

## REGIONAL OVERVIEW





According to UNHCR, **5,600,199** 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 **45%** of the refugee population, meaning there are an estimated **2,520,089** refugee children in the region.

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Registered Syrian Refugees  
29 July, 2018, UNHCR

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Estimated number of children  
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## SYRIA KEY FACTS

	<b>People in hard to reach or besieged areas</b> 2018, <a href="#">Relief Web</a>	<b>1.5 m</b>
	<b>People internally displaced by violence</b> 2018, <a href="#">OCHA</a>	<b>6.6 m</b>
	<b>People living in areas with high exposure to explosive weapons</b> 2018, <a href="#">OCHA</a>	<b>8.1 m</b>
	<b>Displacements in the Last 12 Months from Affected Areas of N &amp; S Syria –</b> 2018, <a href="#">ReliefWeb</a>	<b>1.2m</b>

## 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 **\$329m** for our humanitarian interventions in **Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria.**



To date we have reached **3,419,732 people** in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria, including approx. **2,206,176 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 two million people remain in hard-to-reach areas in Syria and 11,000 still live in besieged locations. 2018 has seen unprecedented rates of internal displacement – more than 920,000 people were forced to flee their homes in the first four months of the year alone.

- 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 honor the commitments made at the London conference last February and provide sufficient support to Syria's neighboring 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, both inside Syria and in the region, specifically prioritizing education and child protection interventions to prevent a lost generation.



Six years ago, at the end of July 2012, Za'atari camp opened in the north of Jordan to deal with the sudden influx of refugees fleeing conflict inside Syria. Mais\*, 9 years old, arrived in the camp five years ago and was immediately enrolled in one of Save the Children's early learning centres. She is now in the fourth grade at school, and still participates in activities to encourage younger children to attend the centres. Mais\* believes strongly in education and would like to be a teacher so she can go back and teach the children in Syria one day. You can learn more about her story [here](#). PHOTO: Ahmed Muhsen/Save the Children Jordan

## 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.

➔ **976,002**

Refugees in Lebanon – 31 July 2018,  
UNHCR

### Our response



**\*Reached 65,098, of these 37,473 are children\***  
\*Counter Reset starting January 2018.

### Highlights from our response:

- A total of 20 Child Participated in the CBPSS cycle. On-going activities for the caregivers and Men. Rehabilitation for the rented center to be used as a youth club and a CFS. 4 new caregivers attended our parenting sessions at during June.
- In total, SCI succeeded in establishing 32 HWS groups out of 30 with 484 children benefiting from the supporting sessions.
- 20 active volunteering facilitators were supporting the education team in running all 32 active homework support groups in Central Bekaa. 25 Parents Committee Groups out of 25 were active, reaching 258 caregivers that are participating in all PCG held meetings. 24 outreach volunteers (are supporting education team in all outreach and community based activities implemented in central Bekaa.

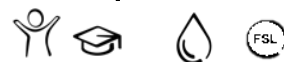
## JORDAN

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

➔ **668,123**

Refugees in Jordan – 29 July 2018,  
UNHCR

### Our response



**\*Reached: 309,155, of these 153,134 are children**  
\*Counter Reset starting January 2018.

### Highlights from our response:

- A HR Induction was delivered for 12 members of CBOs under J&J project.
- A Heart training was delivered for 12 CBOs under J&J project.
- 255 beneficiaries, Syrian and Jordanian, men and women, have completed their Personal Development Training from the host community in our targeted areas of Zarqa, Rusaiifa and Mafrqa – Al Khaldieh.
- Within Community Health Services Program in Zaatari Camp:
- 1 capacity building training was delivered to out 80 community health volunteers.
- Referred all cases that requires health follow up to health facilities.
- Conducted raising awareness sessions on head lice and diarrhea prevention.

## 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 **2,796,627** beneficiaries in Syria, including **1,881,884** children up to June 2018.

## OTHER REFUGEE LOCATIONS

North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Libya)

**33,545**

Last updated 15 March 2018, UNHCR

## 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.

➔ **3,533,822**

Refugees in Turkey- 26 July 2018, UNHCR

### Our response



**\*Reached: 2,825, of these 2,604 are children**  
Counter reset of #Beneficiaries starting January 2018 and removing NW Syria figures.

### Highlights from our response:

- Under BMZ Project:
- In May, 24 Children (11 Girls, 13 Boys) have access to safe spaces with psychosocial support and learning activities.
  - (45) of Syrian refugee households reported having access to legal guidance in Turkey through the project (14 Girls, 11 Boys 11, 17 Women, 3 Men)
  - (28) of Syrian refugee households are successfully referred to services: (13 Girls, 11 Boys, 2 Women, 2 Men)

## 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.

➔ **251,157**

Refugees in Iraq – 30 June 2018,  
UNHCR

### Our response



**Reached: 165,009,**  
Of these **87,525** are children

### Highlights from our response:

- Organised a celebration on the occasion of International Refugee's Day took place in the 3 refugee camps Domiz 1, Domiz 2 and Gawilan camps targeting 860 Children (344 Girls, 516 Boys).
- 3 cycles of adolescent boys in Domiz 1, 2 and Gawilan camps has been completed in June targeting a total number of 63 Boys.
- 1 cycles of youth resilience in Domiz 2 camp has been completed in June targeting a total number of 25 (9 Girls, 16 Boys).
- In the three refugee camps Gawilan and Domiz 1& 2 camp 365 (157 girls and 208 boys) have been registered and benefited from case management service provisions.
- A Reading Festival was conducted as part of community action at Domiz 2 and Gawilan
- Rehabilitation of 11 refugee schools is completed

## 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.

➔ **129,737**

Refugees in Egypt – 30 June 2018,  
UNHCR

### Our response



**Reached: 80,266,**  
Of these **43,440** are children

### Highlights from our response:

- A total of 301 adult females (above 18) in Ard Ellewa, 6th of October City, and El Barageel, were reached through 264 home visits for raising awareness about family planning and post abortion care, and others' (42 women) visits to PHCs were being facilitated on daily bases by CHWs to support receiving FP counselling and methods.
- 5 Syrian, Somali, Sudanese and Eritrean chefs –From BPRM participants small business- covered the catering of the World Refugee Day.
- 12 Sudanese ECCD facilitators received a three-day literacy training, two days on age characteristics and solving behaviors problems of children and one day on psychomotor activities in Ard Ellewa and El Barageel
- 10 UAC children (Ethiopian, Eritrean, Somali) were matched with mentors in June to make a total of 103 UAC matched with mentors since January.

### 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 (ECCD) 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 and IDPs 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 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

