



# SYRIAN REFUGEES INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL UPDATE

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## KEY FIGURES

**3.8 million**

Syrian refugees have fled to neighboring countries and North Africa

**1.9 million**

Refugees and vulnerable members of impacted communities are receiving food assistance in 2014

**1.7 million**

People have been provided with access to safe drinking water in 2014

**966,000**

People have benefited from shelter assistance in camp and non-camp settings in 2014

**1 million**

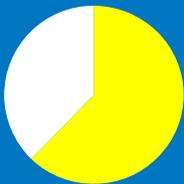
People have benefited from the distribution of basic household and core relief items in 2014.

## 2014 FUNDING

**USD 3.7 billion**

requested for the situation

Gap  
39%



Funded  
**61%**

## 3RP OVERVIEW



4.3m refugees  
(Projected December)



5.9m direct beneficiaries

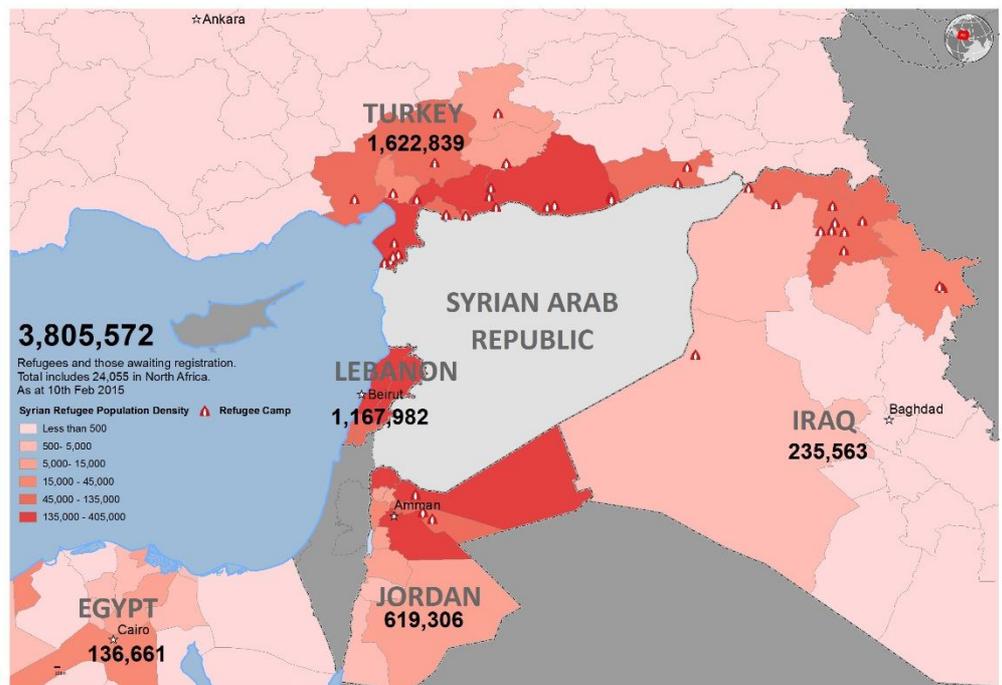


\$5.5 billion required

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The European Union (EU) announced on 29 January that it is increasing its assistance to the Syria crisis by €136 million in humanitarian funding, half of which will go to needs inside Syria, and the other half to Syrian refugees and host communities in neighboring Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. This includes €37 million to Lebanon and €20 million to Jordan in 2015. The EU, along with its Member States, is one of the leaders of the international humanitarian response to the Syria crisis, having mobilized over €3.25 billion in assistance.
- United Kingdom International Development Secretary Justine Greening announced an additional £100 million assistance during her visit to Zaatari refugee camp with Prince of Wales on 7 February. The new pledge is to assist refugees and host communities in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq, and provide support to people inside Syria.

A total of **3.8 million** people of concern



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# UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

## Operational Context

Insecurity and violence continued to cause displacement within Syria and across the Middle East. By the end of 2014, more than 3.8 million Syrians had fled to neighboring countries.

Needs remain enormous. Government services and local communal services are under strain due to the increased demand, impacting service quality for both refugees and nationals, and threatening social cohesion. Lebanon and Jordan currently rank first and second in the world in refugees per capita.

More than three million people are directly affected by the Syria crisis in Lebanon, where one in every four people is a refugee.

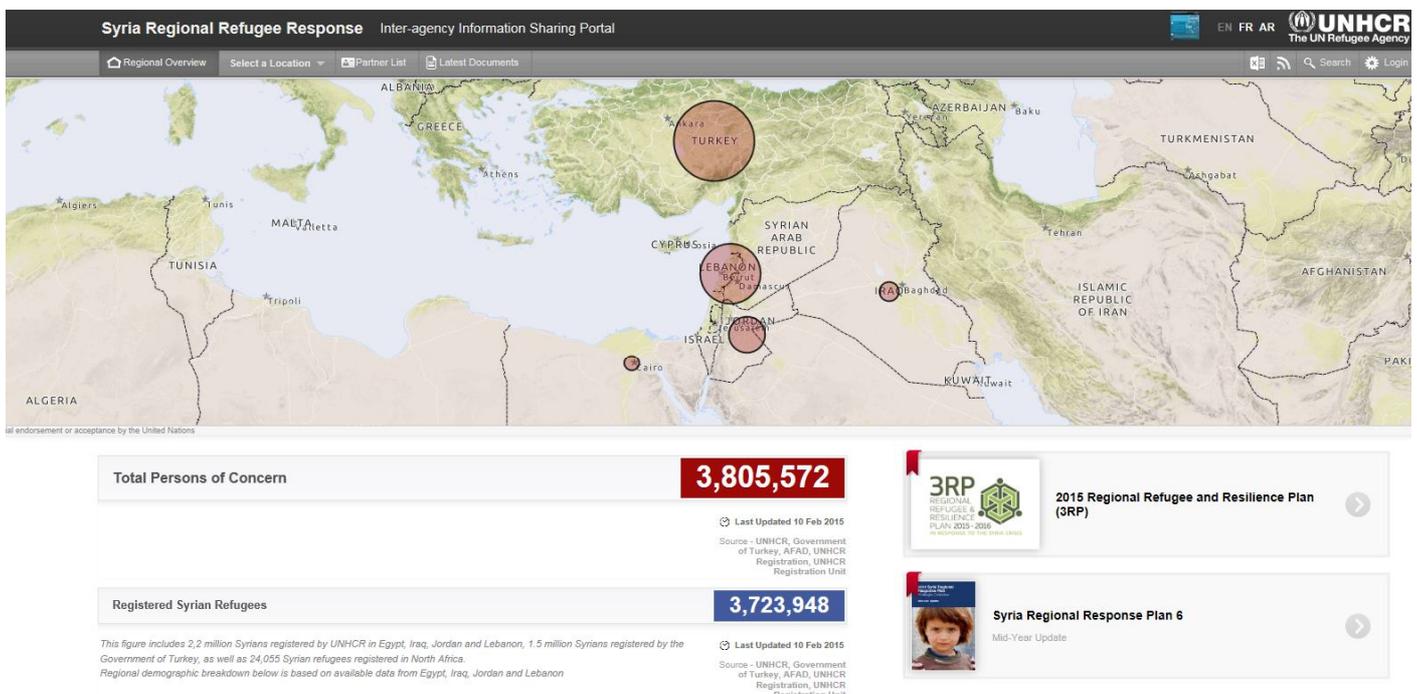
Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) estimates that the number of Syrians in the country has exceeded 1.6 million, of whom some 229,257 are currently living in 22 camps across the south of Turkey.

The arrival of Syrian refugees into Jordan has fallen markedly since early October 2014.

In the region, some 400,000 refugees are accommodated in refugee camps. Outside of camps, it is estimated that 38 per cent of refugees live in sub-standard shelter. Winter assistance by the humanitarian and government actors to the most vulnerable in the region continues.

Over 200 agencies and aid groups, together with the governments of neighboring countries, are working together to protect Syrian refugees and assist them with meeting their basic needs, improve access to education and medical care, and provide basic goods such as tents, food and safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities.

Monthly sectoral dashboards are published on the [Syria Regional Response Data Portal](#), detailing sectoral priorities, achievements and needs by country and regionally.



## The Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan 2015-2016

The Strategic Response Plan (SRP) for Syria and the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) in response to the Syria crisis were jointly launched in Berlin on 18 December 2014.

The 3RP is a country-driven, regionally coherent plan to address refugee protection and humanitarian needs whilst building the resilience of vulnerable people and impacted communities and strengthening the capacity of national delivery systems in the five most affected countries neighbouring Syria.

The 3RP integrates and is aligned with existing and emerging national plans, including the Jordan Response Plan 2015 to the Syria Crisis, the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan, the Iraq SRP, and country responses in Turkey and Egypt.

Requiring US\$5.5 billion in funding to directly support almost six million people, the 3RP is based on planning projections of up to 4.27 million refugees in countries neighbouring Syria by the end of 2015 and help to over a million vulnerable people in host communities. Beyond those receiving direct support, an additional 20.6 million people in impacted local communities will benefit from upgrades to local infrastructure and services in areas such as health, education, water and sewage, training and capacity building of service providers, and policy and administrative support to local and national authorities.



Protection

### IRAQ

- As of 31 January, there are 238,688 registered Syrian refugees in Iraq, with Erbil hosting the largest numbers (104,493 people).
- Between 16 and 31 January, 1,888 Syrians were admitted to KR-I (357 families of 1,447 individuals and 441 singles), bringing the total number of new arrivals in the KR-I since 25 September 2014 to 29,652 individuals as of 29 January. The majority are from Kobani area in Syria.
- All new arrivals in 2015 are being received and registered at Gawilan refugee camp in Dohuk Governorate. A total of 102 families have settled in the permanent site of Gawilan camp, as of 28 January.
- The new arrivals were visited tent by tent and token cards were issued to facilitate their access to services and core relief items. The majority of them continue to leave the camp to reunite with their relatives and friends in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah, and to seek job opportunities.
- UNICEF and its partners provided psychosocial support services to 103 refugee children (55 girls and 48 boys) in the refugee camps in Dohuk, Sulamaniyah and Erbil governorates, bringing the cumulative total for January 2015 to 728 children (374 girls; 354 boys).
- During protection monitoring activities conducted between 16 and 31 January, UNHCR observed an increase in spontaneous relocations and/or return of Syrian refugees to the camps.
- With the support of UNICEF, 34 refugee children (14 girls; 20 boys) received specialized child protection services from frontline workers, raising the cumulative total to 102 children (39 girls; 63 boys) for the month of January.
- As of 7 February, iris-scan enrolment in Iraq is completed for 39% of registered refugees.

### JORDAN

- According to the UNHCR 2014 Jordan Home Visits report "Living in the Shadows" two-thirds of refugees across Jordan are now living below the national poverty line, and 1 in 6 Syrian refugee households live in abject poverty, with less than US\$ 40/per/month.

- Since January, there has been a significant increase in the number of returnees to Azraq camp. A total of 1,523 individuals returned to the camp, while 307 individuals and 614 individuals moved to the camp from local areas in November and December respectively.

## LEBANON

- As of 5 February, there are a total 1,168,115 Syrians in Lebanon of whom 1,156,418 are registered and 11,697 are awaiting registration.

## TURKEY

- According to AFAD between December 2013 and December 2014, the total number of Syrian refugees in camps has increased by eight per cent (22 camps in 10 provinces) and the number of registered Syrian refugees living outside the camps increased by 163.6 per cent. At the end of 2014, of the total of 1,622,839 Syrian refugees in Turkey, 1,189,257 are registered or are awaiting registration by the government of Turkey.
- Since the beginning of the Syrian crisis, 40,104 Syrian children were born in Turkey.

## Education

### IRAQ

- The second semester for the current academic year 2014-2015 started on 21 January. Due to the construction of two new UNICEF built school buildings in Darashakran and Kawergosk camps, the three-shift-system could be replaced by two shifts, increasing studying hours from 2.5 hours to 4 hours per weekday.
- As of 31 January, over 14,000 children are enrolled in 14 basic camp schools in the KR-I (7,807 students in 9 schools in Dohuk Governorate, 5,684 students in 4 schools of Erbil Governorate, and 757 students in 1 school in Sulaymaniyah Governorate). A total of 14,542 children are attending 45 host community schools across the KR-I (9,753 students in 23 schools in Duhok Governorate, 3,619 students in 19 schools in Erbil Governorate and 1,170 students in 4 schools of Sulaymaniyah Governorate).
- An agreement was reached with Department of Labor and Social Affairs (DoLSA) to include refugee children in institutions in Dohuk that provide special care. This will include three years of special education and vocational trainings for children affected by Down syndrome, hearing impairment, visual impairment, autism, and physical disabilities. Identification of beneficiaries will be conducted in cooperation with ACTED, UNICEF and Save the Children.

### TURKEY

- A total of 68,607 children are attending schools in the camps (including kindergarten).

## Food Security and Nutrition

### EGYPT

- A total of 86,576 beneficiaries were reached during the January distribution cycle (83,720 Syrian and 2,856 Syrian Palestinian refugees), meeting 96 per cent of the target. Given available funds region-wide, WFP Egypt operations decreased the value of food vouchers from US\$24 to US\$17, applying a 30 per cent reduction.
- WFP, in partnership with Carrefour, upgraded all the barcoded cards for the Greater Cairo area under the e-voucher system covering a total of 62,250 refugees.

### IRAQ

- Through the UNICEF-supported growth-monitoring programme, a total of 1,240 children under five years were screened during the reporting period in seven refugee camps across the KR-I and received 2,280 packs (325 grams each) of supplementary and therapeutic food for either preventive or therapeutic treatment. A total of 14 children were diagnosed with Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM)/wasting and received adequate treatment or were referred to specialized services.

- WFP informed the Kurdistan Regional Government and key stakeholders of the planned reduction of the food voucher value from US\$28.20 to US\$19 with effect from February 2015.
- WFP provided assistance to 103,601 people in January; 83,581 individuals through vouchers (in Domiz and Akre camps/Dohuk, Darashakran and Kawergosk camps/Erbil) and 20,020 individuals with food packets (in Al Obaidi/Anbar, Gewilan/Dohuk, Basirma and Qushtapa/Erbil and Arbat/Sulaimaniyah).

## JORDAN

- A total of 532,305 refugees were reached by WFP in January through e-cards, 442,021 living in local communities and 90,284 in camps.
- In February, WFP loaded the reduced one-month entitlements of JOD13 (from JOD20) per person reaching 442,021 individuals in all governorates via e-cards. In camps, WFP loaded entitlements worth JOD20 per person reaching 90,284 individuals.

## LEBANON

- World Food Programme (WFP) completed the January cycle distribution and 906,653 refugees were reached through electronic vouchers, with a value of US\$18 (reduced from US\$27).



## Health

## IRAQ

- With the support of UNICEF, during 16 to 31 January, 600 children under five years were immunized against polio, 122 infants under one year were vaccinated against measles, 130 children under five years received an MMR vaccine, and 240 children under five years received vitamin A supplements across eight refugee camps in KR-I. Additionally, 170 pregnant and lactating women received tetanus shots.
- The Directorate of Health in Dohuk is vaccinating all newly arriving refugees below the age of 15 years against measles and polio. Between 16 and 31 January, 1,000 children were vaccinated against polio and 943 against measles.

## JORDAN

- In January, UNFPA supported 8,824 refugee women and girls with reproductive health services and supported 300 women with safe deliveries in reproductive health clinics.
- UNHCR and other health actors continue to monitor the impact of the cessation of free access to healthcare for registered Syrian refugees in host communities, in effect since November 2014. Refugees who can afford the new subsidized fees continue to use the Ministry of Health facilities. Others approach Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS) clinics which has seen an increase in health care consultations since January; 4,798 Syrians received support during the month.
- The Burn and Reconstruction Surgery Unit in Princess Basma Hospital in Irbid was inaugurated in December 2014. The project, supported by UNHCR, is the first of its kind in the northern governorates and will offer integrated services to over 1.5 million people including refugees in the north.
- The Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) has opened an office in Zaatari camp and will contribute to disease surveillance and outbreak investigation activities, in coordination with the Ministry of Health and UNHCR.
- The Ministry of Health will implement a school health programme in Zaatari camp, consisting of a general health checks, disease screening and vaccination for children in grades 1, 4, 7 and 10. The initiative is being coordinated with UNICEF, IRD and UNHCR.

## TURKEY

- UNFPA delivered 2,000 hygiene kits to the Suruç temporary camp through AFAD, and 4,000 kits were sent to Sanliurfa, to be distributed to Syrians living in local communities.



## Shelter and NFIs

## IRAQ

- The handover of camp management to the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) in Erbil refugee camps has been completed and regular activities in the camps have been running with no interruptions.
- The total number of Syrian refugees in Arbat camp is 1,341 families comprising 5,343 individuals. Construction of the remaining blocks is underway, while the camp manager is still receiving requests from urban Syrian refugees to be allotted places in the camp, due to high rents and depleting resources.
- QANDIL provided 97 families from Kobani with full NFI packages in Gawilan camp, while 83 families have been provided with winterization kits and tent insulation materials. YAO distributed 27 CRIs which included tent insulation kits and polystyrene boards to the newly arrived refugees in Arbat camp.
- IOM distributed 1,500 winterization kits and 1,052 full NFI kits to Syrian refugees in Erbil and Dohuk governorates. IOM also provided transportation assistance to 6,180 Syrian refugees at three border crossings.

## JORDAN

- UNHCR is providing monthly cash assistance to 21,000 of the most vulnerable Syrian refugees living in host communities. An additional 10,000 Syrians have been identified as eligible for such assistance, but have not been provided cash assistance due to lack of funds.
- Between November 2014 and February 2015, humanitarian partners provided additional winter support to thousands of refugees both in camps and in local communities with a budget of US\$ 23.3 million.

## LEBANON

- IOM provided winter assistance to over 1,000 Syrian refugee families; 600 families in Akkar, the Bekaa and South Lebanon received cash assistance for fuel, stoves and blankets.

## TURKEY

- AFAD has opened its biggest camp in the south-eastern border town of Suruç for people fleeing fighting from Syria's Kobani area. As of 26 January, 1,392 Syrian refugees have been admitted the camp and accommodated in 330 tents. AFAD and the Foreigner's Police Department are conducting registration for those not yet biometrically registered, and those registered are directed for the issuance of the AFAD cards for receiving their monthly food allowance and core relief items in the camp.
- IOM continued with the distribution of winterization items for vulnerable Syrian families living in urban areas.



## Water and Sanitation

## IRAQ

- At Gawilan camp, Action Contre la Faim (ACF) is constructing 11 toilets for the disabled, and work is expected to be completed by 12 February. In Kawergosk camp, WASH facilities are ready at the permanent site and ten shower cabinets were installed in the camp for the newly received refugees from Kobani.
- In Qushtapa camp, construction phase of the water and sewerage network was completed and has now entered the testing phase. ACF has started taking responsibility for the maintenance of WASH facilities in line with the agreement with UNHCR.

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

### IRAQ

- The number of refugee volunteers in Akre camp has increased to 36 members and is now split into two sub-committees, responsible for issues related to women and community services, respectively.
- In Dohuk, more than 2,100 refugees are now registered with a view to support their employment. During the reporting period, 15 refugees found opportunities with organizations and private operators in Domiz camp.

## Working in partnership

ABAAD | [ACF Action contre la faim](#) | ACTED Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development | [ActionAid](#) | ADRA Adventist Development and Relief Agency | [AMEL Association-Lebanese Popular Association for Popular Action](#) | ANERA American Near East Refugee Aid | [ARMADILLA](#) | AVSI The Association of Volunteers in International Service | [British Council](#) | CARE International | [CCPA Lebanon](#) | CDO Civil Development Organization | [CISP Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli](#) | CLMC Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center | [CONCERN](#) | COOPI Cooperazione Internazionale | [CRS Catholic Relief Services](#) | DCA Dan Church Aid | [DOT Digital Opportunity Trust](#) | DRC Danish Refugee Council | [EMERGENCY](#) | FAO Food and Agricultural Organization | [FPSC Fundacion Promocion Social de la Cultura](#) | GVC Gruppo di Volontariato | [HI Handicap International](#) | Humedica | [HWA Hilfswerk Austria International](#) | ILO International Labour Office | [IMC International Medical Corps](#) | International Alert | [INTERSOS](#) | IOCC International Orthodox Christian Charities | [IOM International Organization for Migration](#) | IRC International Rescue Committee | [IRW Islamic Relief Worldwide](#) | KCSAMA Kurdistan Center for Strengthening Administrative and Managerial Abilities | [KURDS](#) | Leb Relief | [MAG Mines Advisory Group](#) | Makassed | [Makhzoumi Foundation](#) | MAP Medical Aid for Palestinians | [MEDIAR](#) | Mercy Corps | [Mercy USA](#) | NRC Norwegian Refugee Council | [OCHA Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs](#) | Oxfam | [PAO Public Aid Organization](#) | Partners – Jordan | [Partners – Turkey](#) | PCPM Polish Center for International Aid | [PU-AMI Première Urgence-Aide Médicale Internationale](#) | PWJ Peace wind Japan | [QANDIL](#) | RET Refugee Education Trust | [RI Relief International](#) | Safadi Foundation | [SCI Save the Children International](#) | SeraphimGLOBAL | [SFCG Search for Common Ground](#) | SI Solidarités International | [SIF Secours Islamique France](#) | Solidar Suisse | [SOS Children's Village](#) | TDH Terre des Hommes | [TDHI Terre des Hommes Italia](#) | Toastmasters International | [UN Women](#) | UNDP United Nations Development Programme | [UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization](#) | UNFPA United Nations Population Fund | [UN-Habitat](#) | UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees | [UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund](#) | UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization | [UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime](#) | UNOPS United Nations Office for Project Services | [UNRWA United Nations Relief and Works Agency](#) | URDA Union of Relief and Development Association | [War Child Holland](#) | War Child UK | [WFP World Food Programme](#) | WHO World Health Organization | [WRF World Rehabilitation Fund](#) | WVI World Vision International |

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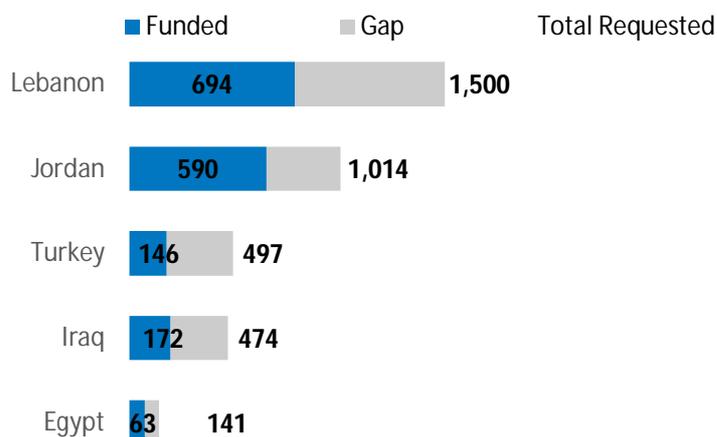
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### Funding (in million USD)

A total of **USD 2.3 billion\*** has been funded



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