REGIONAL OVERVIEW

According to UNHCR, 5,306,503 have now fled Syria. More than 2.5 million of them fled in 2014 alone. During the course of 2014, an average of more than 4,738 people fled every day. In 2015 more than 1.1 million Syrians fled the country, an average of more than 7,130 per day. Children now make up 47.5% of the refugee population, meaning there are an estimated 2,520,589 refugee children in the region.

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Registered Syrian Refugees
19 October, 2017, UNHCR

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SYRIA KEY FACTS

- People in hard to reach or besieged areas 2017, OCHA: 3 m
- People internally displaced by violence 2017, OCHA: 6.1 m
- People are living in areas with high exposure to explosive weapons 2017, OCHA: 6.3 m
- Children out of school April 2017, OCHA: 1.75 m

OUR RESPONSE

Save the Children has worked in the Middle East for decades. Since July 2012 we have been running an ambitious emergency response to the growing crisis in the region, aiming to raise USD 424,000,000 for our humanitarian interventions in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria. Our response is 83.9% funded to date.

To date we have reached 3,705,599 people in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria, including approx. 2,422,811 children.

With the needs growing every day in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Turkey and Syria, more funding is desperately needed.

Save the Children is actively coordinating with governments, UN agencies and other NGOs to respond to the humanitarian crisis.

URGENT NEEDS

Despite diplomatic efforts at the highest level and ceasefire agreements brokered in some areas, the humanitarian situation in Syria remains dire. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced by offensives to retake areas controlled by ISIS, and escalation of conflict across Syria continues to put children at risk of being bombed, getting their education disrupted and to be in an extremely high state of ‘toxic stress’. The conflict has been characterized by intense bombardment and attacks on civilians and civil infrastructure by parties to the conflict.

- Parties to the conflict must uphold their obligations to allow humanitarian aid to reach those most in need, especially to the 3 million people in besieged and hard-to-reach areas, including 200,000 in besieged areas. Parties must spare civilian infrastructure and refrain from targeting civilian objects or using them for military purposes.
- The “Supporting Syria and the Region” conference held in London in 2016 and the follow-up conference held in 2017 in Brussels offered renewed hope for Syrian refugees and vulnerable host communities. The governments of Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, the international community and the international community pledged an additional 6.1 billion USD for the next two years. Without fully implementing, could significantly improve the living conditions of refugees. Most notably, the three countries agreed to ensuring all children have access to quality education, as well as to facilitate access to livelihoods for refugees and some protection guarantees to improve access to legal status.
- Six months since the Brussels conference, there have been promising steps, but much more needs to be done. Even though donors have disbursed or committed 80% of the funding pledged in Brussels, the UN-led appeal for the Syria crisis remains only half funded and the lives of most refugee children and vulnerable communities have not improved compared to last year. Many of the positive policy developments already underway will take time and require sustained political will, and sufficient funding and technical capacity to come to fruition.

Mojd®, six years old, lost his father in the war in Syria. He now attends one of Save the Children’s Early Childhood Care and Development classes in Lebanon. The programme aims to educate children and boost their cognitive knowledge in a child-friendly environment. Save the Children is campaigning for access to quality education for all children in Lebanon. Follow the hashtag #TheirEducation_TheirFuture on social media to learn more!

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LEBANON
Lebanon has received staggering numbers of Syrian refugees. With no official camps for refugees, the populations spread out across the country, making them hard to reach.

- 1,001,051 Refugees in Lebanon UNHCR 30 June, 2017

Our response

*Reached: 31,272 of these 32,905 are children

Highlights from our response in September:
- We are providing psychosocial support sessions to help children overcome the difficult experiences they have been through. Sessions are ongoing in the North, Zahle, Qab Elias and Beirut.
- We are running Early Childhood Care and Development Centres in the North and in the Bekaa.
- Children are protected through the strong national Child Protection System, integrating both formal and informal components.
- Children are protected from Physical and Humiliating Punishment (PnP) in the home and in school.
- Deprived children attend good quality inclusive basic education and demonstrate relevant learning outcomes.

JORDAN
Jordan hosts the region’s largest refugee camp, Za’atari, where we are working in multiple sectors. Two thirds of Syrian refugees live in host communities.

- 654,582 Refugees in Jordan UNHCR 18 Sept, 2017

Our response

*Reached: 1,199,594 of these 775,029 are children

Highlights from our response in September:
- Save the Children is running Child and Family Centres across the different regions in Jordan, Za’tar a camp, KAP and Cybercity, providing thousands of children with psychosocial support and informal education activities.
- Save the Children identified parents and caregivers who use physical and humiliating punishment to discipline their children. Our intervention was to provide parents and caregivers with sessions of the Positive Discipline of Everyday Parenting programme in order to decrease the use of physical and humiliating punishment and raise their awareness about child protection and discipline and its importance towards a healthy child development.

SYRIA
The most vulnerable children are those who remain inside Syria, who risk death, illness, abuse and exploitation on a daily basis. The humanitarian needs in Syria are incalculable, and providing essential lifesaving services to Syrian children and their families remains a priority.

The widespread insecurity and fighting inside Syria makes this a challenging context, but we are delivering humanitarian assistance to children and their families. To date we have reached 2,201,559 beneficiaries in Syria, including 1,472,954 children.

OTHER REFUGEE LOCATIONS
UNHCR Last updated 19 October, 2017

North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Libya) +30,000

TURKEY
The first influx of Syrian refugees into Turkey was in spring of 2011. Currently, individuals registered under STTP (Syrians under Temporary Protection) are found across all 81 provinces of Turkey.

- 3,251,997 Refugees in Turkey UNHCR 19 October, 2017

Our response

*Reached: 34,202 of these 30,794 are children

Highlights from our response in July:
- Save the Children is implementing a transportation Monitoring System, which is based on QR code signals, it has been implemented since mid-January. Through this system, we are able to track student attendance on-line. If a student’s card is not registered consistently over 5 days by the child when they get onto the school transportation, our staff will be in a position to respond by contacting the school coordinator initially, and the family if necessary.
- Youth Resilience Training has been conducted for the Child Protection team by the CP Technical Advisor and local trainers who received the ToT. The training was attended by 9 participants who will use the materials in the Adolescent Friendly Centres (AFC) with Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS).

IRAQ
Approx. 98% of Syrian refugees in Iraq reside in the Kurdistan Regional Governorate, Northern Iraq, where they live in a mixture of camp and non-camp settings.

- 244,235 Refugees in Iraq UNHCR 31 August, 2017

Our response

*Reached: 154,701 Of these 78,566 are children

Highlights from our response in September:
- Awareness campaigns and sessions on sexual abuse, protection, gender equality and child marriage are being conducted by Save the Children.
- In Gawilan camp, Youth and Child clubs have been reactivated. Journalism and Sport clubs have been chosen by children (Journalists 12 girls and boys and Sport 12 boys).
- Since the last update 36(13 Girls, 23 Boys) were identified and registered to benefit from case management services in Gawilan camp.
- The Children is one of the only agencies working in Education in Salah ad Din and has targeted a district, Samarra, that has a lot of access constraints.

EGYPT
The refugee population is spread out across Egypt, making the coordination of service delivery challenging. Large numbers live in poor areas in Greater Cairo and Alexandria.

- 124,534 Refugees in Egypt UNHCR 30 September, 2017

Our response

*Reached: 62,638 Of these 34,196 are children

Highlights from our response in September:
- Since the start of the response, we have opened 5 community schools reaching a total of 2,169 children, however only two remain open.
- 857 education kits have been distributed to refugees and vulnerable host community children.
- Community classes are running in Ard ElLewa (Sudanese curriculum) for children up to 14 years old who are out of school. Early childhood care and development (ECCD) classes are held for three to five year olds benefiting 194 pre-school children to date.
- 1054 teachers and social workers have undertaken a capacity building training program run by SC, with support from the National Professional Academy of Teachers and ROA Egypt for Consultation and Training.
- Capacity building programs for health staff in Primary Health Clinics and hospitals in Giza District. 508 doctors and nurses were trained on modules such as family health, maternal and child health.

Legend

- Non Food Items
- Shelter
- WASH
- Education
- Protection
- Health
- Nutrition
- Food security and livelihoods

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SYRIA CRISIS RESPONSE

**EDUCATION**

Children fleeing violence in Syria have had their worlds turned upside down, and urgently need the safety, stability and structure a positive learning environment can bring to them.

- We provide children with school bags, uniforms, essential school materials, and pay school fees parents cannot afford. We are also providing non-formal education for adolescents.
- Save the Children implements Early Childhood Care and Development programmes in Bekaa Valley and North Lebanon, where vulnerable children between 3-6 years of age attend activities that qualify them for school years ahead. Implemented directly and through partners, the ECCD project has reached more than 5,000 children.

**SHELTER/NFIs**

During the winter, temperatures across the region drop below zero and refugees are ill-equipped to cope with the cold, without winter clothes, sufficient blankets, heating or proper shelter.

- The Save the Children and its partners have been delivering essential aid items such as clothing, kitchen sets, and hygiene kits to displaced families in 42 locations in Syria, reaching almost 150,000 people. We have also helped ensure that almost 10,000 people have adequate shelter by providing them with tents or the support to make repairs to their existing shelters.
- The Save the Children shelter team was established in November 2012. To date, it has provided shelter, NFI and WASH assistance to over 20,000 of the most vulnerable families in Lebanon (over 100,000 individuals). SC has focused its interventions in the sub-standard buildings (unfinished houses, converted garages, abandoned buildings, etc.) and Informal Settlements. These shelter-types represent 25% and 15% respectively of the registered Syrian refugee population accommodation and also house Palestinians, Lebanese returnees and an increasing number of economically vulnerable Lebanese.

**FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS**

- Food security for Syrian refugees remains a grave concern. In Jordan in partnership with WFP we distribute electronic food vouchers in Za’atari Camp and in host communities, which refugees can exchange for food in local supermarkets.
- We run Cash for Work programmes in Lebanon and Jordan where families have the opportunity to put their own skills to work in projects which benefit their communities.
- We implemented a Youth Livelihoods project, in Egypt co-funded by Quick Impact Project funding from UNHCR and the French Embassy.
- Women and youth in Bekaa valley and in Tripoli and Akkar benefit from the Home-Based Skills Development Programme (HBSD) through trainings on livelihoods activities, life skills, entrepreneurship and production and marketing. Save the Children also provides equipment and raw material needed to start up income-generating activities.

**HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

Lack of medical care and nutritious food will put children and other vulnerable groups at risk of malnutrition and illness.

- In Egypt and Syria we have conducted vaccination campaigns of Hepatitis A and polio, respectively.
- In Egypt we have conducted capacity building programmes for health staff in Primary Health Clinics and hospitals in Giza District. 44 doctors and nurses were trained on modules such as family health and maternal and child health.

**WASH**

It is essential to improve water, sanitation and hygiene conditions for Syrian refugee children and their families in order to prevent diseases and ensure their well-being.

- We have been distributing household items, winterization kits and WASH/hygiene kits, newborn kits in Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and Syria, and providing shelter support through materials distribution.
- During the winter we distribute blankets and provide shelter support across the region.
- We have conducted hygiene promotion awareness-raising sessions in Iraq and Syria and Lebanon.
- We distribute drainage kits, water vouchers, dislodging vouchers, metal septic tanks, latrines and a number of other items in Lebanon.

**Our partners**

[Image showing various partner logos]

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