



SYRIAN REFUGEES

INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL UPDATE

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HIGHLIGHTS

Disaster in the Mediterranean Sea

- **Mediterranean boat capsizing: deadliest incident on record**

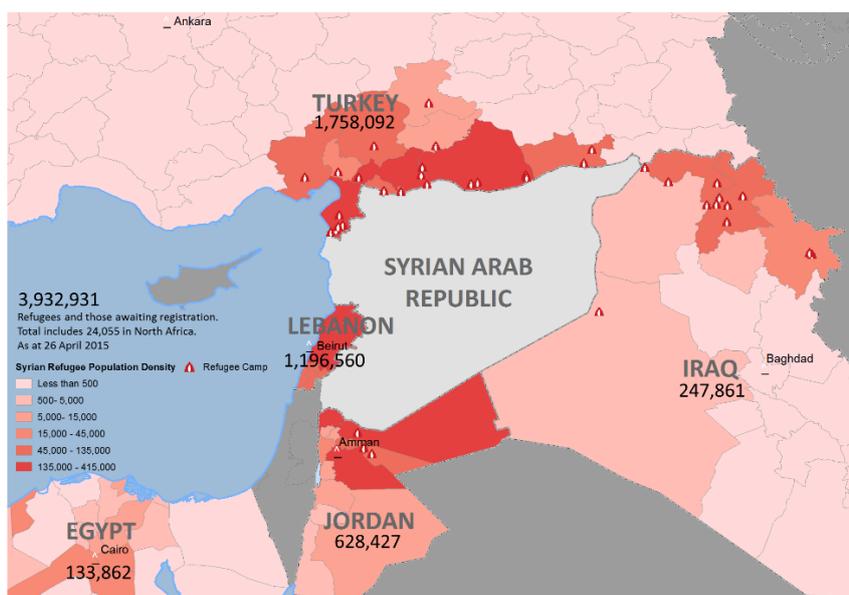
On 18 April a boat carrying some 850 people, including many children, capsized in the Mediterranean Sea and only 28 people are known to have survived. According to survivors, the boat departed from Tripoli in Libya and among those on board were a majority of Eritreans and also people from Syria.

This year, almost 40,000 refugees and migrants have made sea crossings and more than 1,700 people have lost their lives. In Italy, ten per cent of refugee and migrant arrivals in 2015 are Syrian whilst in Greece, the majority of the new arrivals by sea, some 60 per cent, are Syrian nationals.

- **Joint statement on Mediterranean crossings**

On 23 April, UN High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for International Migration and Development Peter Sutherland, and Director-General of the International Organization for Migration William Lacy Swing made a joint statement encouraging European leaders to take bold collective action including: proactive and well-resourced search and rescue operations as well as making a firm commitment to receive significantly higher numbers of refugees through EU-wide resettlement. The statement can be accessed here: <http://www.unhcr.org/5538d9079.html>

A total of **3.9 million** people of concern



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Sources: <http://data.unhcr.org>

KEY FIGURES

3.9 million

Syrian refugees have fled to neighboring countries and North Africa

1.8 million

Refugees and vulnerable members of impacted communities received food assistance in 2015.

282,000

People assisted to access safe drinking water in 2015

175,000

People have benefited from shelter assistance in camp and non-camp settings in 2015

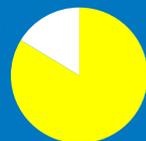
1 million

People have benefited from the distribution of basic household and core relief items in 2015.

3RP 2015 FUNDING

USD 4.5 billion (agency total)

Funded
19%



Gap
81%

requirements requested for 2015)

3RP OVERVIEW



4.3m refugees (Projected December 2015)



5.9m direct beneficiaries (Projected December 2015)



US\$ 5.5 billion required

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.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS



Protection

IRAQ

- From 16 to 31 March, 424 Syrian individuals entered the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I), bringing the total number of new arrivals from Syria in 2015 to 18,726.
- From 16 to 31 March, a total of 588 Syrians returned from the KR-I to Syria via the Peshkhabour border crossing point, bringing the total number of spontaneous returns in 2015 to 4,173 individuals. Reasons for return include family reunification, family events, medical reasons, lack of job opportunities, and high living costs in the KR-I.
- During the same period, the IRIS enrolment and verification began on 24 March in Domiz camp, Duhok Governorate, and 995 individuals were verified. In Erbil Governorate, a verification for refugees without biometric data was completed in Basirma camp, verifying 1,469 individuals. The process is ongoing in Qushtapa camp, targeting 2,500 individuals. A total of 1,021 cases comprising of 3,288 Syrian refugees in the four camps of the Erbil Governorate had their registration data updated and asylum-seeker certificates issued, while 1,284 residency cards were processed for the people in the Erbil camps. The verification exercise is a critical tool to determine who needs protection and assistance and helps partners to identify and target those with specific needs.
- From 16 to 31 March, 4,172 Syrian refugees living in urban areas of Erbil had their registration data updated and asylum-seeker certificates issued. The Residency Department issued residency cards for 342 Syrian refugees.

JORDAN

- As of 30 March, 60,394 refugees in Jordan are accessing psychosocial support services.

LEBANON

- As of 16 April, more than 25 partners are now using the Refugee Assistance Information System (RAIS) in Lebanon. RAIS is UNHCR's assistance case management tool, which enables recording of assistance, information on eligibility for assistance, and case referral.
- A new inter-agency website was launched in Lebanon which provides information on all humanitarian aid services available to registered and non-registered Syrian refugees, as well as host communities and refugees and asylum seekers from counties other than Syria. The website can be accessed here: www.refugees-lebanon.org

TURKEY

- As of 31 March there are 1,738,448 Syrians registered in Turkey, of whom 1.48 million are living outside of camps.
- On 26 March Turkey acceded to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, which will enter into force on 24 June 2015. This is a key legal instrument that will improve the identification and protection of stateless persons in Turkey.

Education

According to a joint report from UNICEF and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (April 2015), although school enrolment rates have increased in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, up to 21 million children risk missing out on an education, highlighting the millions of children in Syria and Iraq who are at risk of becoming a “lost generation”. The full report can be accessed on Reliefweb: <http://reliefweb.int/report/world/regional-report-out-school-children-middle-east-and-north-africa-enfrar>

IRAQ

- As of 31 March, UNICEF is supporting Parent Teachers Associations (PTA) in 16 camp schools across the KR-I with a monthly fixed grant of USD 300. The budget will be utilized to address the needs of the children and school facilities, identified in the individual school improvement plans. Between 16 and 31 March, UNICEF also provided technical and financial support to the Directorate of Education (DoE) in Duhok, repairing leaking roofs in 11 refugee camp schools benefitting some 5,500 children. Secondary education is not currently provided in the Erbil camps as the schools constructed by UNESCO lack teachers. Although refugees have volunteered to teach, a lack of books and furniture has hindered the process.
- Between 16 and 31 March, UNICEF distributed stationary and school bags to 2,104 refugee students living in host communities in Duhok Governorate.
- In Dohuk, 2,402 children (1,251 girls and 1,151 boys) attended four Child Friendly Spaces, established by Save the Children, during March.

JORDAN

- By 30 March, 18,153 school aged Syrian boys and girls are registered in Jordanian public schools, out of the 2015 target of 131,600 boys and girls. During the month of March, 13,429 children and youth benefitted from basic learning (literacy and numeracy), whilst 7,270 boys and girls were provided with individual education kits.
- Save the Children continued to reach a bi-weekly average of 3,586 boys and 3,228 girls through different structured and semi-structured activities including informal education and life skills in Child and Family Centres throughout the month of March.



Food Security and Nutrition

IRAQ

- During the period 16 to 31 March, a total of 1,100 children under five years old (U5) were screened through the UNICEF-supported growth monitoring program and 1,800 doses of supplementary nutrition food were distributed as preventative and therapeutic measures.
- A nutrition survey among Syrian refugees in camp and non-camp locations is planned for May, and will be implemented jointly by the Ministry of Health (MoH), UNICEF and UNHCR. The survey will look into global acute malnutrition and chronic malnutrition in children under five, as well as into infant and young child feeding practices.
- In light of continued funding shortfalls, the reduced voucher value of US\$ 19 per person will be maintained throughout April down from US\$ 28.20 in January. Between 16 and 31 March, WFP was unable to deliver food commodities to Al Obaidy camp in Anbar Governorate due to insecurity. In the meantime, ISHO (an Iraqi

registered NGO) continued to distribute two pieces of bread per day for the camp population and US\$15 complementary assistance to 749 refugees.

LEBANON

- In March, sector partners provided food assistance to 900,000 Syrian refugees with e-card assistance and 8,000 Syrian refugees and Lebanese returnees with food parcels.
- WFP and partners continued household surveys in March to identify the most vulnerable households which require assistance. As a result of a vulnerability analysis, some 3,017 households (15,291 individuals) have been informed they will no longer be receiving WFP assistance as of 1 May 2015.

TURKEY

- As of 22 April, WFP continues to partner with Kizilay to provide food assistance through the e-food card to 154,000 beneficiaries in 11 camps in South-east Turkey, working in close collaboration with AFAD and local authorities. WFP continues to work together with central and local governments to launch the e-food card programme with the Turkish Red Crescent to vulnerable Syrians living outside camps.



Health

IRAQ

- UNICEF continues to support local and governmental health authorities to provide routine immunization services for Syrian refugees in camps in the KR-I. Between 16 and 31 March, a total of 590 children U5 were immunized against polio, 118 infants under one year old were vaccinated against measles, 135 U5 children received MMR vaccine, and 245 U5 children received vitamin A supplements.
- As part of the UNICEF-supported newborn home visit program, approximately 2,000 tents were visited by trained Syrian refugee nurses between 16 and 31 March, across all refugee camps in the KR-I. During these visits, approximately 400 newborn babies and 300 post-delivery mothers received follow-up examinations.
- UNFPA provided 5,000 reproductive health services and trained 228 staff in health facilities during March.

JORDAN

- World Immunization Week, an annual World Health Organization (WHO) annual campaign, will be held from 24 to 30 April and aims to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. During this period, the Jordanian Ministry of Health plans to vaccinate 200,000 Syrian refugee children against polio, including all those residing in Zataari camp. Since November 2013, the Ministry, together with WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR and other partners, embarked on a series of campaigns to ensure all children U5 living in high-risk areas of Jordan, including in the camps, are vaccinated against polio. The WHO is supporting the Ministry with the introduction of innovative mobile devices to map immunization data and enhance early detection of communicable diseases.
- A dental clinic was opened in the Finnish Red Cross hospital in Azraq camp during the first week of April. The majority of the 18,073 Syrian refugees living in the camp may have been without dental health services for a long time. The hospital is a common project of the Finnish and German Red Cross organizations, implemented in collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Jordan National Red Crescent Society. As of end March, approximately 5,500 patients have received treatment.
- UNFPA provided 11,898 reproductive health services during March whilst some 8,753 people received gender-based violence (GBV) services. This included 526 GBV survivors who benefitted from safe and confidential specialized multi-sectoral services.

LEBANON

- During the month of March, UNFPA conducted 117 awareness sessions on child marriage and domestic violence benefitting 1,805 women from Syrian and Lebanese communities in Akkar and North Lebanon. UNFPA also

distributed up to 2,100 pamphlets on reproductive health-related issues and 1,575 women attended life skills awareness sessions.

TURKEY

- During March, UNFPA provided reproductive health and family planning services to 2,089 Syrian refugees and gender-based violence services to 400 Syrian women. During the same period, 2,844 hygiene kits were distributed and UNFPA signed an agreement for the establishment of a women's health counseling unit serving a population of 20,000 Syrians in Ankara.



Shelter and NFIs

JORDAN

- As at 18 April, 628,676 Syrian individuals were registered in Jordan. The majority of the refugees, 522,042 individuals, are living in urban areas.
- Some 161,786 refugees, 26 per cent of the total number in Jordan, have found refuge in Irbid, Jerash and Ajloun (numbers as of 8 April), the vast majority of whom are living outside of camp settings. During the month of March, UNHCR distributed a total of 2,905 blankets in cooperation with community support committees (CSCs) in each location. The CSCs are made up of Jordanian and Syrian youth volunteers who help identify the most vulnerable families in their areas and reach them with assistance.
- As of 18 April, the population of Azraq camp rose to 18,063. Preparations are underway for anniversary events during the week 30 April to 7 May, to mark the opening of Azraq camp. The population of Zaatari camp remained stable at 83,212 individuals.
- Excluding winterization assistance, cash programming in Jordan has increased by 78 per cent in March compared to January and the number of active cash partners increased from five to nine. In the first quarter of 2015, more than US\$15.4 million has been provided in cash assistance to vulnerable refugees and Jordanians.
- During the month of March in Azraq camp some 2,949 solar lamps were distributed to the same number of families. Gas refill sites have also been established to enable families to replenish gas for heaters and cookers.

LEBANON

- In February and March 2015, UNHCR conducted its third shelter survey to assess the shelter conditions of 6,000 Syrian refugee families in various Lebanese regions. Key findings show that around 55 per cent of Syrians are living in poor shelter conditions compared with 31.5 per cent in 2013; 35.2 per cent are sharing their accommodation with other families; and almost half of refugee families borrowed money to have a source of income.



Water and Sanitation

IRAQ

- During the period 16 to 31 March, UNICEF and NRC completed the construction of a 100 meter-long and 80 meter-wide drainage channel, which will drain off storm water and grey water from 407 households in Domiz camp in Duhok Governorate. In addition, the construction of a holding tank was completed, which will ensure the collection and storage of grey and black water from 43 households.
- A priority for the 3RP in 2015 is to transition from first-phase emergency services to more sustainable and more cost-effective systems, so that both refugees and host communities can benefit. In the Al Obaidy camp, 890 refugees in the camp, and 2,000 individuals (refugees and host community) outside the camp, are now being provided with water by an established water network.

JORDAN

- The increase in population within communities in the north of Jordan has placed a huge amount of stress on public services and basic infrastructure. In order to preserve community health and social cohesion among the

Syrian and Jordanian populations, UNHCR and ACTED are implementing community support projects. During March, water pumping stations were rehabilitated in Zarqa, Irbid and Mafraq whilst a sewer-line is being updated in Jabal Abyadh. Preparations for a wastewater treatment plant for Azraq camp started in the middle of March and construction is currently underway.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

JORDAN

- As of 14 April, ACTED has completed a football field in the Ajloun Governorate of Jordan – a first in this area and will support what is one of the most vulnerable communities in Jordan. ACTED, with support from UNHCR, handed it over to the local municipality. The field provides a space for youth to come together in healthy competition and recreational activity and an estimated 12,000 youth (80 per cent Jordanian, 20 per cent Syrian) will benefit.
- Work and income for refugees living in camps enables people to get their lives back in their own hands. Finn Church Aid started an agricultural and recycling project in Azraq camp in February and a greenhouse has now been installed. As of 9 April, there is a plan to include vegetable and fruit processing, with the potential for refugees to sell their products within the camp marketplace.

LEBANON

- On 7 April vocational training courses for Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese host communities were organized in the Bekaa region by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), together with the Ministry of Industry. Implemented in cooperation with national and private sector counterparts, the courses were part of the project “Supporting host communities affected by the high influx of Syrian refugees in Lebanon”. The project, which was initiated in 2014, is supporting small manufacturing enterprises and will help stimulate job creation and livelihood. The project involves both host and displaced communities in joint training activities.

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 | [Caritas](#) | 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 | [CVT Center for Victims of Torture](#) | DCA Dan Church Aid | [DOT Digital Opportunity Trust](#) | DRC Danish Refugee Council | [EMERGENCY](#) | FAO Food and Agricultural Organization | [FCA Finn Church Aid](#) | 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 | [International Relief & Development](#) | IRC International Rescue Committee | [IRW Islamic Relief Worldwide](#) | JEN | [JHAS Jordan Health Aid Society](#) | JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency | [KCSAMA Kurdistan Center for Strengthening Administrative and Managerial Abilities](#) | KURDS | [Leb Relief](#) | LWF Lutheran World Federation | [MAG Mines Advisory Group](#) | Makassed | [Makhzoumi Foundation](#) | MAP Medical Aid for Palestinians | [MEDIAR](#) | Mercy Corps | [Mercy USA](#) | MPDL Movement for Peace | [NEF Near East Foundation](#) | NICCOD Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development | [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 | [QRC Qatar Red Crescent](#) | Questscope | [RET Refugee Education Trust](#) | RHAS Royal Health Awareness Society | [RI Relief International](#) | Safadi Foundation | [SCI Save the Children International](#) | SCJ Save the Children Jordan | [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 | UPP Un Ponte Per | [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](#) |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (2015)

2015 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP)

Agencies are very grateful for the financial support provided by donors who have contributed to their activities with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds as well as for those who have contributed directly to the situation.

3RP Total Funding Requirements for 2015 (Refugee and Resilience): US\$5,506,704,435

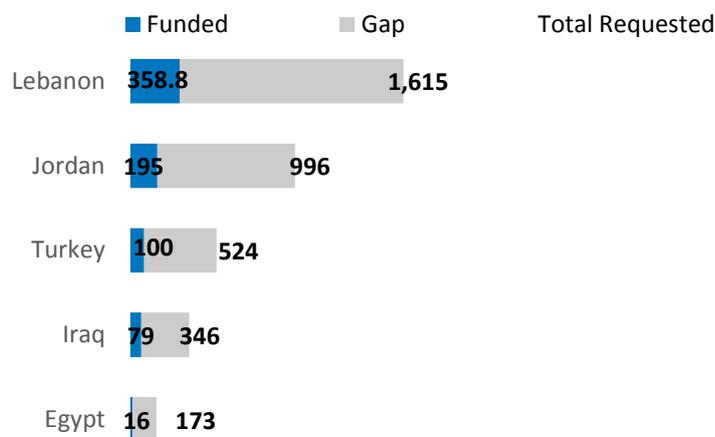
3RP Agency Total Requirements for 2015 (Refugee and Resilience): US\$4,533,248,258

Donors who have contributed to the situation:

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- Denmark
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- Netherlands
- Norway
- Private donors
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Spain
- Switzerland
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States of America

Funding received (in million USD) for the Agency Requirements for 2015

A total of **USD 881 million*** has been funded



** This is excluding the funding requested and received by Governments. Includes US\$50 million of regionally earmarked funds that has been received and is pending allocation by country.*

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