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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Displacement increases as violence intensifies.
- Over 103,000 Syrians have been registered as refugees and/or are receiving assistance in neighbouring countries.
- UN increases work with national NGOs and community-based organizations.
- International NGOs commence operations to assist Syrians in need.
- US\$193 million is sought to meet refugee needs.
- Emergency Response Fund receives an additional \$3.6 million. More funding is urgently required to scale up the response.



### FIGURES

People in need in Syria	Up to 1.5 million
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Number of assisted Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries	103,221
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### FUNDING (US\$)

**180 million**  
sought by the UN for activities inside Syria (US\$)

**36 million**  
Received so far for UN activities inside Syria

**193 million**  
requested under the (revised) Regional Refugee Response Plan (US\$)

**50 million**  
Received so far for Regional Refugee Response Plan

## Humanitarian situation

### Internal displacement increases as fighting intensifies

Thousands of families have been displaced during the past two weeks due to intensified fighting in rural Damascus, Deir-ez-Zor and Homs. Many of the 200,000 residents of Doumain rural Damascus have fled to central Damascus. People are also being displaced from Qudsiya and Dummar in rural Damascus, including some who were sheltering there after being displaced from other governorates. Reports indicate that some 30,000 people have left eastern Deir-ez-Zor and moved north towards Haseke and Ar-Roqqa. There are also continued movements of people from Hama, Idleb and Al-Raqqa towards Aleppo. According to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), despite an agreement with authorities and various opposition groups on a pause in fighting, the ICRC and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) have been unable to access the old town of Homs to bring medical assistance and evacuate the wounded.

### Families seek refuge in schools; local resources and infrastructure strained

With displacements increasing and resources dwindling, tension is reportedly growing between the displaced and their host communities. A large number of displaced families are being hosted by relatives and friends whose coping mechanisms have been drained. Families temporarily accommodated in hotels in locations such as Sayyeda Zeinab may face eviction during the July pilgrimage season. In Al Nabk, where families from Homs have sought shelter, communities may face a shortage of housing if migrant workers return in the summer. The use of schools and other public facilities as temporary accommodation is increasing, particularly in Homs, Haseke and Ar-Roqqa.

### Refugee population in neighbouring countries grows by 10,000 in two weeks

The number of people seeking refuge in neighbouring countries is increasing rapidly. There are now more than 103,000 Syrians registered as refugees and/or receiving assistance in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey – an increase of more than 10,000 since 21 June. During the first three days of July alone, more than 3,000 Syrians crossed into Jordan. UNHCR reports that, due to increasing anxiety about the situation, over 13,000 Iraqi refugees left Syria during the first half of 2012, most returning to Iraq.

### Livelihoods in rural areas at risk of collapse

According to the preliminary findings of a joint UN-government food security assessment in seven governorates, food prices have tripled in some areas and the livelihoods of farmers, livestock herders and migrant agricultural labourers are

at risk of collapse. Problems with access to diesel for machinery are hampering the wheat harvest and internally displaced families living in urban and peri-urban settings are facing rapidly increasing food insecurity. Urgent food and agriculture and livestock assistance are required before the onset of winter.

## Humanitarian response is scaled up, but challenged by insecurity

### UN agencies increase their work with national NGOs and community-based organizations to reach people in need

The Regional Humanitarian Coordinator has led negotiations to engage national NGOs as implementing partners in areas where UN agencies cannot directly reach people in need, such as Homs, Deir-ez-Zor and Douma. Over 1,000 national NGOs, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and charities are registered with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. A consortium of local organizations is supported by UNDP to coordinate development and humanitarian action.

### International NGOs commence operations to assist Syrians

Following agreement by the Government to allow seven INGOs assisting Iraqi refugees in Syria to provide assistance to Syrians affected by the unrest, International Medical Corps (IMC) and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), in collaboration with the SARC, have begun distributing hygiene supplies, medical assistance and other essential items. The IMC is supporting SARC to operate two health clinics in Damascus (Sayyeda Zainab and Mazkeh Barzah), two Mobile Medical Units in Rural Damascus and four SARC health posts. The DRC has completed a field mission to Dar'a and aims to distribute 10,000 hygiene kits (supporting 50,000 people) in the governorate, with the first tranche (3,000 kits) to be provided in early July.

### Agencies respond to needs identified in health assessment

Medical supplies are stretched and access to health care facilities restricted, making the provision of trauma and emergency medicines a top priority. During the reporting period, WHO, in coordination with the Ministry of Health, delivered one surgical kit to the National Hospital in Deir-ez-Zor and one surgical kit and ten trauma kits to Ibn-Alwaleed Hospital in Homs. UNICEF has distributed 3,500 first aid kits to 2,100 families that can assist up to 10,500 people.

Summary of WHO distribution of emergency health kits (Source: WHO)		
Type of assistance	Service provided	Locations / estimated number of beneficiaries
3 Surgical supply kits	2 kits delivered to MoH / 1 to MoHE teaching hospital	Deir-ez-Zor / 1,000 beneficiaries
4 Interagency Emergency Health kits, Supplementary Units	2 to MoH and 2 to NGOs	Homs / 3,000 beneficiaries
5 Interagency Emergency Complete Kits, Type A	5 to MoH	Homs, Rural Damascus / 30,000
5 Interagency Emergency Complete Kits, Type B	5 to MoH	Homs, Rural Damascus / 30,000
5 IEHK PEP Modules	3 to MoH and 2 to NGOs	Homs, Rural Damascus / 3,000
50 Interagency Health Kits, basic units	25 kits to MoH and 25 kits to NGOs	Homs, Rural Damascus / 3,000
4 Interagency Emergency Health Kits, Supplementary Units	2 to MoH and 2 to SARC	Homs, Rural Damascus / 30,000

Hospitals and primary health care services have been affected by the fighting, with some forced to close and others occupied or attacked. To support essential health care services, including primary health care, child health, reproductive health, mental health services, communicable disease management and outbreak response, WHO has converted four vehicles to operate as mobile primary health care clinics, two of which are providing services in Homs and Rural Damascus. With the support of the IFRC, Danish Red Crescent and ICRC, SARC mobile health units are providing services to people in rural areas with limited access to health care and other areas where people have difficulty moving freely. UNFPA is procuring two mobile clinics and three ambulances which will be delivered to the SARC and Ministry of Health.

As food insecurity increases, nutritional supplements are increasingly important. The Red Cross/Red Crescent has provided around 9,000 cans of high-energy milk powder, administered by doctors at SARC clinics as a supplement for vulnerable families. UNICEF has also distributed food for 11,400 children.

This year, UNFPA has reached 9,500 women with reproductive health support. In the coming weeks, UNFPA will distribute a further 87 emergency reproductive health kits and will provide reproductive health equipment for the SARC hospital.

### **Food assistance will target 850,000 people in July**

WFP, through the SARC, is delivering food to all 14 governorates in Syria. In June, WFP reached 500,000 people. In July, WFP aims to reach 850,000 people. SARC has requested WFP to increase food allocations to Hassekeh and Ar-Roqqa governorates in July to support people recently displaced from Deir-ez-Zor.

### **More than 15,000 children receive remedial education and psycho-social support**

UNICEF and the Ministry of Education have expanded education and recreational support to reach more than 15,400 children in 77 schools in Rural Damascus, Dar'a and Lattakia. UNICEF also continues to support Child Friendly Spaces operated by the SARC, schools and community-based organizations which offer recreational and psycho-social assistance to up to 2,000 children per month. As part of a package of support for children of displaced families, the agency has distributed 3,800 backpacks.

### **Essential items reach tens of thousands in areas affected by fighting**

Household and community supplies are severely depleted. To ensure that families have access to basic items, UNHCR has delivered mattresses, blankets, diapers, sanitary napkins and kitchen sets to 72,500 people in the governorates of Rural Damascus (25,000 people), Aleppo (15,000 people), Hassakeh (20,000 people) and Homs (12,500 people). UNICEF, in partnership with SARC, has distributed packages for 25,000 people in Damascus, rural Damascus, Homs, Hama and Al-Raqqqa, including hygiene kits, children's clothes, backpacks and baby kits. UNFPA has also distributed 2,500 hygiene kits and the IFRC has supported SARC to distribute 4,050 hygiene kits, 3,050 kitchen sets, 8,100 blankets and 4,900 mattresses.

## **Assisting refugees in neighbouring countries**

### **US\$193 million sought under revised Regional Refugee Response Plan to meet increasing needs**

The revised Regional Refugee Response Plan was launched on 28 June. The plan seeks US\$193 million for the actions of seven UN agencies and 36 NGO

partners to help Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq. The number of refugees has doubled over the past 3 months.

### **Absorption capacity of refugee sites in Jordan is stretched by increase in arrivals**

In the last week alone, 3,367 Syrians, 70 per cent of whom were from Dar'a, crossed the border into Jordan to seek refuge. The total number of registered refugees in Jordan is now nearly 29,000. The increase in arrivals has placed severe pressure on the absorption capacity of the refugee sites at Bashabsheh (new arrivals), Cyber City (families) and King Abdullah Park (single males). Alternative sites are being considered, including an industrial park outside of Ramtha town that could accommodate up to 800 people. Agencies are scaling up their support. UNICEF, in collaboration with the Jordanian Ministry of Education and partners has begun summer remedial education classes targeting 5,500 children. Both UNHCR and UNICEF are increasing their stocks of non-food items, including tents and baby hygiene kits.

### **Assistance returns to normal in Lebanon as security situation stabilizes**

Over 30,000 displaced Syrians are now being assisted in Lebanon, including more than 26,000 who have been registered as refugees. In northern Lebanon, 5,000 displaced Syrians were registered in June alone. Following disruptions in the first half of June, all assistance activities returned to normal by the end of the month. In a coordinated effort involving the Government's High Relief Commission, UNHCR, WFP, DRC, Muslim Aid and Azzam wa Saadeh, the first centralized distribution took place in Tripoli in June, with over 1,000 families receiving food and NFIs, including host families.

### **Over 35,500 Syrians are assisted in camps in Turkey**

A total of 35,565 Syrians are receiving assistance in seven camps in the border provinces of Turkey. The Turkish Government is planning to expand education in the camps, in line with the Turkish curriculum. UNICEF has procured tents and education and recreation materials to provide Syrian children with child-friendly learning environments.

### **Iraqi Residency Directorate grants temporary residency permits to refugees in Domiz camp**

There are now more than 6,000 Syrians of Kurdish origin registered with UNHCR and the Iraqi Department of Displacement and Migration who are being assisted in the refugee camps in Domiz, Dohuk Governorate. The Iraqi Residency Directorate in Duhok has started granting temporary residency permits valid for six months to Syrian refugees living in Domiz camp. So far, 1,280 people have been granted permits.

<b>NUMBER OF REFUGEES ASSISTED IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES:</b>					
<b>No. of Syrian refugees</b>	<b>JORDAN</b>	<b>LEBANON</b>	<b>IRAQ</b>	<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>TOTALS:</b>
<b>Registered and assisted</b>	28,934	26,183	6,163	35,565	96,845
<b>Assisted (awaiting registration)</b>	2,056*	4,000	320	-	6,376**
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,990</b>	<b>30,183</b>	<b>6,483</b>	<b>35,565</b>	<b>103,221</b>

\*Some 50,000 have been identified by local organizations as in need of assistance, some of whom have been registered by UNHCR. According to the Government of Jordan, there are some 120,000 Syrians in Jordan.

\*\*Figures are based on estimates and thus might vary.

## More funding urgently required

UN agencies and their partners are seeking \$373 million to respond to humanitarian needs in Syria (\$180 million for 44 projects over six months) and neighbouring countries (\$193 million). As of 5 July, the humanitarian response in Syria is 20 per cent funded and the Regional Refugee Response Plan is 26 per cent funded.

During the reporting period, \$3.6 million was received for the Syria Emergency Response Fund (ERF), managed by the Regional Humanitarian Coordinator. A total of \$5.7 million has now been received, with a further \$1.18 million reported in pledges.

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