This update provides a snapshot of the inter-agency regional humanitarian response in full coordination with host Governments and 126 partners across the region.

**2014 SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE PLAN HIGHLIGHTS**

- Faced with the prospect of a worsening situation inside Syria and continuing outflows of refugees in 2014, 106 humanitarian response partners on 16 December appealed to donors for **US$ 4.2 billion** for the UNHCR-led 2014 Syria Regional Response Plan (RRP6) to assist refugees and host-communities in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

- The appeal will respond to a projected total of **4.1 million refugees** and **2.7 million people in host communities** in need of critical humanitarian assistance by the end of 2014.

- RRP6 maintains **protection as its core objective** and responds to the **immediate humanitarian needs** of refugees including protection and essential services, including food, health, education, and material assistance in support of the most vulnerable.

- Providing appropriate **support for the local authorities and populations** most severely affected by the conflict and the large refugee presence is an important new aspect of the strategy. Building resilience and ensuring social cohesion among local and refugee populations will be key objectives in future.

- The plan **classifies expected outputs into three categories**: life-saving or preventing immediate risk of harm; preventing deterioration of vulnerabilities; and strengthening capacity and resilience among refugees and host communities. This categorization takes into consideration the risk of physical and social harm to refugees, as well as access to protection and the absorption capacity of the host communities.

**RRP6 FIGURES**

- **1,000 days** of conflict has passed

- **2.3 million** Syrian refugees have already sought asylum

- **4.1 million** Syrian refugees projected by end of 2013

- **2.7 million** host community beneficiaries

- **156** partners including **106** appealing organizations (13 UN agencies, 92 local and international NGOs and IOM)

- **35** sector work plans in **5** countries

- **US$ 4.2 billion** requested
### Regional

- **4.1 million** Syrian refugees and **2.7 million** people in host communities will have access to asylum and safety, and will be registered to ensure their protection.
- **3.1 million** refugees and people in host communities will benefit from food assistance.
- 749,000 girls and boys will be supported in attending formal education.
- **100%** of refugees in camps and the most vulnerable urban refugees will benefit from shelter assistance.
- US$ **4.2 billion** requested.

### Lebanon

- **1.6 million** refugees and **1.5 million** affected Lebanese will be assisted.
- 300,000 children will benefit from psychosocial support.
- **75%** of registered refugees will be targeted for food assistance.
- 331,000 children will benefit from access to formal and other education programmes.
- **50%** of refugees will benefit from shelter assistance.
- US$ **1.7 billion** requested.

### Jordan

- **800,000** Syrian refugees and **700,000** people in host communities will be assisted.
- 2.5 million people will benefit from community-support project implemented for host and refugee communities.
- **100%** of refugees in camps and **85%** of refugees in urban areas will be targeted for food assistance.
- 150,000 school-aged Syrian children will benefit from formal education.
- **200,000** refugees in camps and **180,000** refugees in urban areas will benefit from shelter assistance.
- US$ **1.2 billion** requested.

### Iraq

- **400,000** Syrian refugees and **300,000** people in host communities will be assisted.
- 320,000 people of concern will benefit from community-support projects.
- **100%** of refugees in camps and over **50%** of refugees in urban areas will be targeted for food assistance.
- 120,000 school-aged Syrian children will benefit from formal and alternative education programs.
- **160,000** refugees in camps and **180,000** refugees in urban areas will benefit from shelter assistance.
- US$ **552 million** requested.

### Turkey

- **1 million** Syrian refugees and **10,000** people in host communities will be assisted.
- 1 million refugees will benefit from improved access to legal assistance.
- **100%** of refugees in camps will be targeted for food assistance.
- 430,000 Syrian children will benefit from enrolment and other education support.
- **285,000** refugees will benefit from shelter assistance.
- US$ **522 million** requested.

### Egypt

- **250,000** Syrian refugees and **250,000** people in host communities will be assisted.
- 250,000 refugees will benefit from enhanced registration and profiling mechanisms.
- **55%** of refugees in urban areas will be targeted for food assistance.
- 96,000 refugee children will be supported to access primary and secondary education.
- **20,000** refugees will benefit from shelter assistance.
- US$ **168 million** requested.
Protection - Refugee protection within the context of the Syrian refugee response focuses on five priority objectives: access to territory, sexual and gender-based violence prevention and response, child protection including education, meaningful community participation and durable solutions. Advocacy efforts with Governments will continue across the region to maintain open borders and uphold the principle of non-refoulement. Partners and agencies across the region are prioritizing activities aimed at strengthening national and community-based child protection systems. Prevention and response to SGBV will continue to be addressed through a multi-sectoral, coordinated and community-based approach.

Essential needs - Refugees in both camp and urban settings remain largely dependent on the provision of assistance and services across the different sectors, including Food, Education, Shelter and Health. Meeting their basic needs, enhancing access to services and increasing the absorption capacity of host government services continue to be key priorities in sector response plans across the region. Throughout the region, more than 2.7 million refugees will be provided with food assistance, 1.4 million children will supported to attend school and 2.9 million supported to receive health care. Cash assistance – either to cover basic needs or shelter assistance – will be provided to more than 780,000 households. Assistance will be provided in a sustainable manner, reducing the risk of aid dependency and bridging a gap until longer-term self-sufficiency can be restored.

Support for host communities - The continued influx of refugees into neighbouring countries has also greatly impacted services and economies in local communities, with verified increase in prices, rental fees and competition in the labour market. Host communities have extended extraordinary generosity in hosting people fleeing Syria. Tensions are, however, rising and public services are over-stretched. Increased competition for low-skilled labour has pushed down salaries against rising costs of living contributing to heightened levels of vulnerability in local communities and reduced scope for self-reliance for refugees. Measures to strengthen the capacity of health, education and other public services to meet significantly greater demand without compromising quality will continue to be implemented. Service provision will also be reinforced through host community support projects defined by the community as sources of tension and/or priority. Further, to enhance self-reliance amongst both refugee and host populations, livelihood interventions including job placement and implementing and/or expanding vocational trainings will be scaled up to mitigate against further increases in vulnerability.

Strategic Objectives

- Up to 4.1 million refugee women, girls, boys, and men fleeing the Syrian conflict have equitable access to effective protection, including access to territory.
- The most vulnerable among the 660,000 refugees accommodated in organized refugee settlements, and up to 3,440,000 residing in private accommodation or settlements benefit from improved essential services.
- The most vulnerable host communities benefit from improved access to quality essential services and access to livelihood opportunities, thereby ensuring that an increased number of refugees benefit from community-based protection.
- The targeting and planning of long-term national aid programs is informed by structured dialogue and the timely provision of quality inter-agency assessment information on refugees and host communities.
- Up to 4.1 million refugees will benefit from the early planning for longer-term durable solutions strategy in accordance with international law.
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