDEP) (Greater Cairo).

-A training was conducted to 4 Early Childhood Care and Development managers from (Sudan and Eritrea) to assess their needs on organizational development.

-A 3 days workshop training was conducted to 18 Sudanese and Eritrean teachers from Step Toward Tomorrow community school and Children of the World community school (Giza).

-20 African parents participated in a training to build skills on the Literacy Boost in Emergencies (LBIE) approach (Nasr City).

-138 Syrian students attended a camp to improve reading and writing skills (Obour).

### 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 LIVELIHOOD

-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

