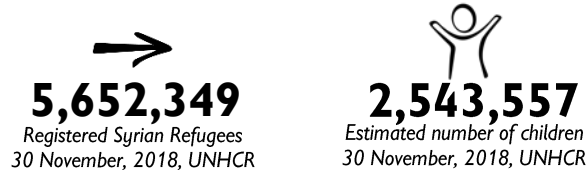
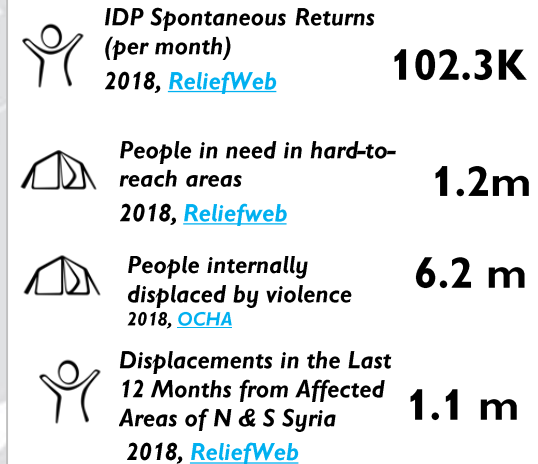


## REGIONAL OVERVIEW

According to UNHCR, **5,652,349** 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 **2,354,210** refugee children in the region.



## SYRIA KEY FACTS



## 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 **\$330.5m** for our humanitarian interventions in **Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria.**

To date we have reached **3,807,369 people** in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria, including approx. **2,402,660 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

2018 has seen a number of changes on the ground in Syria, but the conflict continues to be characterized by attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure by parties to the conflict. Basic services and infrastructure have been devastated by years of fighting and deprivation and the overall levels of humanitarian need remain high - with 13.1 people in need of humanitarian assistance, including 5.3 million children.

This year has seen unprecedented rates of internal displacement, particularly within north-west Syria and from Eastern Ghouta, northern Homs and Dara'a as those areas changed hands. More than 920,000 people fled their homes in the first four months of the year alone, many of them children who were forced to flee their homes, schools and friends for the third or fourth time. The fate of Idlib province, which hosts many of the displaced where and the more than a million children live, is now in the balance as the population faces a potential military escalation. conflict and helped to recover.

Syria's children have experienced 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, and refrain from attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals and schools.

Refugee hosting countries are also under immense strain due to the unprecedented scale of the Syrian refugee exodus and protracted nature of the crisis. There is an increasing push for refugees to return to their homes, but Save the Children's position is that Syria is not currently safe for returns. The international community needs to honour the commitments it has made at successive conferences and provide sufficient support to Syria's neighbouring countries to prevent refoulement (forced returns), 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.



As part of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, our Egypt team conducted a number of activities for Syrian students aged 13 to 18 years, as well as their parents aiming to raise awareness on gender issues, and the impacts of social and cultural factors on gender norms. Participants in these sessions discussed the various forms of violence that they face every day, especially violence targeting girls and women. More information about these activities can be found [here](#). Photo Credit: Ahmed Gad/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.

➔ **950,334**

Refugees in Lebanon - 30 November, 2018, UNHCR

### Our response



**\*Reached 202,284, of these 104,540 are children\***

*\*Counter Reset starting January 2018.*

#### Highlights from our response:

- In November, A total of 24 people out of 64 targeted have been identified through the outreach activity to participate in the Vocational Training and Home-Based Skills Development activities.
- In the North: A construction and agriculture training is ongoing, construction activities and works are expected to be finalised by 14th of Dec.
- 269 Syrian households and sixty Lebanese households have completed rehabilitation works.
- In-kind Weatherproofing assessment and distribution in informal settlements has been completed for 2018, reaching 97.8% of the target.
- In Beirut: Hygiene and fire prevention awareness sessions were conducted for eight households that completed the minor repair work.
- Remedial support classes were opened at five new learning centers, while three ECCD centres were established.

## 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.

➔ **673,414**

Refugees in Jordan - 12 November, 2018, UNHCR

### Our response



**\*Reached: 315,252, of these 156,696 are children**

*\*Counter Reset starting January 2018.*

#### Highlights from our response:

- Participated in the Positive without violence (PWV) Gold Course training
- Conducted capacity building training for Za'atari team on (HEART, Advocacy)
- Arsenal coaches trained Za'atari local coaches in November on the new resilience module
- 720 out of school children registered and received cash for education assistance :617 in Formal Education and 103 in Non-Formal Education.
- 22 Jordanians and 17 Syrians attended the Community Committees training
- We conducted care giver sessions, 57 female beneficiaries attended & completed training (2 Jordanian & 55 Syrian)
- Starting November, beneficiaries will receive cash at beginning of month 484,800KG of bread & 6,532KG of dates distributed

## 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 **3,019,074** beneficiaries in Syria, including **1,995,490** children up to November 2018.

## OTHER REFUGEE LOCATIONS

North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Libya)

**35,713**

Last updated 30 November, 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.

➔ **3,607,563**

Refugees in Turkey- 29 November, 2018, UNHCR

### Our response



**\*Reached: 4,431, of these 3,868 are children**

*Counter reset of #Beneficiaries starting January 2018 and removing North West Syria figures.*

#### Highlights from our response:

- Under BMZ, 3 groups of CRP are implemented with IPA which is provided to ease access to services.
- The training went on for 7 weeks total with the participation of 11 youth (9 Syrian male, 1 Syrian female and 1 Turkish female).
- A pre and post-test was applied to the group and the results are being analyzed.
- In BMZ project, 1st ECCD cycle continues; with 14 children in morning and 13 in afternoon group.

## 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.

➔ **252,772**

Refugees in Iraq - 30 November, 2018, UNHCR

### Our response



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

#### Highlights from our response:

- Child Protection activities focus on case management, capacity building, PSS activities (child and youth resilience, adolescent girls and boys toolkits), and community-based child protection through Child Protection Committees, Protection Networks, and Child and Youth clubs.
- The main achievement under Child Protection activities for the reporting period, is the participation of 200 girls from Gawilan camp in a Marathon on International Girls' day, with the aim of raising awareness on girls' rights.

-The main achievements during the reporting period were the provision of remedial education for 600 students, training of 20 para-educators, and establishment of Teacher Learning Circles and Child Education Committees.

## 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.

➔ **132,553**

Refugees in Egypt - 30 November, 2018, UNHCR

### Our response



**Reached: 101,319, Of these 54,541 are children**

#### Highlights from our response:

- 623 children registered attending our Child Friendly Spaces (CFS).
- 169 children at risk cases identified through our case management system.
- 42 parents attended awareness sessions/PSS counselling/ First Aid training
- 31 youth having completed the youth livelihoods program. So far 1144 completed the programs.
- 13 small businesses set up by youth. 127 businesses were set up so far.
- 10 youth joined the local labour market this month raising the total number to 276.
- 3 health facilities supported. 11 total so far.
- 13 physicians trained on family planning package. 556 trained so far.
- 289 women started a new Family Planning method. Total 9636 women to date.
- 313 women received awareness by community health workers.

**Legend**


Non Food Items



Shelter



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.

-We implement Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) programmes in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq, 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.

-We provide 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.

-We have been delivering essential aid items such as clothing, kitchen sets, and hygiene kits to displaced families in 42 locations in Syria in cooperation with our partners, 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.

-Our 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). We have focused our 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 Egypt and Lebanon 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.