

SYRIA CRISIS



PROMOTING SAFE MOTHERHOOD

UNFPA PARTNERS WITH GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS AND HUMANITARIAN ACTORS MAKE MOTHERHOOD AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE BY PROVIDING CARE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER DELIVERY AND HELPING SYRIAN WOMEN TO DELAY OR PREVENT PREGNANCY

ISSUES:

Around 2.2 Syrian women of reproductive age are in desperate need of support, around 1.65 million internally displaced within Syria and 500,000 refugees in neighbouring countries including Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

Of those women and girls, one in four is likely to be pregnant. This means that nearly 120,000 pregnant women among in Syria and about 39,000 pregnant women living as refugees in neighbouring countries.

Emergencies put these women and their babies at risk because of the sudden loss of medical support, compounded in many cases by trauma, malnutrition or disease, exposure to violence and being forced to live in difficult environments.

The number of women opting for Caesarean sections in the Syrian Arab Republic has doubled during the last two years; this is happening in the context of deteriorating health services.

INTERVENTIONS (January - November, 2013)

SYRIAN ARABIC REPUBLIC:

- 1.8 million women have accessed life-saving reproductive health services, including emergency obstetric services, thanks to reproductive health supplies and services supported by UNFPA; 168,000 intravenous fluids were delivered health facilities across the country to benefit vulnerable internally displaced persons.
- 10,200 safe deliveries and 5,362 Caesarean sections have been supported by .
- 10 hospitals and 60 clinics accept UNFPA reproductive health vouchers which enable girls and women to access reproductive health services free of charge.
- 23 mobile clinics are working in the field with more than 138 staff and 33 volunteers to deliver reproductive health services supported by UNFPA.
- Around 300,000 Syrian women and girls inside and outside the country with have received UNFPA dignity kits.



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UNFPA has supported 93 health facilities and mobile clinics inside Syria and established 21 reproductive health and mobile clinics in Jordan and Iraq.

UNFPA has provided around 600,000 Syrian women and girls with dignity and hygiene kits.

LEBANON:

- Around 47,000 women have benefited from reproductive health services supported by UNFPA.
- 120 awareness raising sessions have reached over 3,000 women and girls from the local hosting communities and the displaced community with information on reproductive health.
- 96 service providers were trained on the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for reproductive health provision in emergencies to ensure prioritization of the most life-saving measures and provision of comprehensive services.
- Over 9,600 women received dignity kits in November and 1-2 months supply of sanitary pads.
- UNFPA has supported 80 health centres with reproductive health kits and medicines.

JORDAN:

- Around 50,337 Syrian women refugees have received reproductive health services.
- In Zaatari camp has supported the safe delivery of 368 babies during the last three months.
- 20,028 Syrian refugees living in communities and refugee camps have benefited from awareness raising sessions on reproductive health.

IRAQ:

- Reproductive health kits were procured and distributed to cover the needs of 250,000 Syrian refugees and for some identified hosting communities.
- UNFPA is supporting reproductive health services for more than 60,000 refugees living in Domiz camp, providing over 10,000 consultations 27 healthcare staff were trained on the MISP, and 25 others were trained on the care and management of gender-based violence survivors.
- Over 30,000 women of reproductive age in and out of camp benefited from an ongoing campaign to raise awareness on family planning, the danger signs of pregnancy and on healthy life-styles.

TURKEY:

- 33 reproductive health service managers and focal persons from key partner institutions were trained on the MISP.
- In close collaboration with the Ministry of Health, over 300,000 reproductive health information materials were distributed.
- 60,000 hygiene kits, 3 ambulances, and 10 dishwashing containers were procured and distributed by UNFPA to meet the health and hygiene needs of 10,000 refugees living in camps.

EGYPT:

- UNFPA has trained health service providers on reproductive health in Damietta and at the community level in Cairo.
- UNFPA participated in a needs assessment exercise for Syrian refugees.