

## REGIONAL OVERVIEW

According to UNHCR **5,615,147** have now fled Syria to surrounding countries in the region. **1.4** million of them fled in 2014 alone with an average of more than **3,935** people per day. In 2015 more than **617,188** Syrians fled the country, an average of more than **1,714** per day. In 2017 more than **623,374** Syrians fled the country, an average of more than **1,731** per day. Children now make up **47.7%** of the refugee population, meaning there are an estimated **2,678,425** refugee children in the region.

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**5,615,147**

Registered Syrian Refugees  
15 March, 2018, UNHCR

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**2,678,425**

Estimated number of children  
15 March, 2018, UNHCR



## SYRIA KEY FACTS

👤 **People in hard to reach or besieged areas** **2.98 m**  
2018, [OCHA](#)

🏠 **People internally displaced by violence** **6.1 m**  
2018, [OCHA](#)

👤 **People living in areas with high exposure to explosive weapons** **8.2 m**  
2018, [OCHA](#)

🎓 **Children out of school** **1.75 m**  
April 2017, [OCHA](#)



## 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. We have so far received **\$305.4m** for our humanitarian interventions in **Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria.**



To date we have reached **3,127,153 people** in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria, including approx. **2,041,809 children.**



With the needs growing every day in 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

As it enters its eight year, the conflict in Syria continues to be characterised by intense bombardment and attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure by parties to the conflict. The so-called 'de-escalation zones' announced by Turkey, Russia and Iran in May 2017, which were presented as a mechanism for ensuring the protection of civilians, increasing access, and offering 'a safe place' for Syrian refugees to return to, have failed – and in certain cases, have deteriorated into even greater suffering.

Approximately three million people (1.05 million of which are children) are living in hard-to-reach areas, including over 400,000 people (202,300 of which are children) living in UN-declared besieged areas.

Syria's children are facing renewed and growing violence with widespread violations of IHL and IHRL and the continuing use of devastating weapons such as cluster bombs, which are banned under international law, bunker busting bombs as well as chemical weapons. The international community must ensure a clear commitment by the parties to the conflict to uphold their obligations to grant humanitarian access to all areas, with a focus on hard-to-reach and besieged areas, and refrain from attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals and schools.

Host countries are also under immense strain due to the unprecedented scale of the Syrian refugee exodus and risk becoming a crisis of their own, particularly Lebanon. The international community needs to honour the commitments made at the London conference last February and provide sufficient support to Syria's neighbouring countries to keep borders open to those fleeing Syria's violence, ensure every last child has access to quality education, facilitate adults access to livelihoods and guarantee the legal status and protection of refugees.

Donors must further increase support to people affected by the Syrian crisis, specifically prioritizing education and child protection interventions to prevent a lost generation.

Hany\*, 11, [described](#) the moment his school was attacked in Idlib: "She (the teacher) was standing by the window and she told us that she'd go and get us pens and paper. Before she could do that she was hit in the head and we saw she was dead."

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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.

➔ **991,917**

Refugees in Lebanon UNHCR 15 March, 2018

### Our response



**\*Reached 15,167 of these 8,952 are children\***

\*Counter Reset starting January 2018.

### Highlights from our response:

-We conducted Community Based Psycho Social Support Sessions for children in 3 locations of targeting 426 children.

- An Open day event was held for the children under the theme of Children Rights with the participation of 145 children.

- During last month, The Shelter team has conducted around 312 phone surveys during February to find new beneficiaries. The shelter team conducted 70 Household profiling questionnaire (HPQ) assessment for HHs benefiting from the minor repairs.

- The shelter team signed 96 MOUs with 96 HHs and landlords, first payment was transferred and work has started.

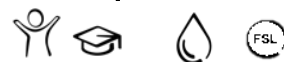
## JORDAN

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.

➔ **659,063**

Refugees in Jordan UNHCR 13 March, 2018

### Our response



**\*Reached: 289,693**

of these **136,689** are children

\*Counter Reset starting January 2018.

### Highlights from our response:

-840 students were reached through 18 awareness sessions conducted by peers in Makani Centres around the Kingdom, the topics focused on the importance of education, Effective communication and positive thinking.

-Different awareness sessions were conducted across all centres. The sessions covered topics like child labour, importance of education, accepted and non-accepted behaviours, diseases, importance of community initiatives, sewage water halls, exploitations and neglects.

-We Conducted 3 trainings for UNICEF partners: one in Irbid with 19 participants from MoSD and the other in Mafraq with 15 participants from MoSD and the third training was conducted in Amman with 25 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. We have reached **2,532,136** beneficiaries in Syria, including **1,721,580** children up to January 2018.

## OTHER REFUGEE LOCATIONS

UNHCR Last updated 19 October,2017

**+30,000**

North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Libya)

## 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.

➔ **3,554,496**

Refugees in Turkey UNHCR 15 March, 2018

### Our response



**Reached: 51,391**  
of these **45,007** are children

### Highlights from our response:

- Küçükçekmece Community Centre was launched on 7 March. The center is run by our partner Support to Life, several activities started in the Centre in February.

- During February, 94 children continued receiving PSS support at the Balat CC, 41 new beneficiaries, 24 girls and 17 boys begun attending to group sessions.

- During February, we covered the travel costs of 2339 children across 9 schools in Hatay (Antakya, Iskenderun, Erzin, Kırıkhan, Hassa, Kumlu, Arsuz).

## 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.

➔ **248,092**

Refugees in Iraq UNHCR 15 March, 2018

### Our response



**Reached: 165,009**

Of these **87,525** are children

### Highlights from our response:

- A total of 62 women continued to participate in three positive discipline sessions in Gawilan and Domiz 2.

- Child resilience sessions for children in the three refugee camps took place and a total of 63 (25 girls, 38 boys) participated in the 2 cycles.

-Teachers Learning Circles(TLCs) sessions were delivered to 104 teachers (51 male, 53 female) in 11 targeted schools.

- We delivered a Literacy Boost Training to 5 (1 female, 4 male) SCI staff, 1 female from the local partner, 1 supervisor from DOE, participants will be rolling out for formal and non-formal teachers.

- 23 Child Protection committee members (14 Females, 9 males) in Domiz 1 were trained in Psychological First Aid (PFA)

## 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.

➔ **128,034**

Refugees in Egypt UNHCR 15 March, 2018

### Our response



**Reached: 73,757**

Of these 42,056 are children

### Highlights from our response:

- Health screening was conducted to 176 Syrian children. While, 33 Syrian children received direct assistance (medical glasses) (Obour).

-54 Syrian and African mothers attended sessions of the Positive Discipline for Everyday Parenting program (PDEP). While, 15 African teachers attended sessions of the Positive Discipline for Everyday Teaching program PDET (Ard El-Lewa).

- 35 Syrian teachers attended training on the resilience program which is conducted with the students of 3 Syrian community schools (Obour, Gesr El-Suez and Helwan)

- 69 Syrian and Egyptian children from public schools attended four sessions from Choices curriculum to mainstream gender concept among students (Greater Cairo)

**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

