



TARGETS



Up to **3.5 million** Syrians may seek safety outside their country of origin



100% refugees registered with competent authorities



Up to **100,000** Syrians provided with legal counseling and information



100% of unaccompanied minors identified and assisted through Best Interest Determination



100% of SGBV survivors and those at risk of SGBV identified and assisted



Training provided to officials and other stakeholders on protection principles



338.8 million USD required

NEEDS

Access to asylum and registration

Given the size and speed of the movements, ensuring access to asylum and to UNHCR or Government registration remains a key challenge which involves actively advocating for and ensuring the implementation of protection-sensitive national entry policies and appropriate screening of incomers by Governments as necessary. Timely registration of Syrian refugees represents a critical element of the protection response. Given the high volume and rate of arrivals in countries in the immediate region and the significant demands upon registration resources, achieving an appropriate balance between the need to accelerate registration processing and the need to gather and record as early as possible information with a focus on vulnerabilities that will be required to support other protection activities and objectives, including Resettlement, remains crucial.

Child Protection

More than half the refugees fleeing Syria are children. Child protection actors throughout the region paint a picture of children traumatized by the conflict in Syria. Identifying high risk children in need of urgent protection interventions is prioritized by country operations. The most urgent concerns for the protection of refugee children are child labour and exploitation, child marriage and recruitment.

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV)

A range of factors including separated families, poverty and shelter needs contribute to an increased risk of SGBV for refugees. This Regional Response Plan lays out SGBV prevention and response programmes through a multi-sectoral approach that builds on community outreach, particularly targeting women and children as they are disproportionately affected by SGBV. The specific areas of concern addressed under SGBV programming include trafficking, forced/early marriage, domestic violence, and sexual harassment.

KEY AUGUST DEVELOPMENTS

In **Lebanon**, protection monitoring by RRP5 partners has documented an increasingly difficult environment, including increasing numbers of threatened evictions from informal settlements and collective shelters. A Mass Information campaign was launched regarding targeted assistance to ensure a well-informed population. In **Jordan**, additional safe points for women were opened to respond to SGBV at-risk women and survivors. Registration waiting periods for the non-camp caseload were reduced to 24 hours. Information dissemination and community outreach strengthened through the organization of weekly Town Hall meetings in August. The sub-working group on SGBV adopted a Work Plan and Strategy. Production of 23 mobile registration / coordination centers in support to Government of **Turkey** is underway. Transportation services continue in Turkey with the majority using it for medical referrals. Child Friendly Spaces established in camps inclusive of distribution of recreational materials. Border monitoring of Syrian spontaneous returns was maintained in **Iraq** as well as of new arrivals and monitoring of spontaneous returns including counseling, monitoring of unaccompanied and separated children, and de-registration. Since the Government of Egypt enacted temporary measures requiring Syrians coming to Egypt to obtain a visa and prior security approval, the number of new arrivals into the country has been nominal. UNHCR notes that an increasing number of Syrians are requesting case closures, citing socio-economic concerns as well as concerns about the political situation in **Egypt**. An increasing number of Syrians have been illegally crossing by boat from the region to Europe.

ACHIEVEMENTS



1.98 million Syrians registered



212,000 received psychosocial support



8,400 cases of identified UAM and CR assisted



1,900 responses to identified SGBV cases



25,500 individuals with special needs or persons at risk supported



125 safe space environments provided to refugee communities



725 trainings on protection delivered to counterpart & partner agencies



90,000 persons reached through legal counseling, awareness raising activities and information sharing with communities



57,500 persons reached through community based mine awareness raising

