

## SYRIA CRISIS

UNFPA, WITH GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION, LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND HUMANITARIAN PARTNERS SAFEGUARDS THE WELFARE OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH RECOGNIZING AND ENGAGING THEIR POTENTIAL TO OVERCOME CYCLES OF VIOLENCE AND INSTABILITY, TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKERS AND TO REBUILD DEVASTATED COMMUNITIES, OFFERING NEW PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

### ISSUES:

Family and social structures are disrupted and adolescents may be separated from their families, communities and formal or informal education programmes.

Loss of livelihood, security and protection place adolescents at risk of poverty, violence, sexual exploitation and abuse.

Youth may resort to risky behaviours.

Girls and young women may choose or be forced to marry before they are ready.



UNFPA has established 20 youth spaces in countries neighbouring Syria.

UNFPA has trained 2,212 Syrian youth refugees on peer education, reproductive health and other topics.

## ENGAGING SYRIAN YOUTH

### INTERVENTIONS (January - November, 2013)

#### LEBANON:

- Six youth friendly spaces are being established.
- More than 93 youth aged 15-24 took part in focus group discussions on youth needs and priorities.
- More than 25 youth have been trained on peer education and adolescent reproductive health in humanitarian settings.
- An estimated 2,000 youth have been reached through the peer-to-peer approach to enhance their knowledge on reproductive health.
- A situation analysis of Syrian and Lebanese youth in host communities is underway

#### JORDAN:

- UNFPA, through its partners, has established 8 youth friendly spaces in different locations inside the camps and in hosting communities, offering targeted youth and peer-to-peer activities.

#### IRAQ:

- UNFPA has established 1 youth space in Domiz camp and is currently in the process of setting up 4 more youth spaces in Erbil camps.
- UNFPA is developing a sports field for young people as a means for young people's mobilization and outreach.
- UNFPA has trained 14 volunteers from the youth friendly space in Domiz, the women's friendly space and cultural houses in Dohuk on management skills, including project management.
- Five sessions of peer education been organized, targeting more than 80 peer educators who are in turn reaching out to fellow young people in Domiz camp.