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IN RESPONSE TO THE SYRIA CRISIS

2018 Progress Report

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REGIONAL OVERVIEW

As the conflict in Syria entered its eighth year, neighbouring countries continue to show great generosity in shouldering the weight of the crisis in terms of hosting refugees. As of June 2018, over 5.6 million Syrian refugees were registered in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt. Nevertheless, host countries continue to contend with mounting demographic, economic, political, security and social pressures. Across the region, borders and admission practices remained closely managed, affecting the displacement ability of many individuals.

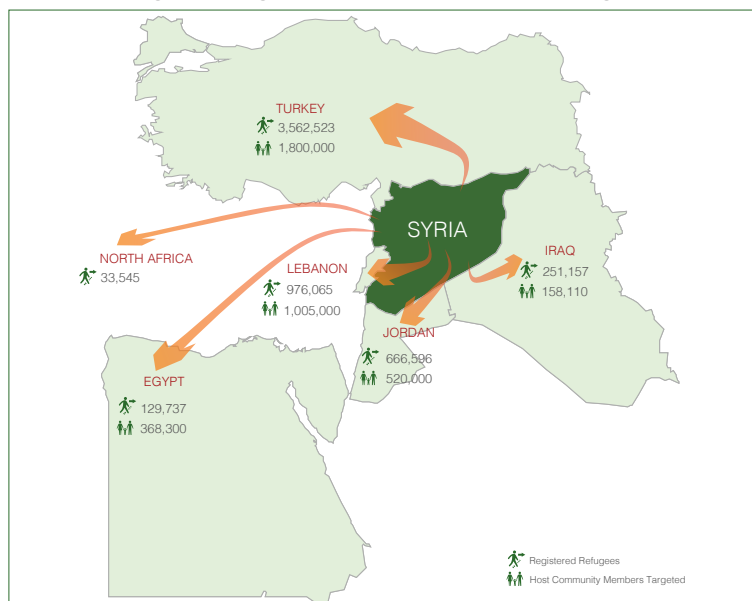
Despite the exceptional generosity of host governments, the conditions of refugee families across the region remain extremely challenging and many refugee families have become increasingly vulnerable with each passing year of displacement: poverty rates exceed 60 per cent in some host countries and some 35 per cent of Syrian refugee children are out-of-school. The impact of this crisis on vulnerable girls, boys, women and men's protection and well-being remains staggering. This may have lasting consequences, including the impacts of early marriage, sexual and gender-based violence, child labour, indebtedness, and exploitation. As more refugees slip into poverty, such protection risks will only get worse. Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees affected by the Syrian crisis continue to face particular vulnerabilities.

The political, economic and social trends which have compounded the conditions of refugees in countries neighbouring Syria have also had a similar impact on vulnerable members of their host communities. 3RP partners across the region continue to deliver programmes that benefit populations affected by the crisis, while also aiming to reinforce national systems and the provision of public services that refugees and host communities alike rely on to meet their basic and urgent needs.

While gaps remain, the 3RP response, implemented through its 270 partners, has contributed to: the enrolment of over 1.2 million children aged 5 to 17 in formal education; the award of 8,000 university scholarships to Syrian youth aged 18 years and above, vocational training and preparatory language courses; the provision of food assistance to over 2.3 million people; the engagement of over half a million individuals in community-led initiatives; and, the disbursement of emergency cash assistance to 450,000 households, giving them the choice and dignity to spend the money according to their most pressing needs. Meanwhile, Members of the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)'s country networks have been reinforcing awareness and trainings on addressing SEA.

In 2018, 3RP partners continue to focus on protection and realization of solutions for refugees. At the same time, building resilience, sustainability and local-engagement is integrated into all steps of programming. In that regard, innovations and positive developments continue to be recorded. In Jordan, following efforts by 3RP partners to establish the Jordan Compact, over 104,000 work permits had been issued by June 2018 to Syrian refugees, enabling greater access to the labour market and stronger workplace protection. In Turkey, Iraq and Egypt, efforts are also being made to increase Syrian refugees' access to national systems; for example, through intensive language training in Turkey to improve refugees' access to national services and the labour market.

The work of 3RP Partners would not have been possible without the extremely generous support of donors. Donor governments continue to provide an unprecedented level of financial support since the start of the Syria crisis, including USD 2.275 billion contributed thus far in 2018 (both as part of the inter-agency appeal and multi-year commitments). In 2018, donors have been seen to increase the provision of multi-year funding, enabling partners to offer enhanced, longer-term and more predictable programming.



SELECTED REGIONAL SECTOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Full inter-agency 3RP dashboards as of 30 June are available here: <http://www.3rpsyriacrisis.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/3RP-Regional-Quarterly-Dashboards-June-2018.pdf>

PROTECTION



33,739 girls and boys who are receiving specialized child protection services



72,077 persons receiving Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) response services



FOOD SECURITY



2,332,690 individuals who receive food assistance (cash, voucher or in-kind)



5,145 individuals receiving food & agricultural livelihoods support



EDUCATION



1,202,905 children (5-17 years, girls and boys) enrolled in formal general education



1,345 classrooms constructed, established or rehabilitated



HEALTH & NUTRITION



1,336,396 consultations for target population in primary health care



217 health facilities supported



BASIC NEEDS



2,217,095 individuals receiving core relief items in-kind



38,628 individuals receiving unconditional, sector-specific or emergency cash assistance



SHELTER



3,727 households outside of camps receiving assistance for shelter and shelter upgrades



15,814 households in camps receiving assistance for shelter and shelter upgrades



WASH



364,769 people with access to adequate quantity of safe water through temporary provision



168,956 people with access to appropriate sanitation facilities and services



LIVELIHOODS & SOCIAL COHESION



6,414 individuals employed or self-employed, including short term (cash for work and seasonal labour) and long term employment



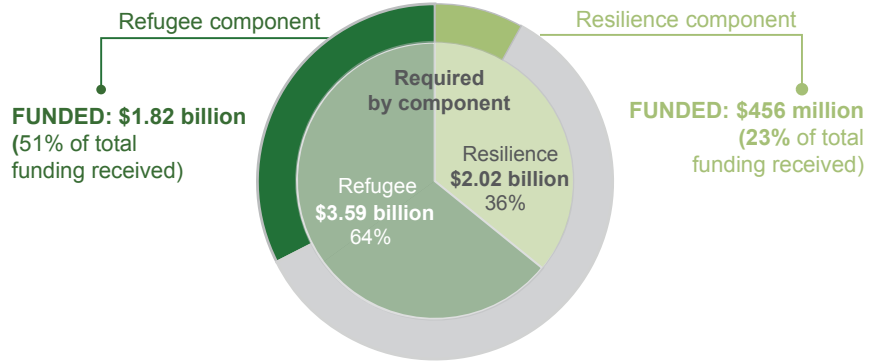
29,197 individuals supported to access to employment (training, internships, job placement and language courses)



OVERALL FUNDING

US\$2.27 billion

Total funding received

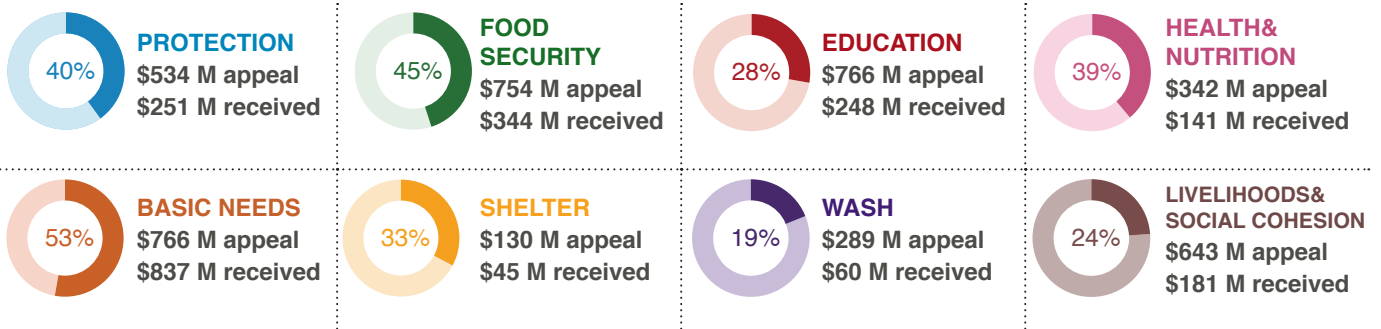


	Funding received (% funded)		Required
Egypt	\$17 M	12%	\$139 M
Iraq	\$60 M	27%	\$227 M
Jordan	\$374 M	36%	\$1,043 M
Lebanon	\$599 M	26%	\$2,291 M
Turkey	\$1,224 M	70%	\$1,743 M

* The 3RP total requirements for 2018 comprise up to USD 1.2 billion in multi-year funding, as well as the Inter-Agency Appeal of USD 4.4 billion reflecting the amount being requested by UN Agencies, INGOs and NGOs, within the 3RP country chapters and in support of the LCRP in Lebanon and JRP in Jordan.
 ** At the country-level, some US\$591 million in new funding has been recorded in Lebanon, as well as some US\$327 million in carryover funding. The slight difference between regional and country level funding for Lebanon is due to several factors, including pooled funding received, recording of funding received by non-appealing partners, and information provided by Agencies at regional level.
 *** Total Requirements include some \$165 million for regional-level activities.
 **** Total funds received includes over USD 1.1 million to support regional operations and to be allocated to the countries.
 ***** All figures are in USD and all data was reported by agencies to Country Operations as of 30 June 2018.
 ***** Figures may differ from country level, where some governments have established financial tracking with different criteria and definitions.

SECTOR FUNDING

of the USD 4.4 billion appeal, excluding multi-year funding



CONSEQUENCES OF UNDERFUNDING

3RP partners ask for urgent and enhanced donor support to avoid reductions or closures of key programmes in the coming months. Examples of funding per sector across the region are outlined below. Early disbursement of pledged funds, and flexible earmarking, are also important so money is used where and when it is needed most. Without additional funding, there will be a tangible destabilizing impact on refugee families and communities: more children out of school; **more urgent medical needs untreated**; and **missed chances for people to earn a living**. More broadly, host country fatigue and social tensions in communities across the region may grow.



\$50 million to support tens of thousands with protection activities, including SGBV prevention

USD 50 million is urgently needed to continue to provide essential services to vulnerable Syrian refugees including SGBV support to women and girls through the rest of the year.



\$51 million to help over 457,000 Syrian refugees avoid plunging deeper into poverty

Unless USD 51 million is urgently received, cash assistance may be suspended to some 457,000 vulnerable Syrian refugees across the region.



\$123 million to ensure 761,000 people are not cut off from food assistance

Unless USD 123 million is urgently received, some 761,000 people in the region currently receiving monthly food assistance would have their entitlements significantly reduced or completely cut off.



\$208 million to improve opportunities for livelihoods and self-reliance

USD 208 million is needed for livelihoods activities for Syrian refugees and host communities in the region and avoid the suspension of the roll-out of resilience activities, which are increasingly important in light of the protracted displacement and limited livelihoods opportunities.



\$125 million to provide over 720,000 children with access to education and learning opportunities

USD 125 million is needed to provide quality and inclusive educational opportunities for Syrian refugee children across the region, including a USD 50 million critical gap in Lebanon threatening the enrolment of around 260,000 Lebanese and non-Lebanese children for the 2018-19 school year.



\$78 million to improve water and sanitation services, reduce risk of disease and social tensions

USD 78 million is urgently required, including to improve living conditions for 333,000 Syrian refugees in refugee camps and settlements in Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq.



\$41 million to maintain critical health services for 525,000 people

USD 41 million is needed to provide healthcare assistance to some half a million vulnerable Syrian refugees in the region, made particularly acute by disadvantageous policy changes affecting access to healthcare in Jordan for example.



\$23.5 million for vulnerable families to receive much needed shelter support

USD 23.5 million to urgently improve living conditions in sub-standard accommodation for thousands of Syrian refugee families or programmes will be curtailed from September 2018.



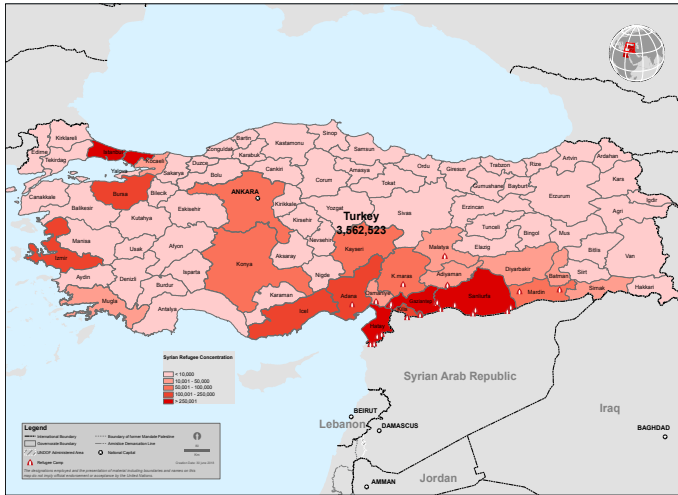
\$ 160 million for live-saving assistance to over 1.5 million people during the harsh winter

USD 160 million is needed to ensure that life-saving winterization assistance is in place for over 1.5 million Syrian refugees in the region before the often harsh and challenging winter season starts.



UNRWA is facing unprecedented financial challenges in 2018, putting at risk the provision of vital assistance to vulnerable Palestinian refugees affected by the Syria crisis. Funding is needed urgently to maintain UNRWA's humanitarian operations for over 50,000 Palestinian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon across a variety of programmes.

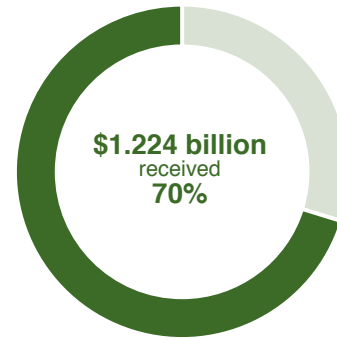
TURKEY



Turkey continues to host the largest refugee population in the world. At the end of June 2018, the number of Syrians under temporary protection reached over 3.5 million. The Government of Turkey (GoT) continued to exemplify strong national ownership and leadership of the refugee response. Continuous registration of Syrian refugees and verification of registration data is ongoing and Turkey continues to process admissions effectively.

3RP Partners played a support role on the basis of the established national legal framework, supporting the GoT to sustainably include Syrians under temporary protection into national systems such as health, education, employment, and social services in line with the Temporary Protection Regulation. This includes through the provision of human and financial capacity and infrastructure support to relevant national and local Government institutions. Simultaneously, 3RP partners continued to work directly with the refugee population and host communities to increase mutual understanding and work with refugees to enhance their language and vocational skills to facilitate access to the labour market, increase self-reliance and reduce dependency on temporary assistance. For example, the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) has reached some 1.36 million vulnerable refugee households over the first half of the year, with monitoring showing beneficiaries experiencing improved food consumption levels and reduced use of negative livelihoods coping strategies, including less debt.

Complementing the primary health care service provision of the Ministry of Health (MoH), the Health Sector has supported 34 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS)-integrated into the Migrant Health Centers (MHCs) of the MoH- and seven Youth Centers providing sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) services in 2018. These centers respond to the health and psychosocial support needs of women and girls through trained medical personnel, psychologists and social service experts. Women and girls are provided with a comprehensive set of reproductive health services, such as antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning commodities, information and counselling. In addition, they are able to speak with psychologists or a social service expert depending on their needs as well as language and vocational courses to promote empowerment and social inclusion.



Requirements **\$1.744 billion**

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

Full inter-agency 3RP dashboards for Turkey are available here:
<https://data2.unhcr.org/en/dataviz/38?sv=4&geo=113>



Protection

257,746 individuals benefiting from Protection Services in Community Centres

30% **862,580**



Food Security

144,953 Syrian refugees receiving food assistance within Temporary Accommodation Centres

97% **150,000**



Education

312,905 children supported by cash transfers

96% **320,000**



Health

256,096 primary health care consultations received by refugees and impacted host community members

26% **991,950**



Basic Needs

1,487,735 persons benefiting from cash based interventions

70% **2,130,650**

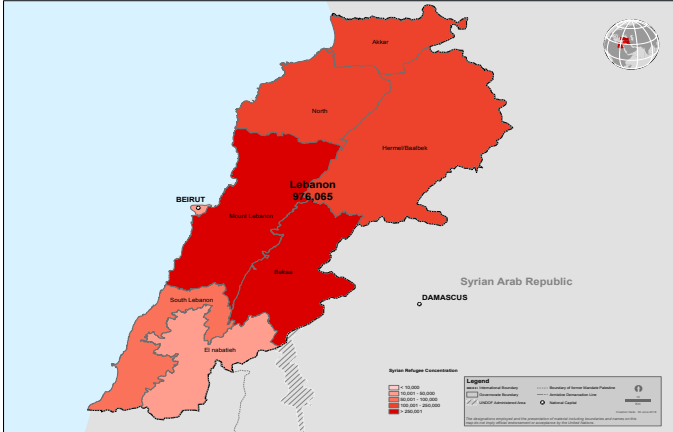


Livelihoods

3,095 of youth and individuals identified at risk benefiting from training (vocational and language skills)

46% **6,800**

LEBANON



Lebanon hosts almost one million Syrian refugees, while the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP) targets 2.8 million persons for assistance in 2018. The LCRP 2017-2020 is a multi-year plan between the Government of Lebanon and 3RP partners to respond to challenges faced by the most vulnerable Syrian and Lebanese populations through integrated and mutually reinforcing humanitarian and stabilization interventions.

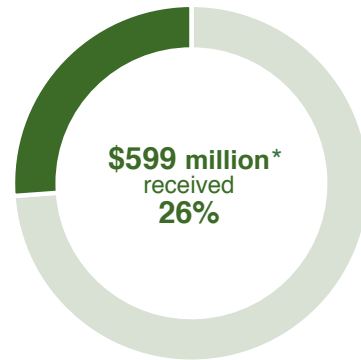
The protection situation of refugees in Lebanon remains precarious as registration processes remain frozen and obtaining documentation is difficult for Syrians. Female-headed refugee households are among the most vulnerable, faring worse than male-headed households on nearly every indicator of vulnerability, such as food insecurity, crisis and emergency coping strategies, and poverty, and are less likely to have legal residency. Girls are also disproportionately affected by child marriage, with 22 per cent of girls aged 15-19 years being married.

In the first half of 2018 partners continued efforts to mitigate deteriorating vulnerabilities. Following concerted advocacy and technical legal advice from LCRP partners, in March 2018, late birth registration procedures were waived for Syrian and PRS children born in Lebanon between 1 January 2011 and 8 February 2018. This can potentially solve the situation of more than 50,000 Syrian children, whose birth could previously only be registered through costly and complex judicial procedures, and prevent them from potentially becoming stateless.

During three international conferences in the first half of 2018 (the Rome II Conference, the CEDRE Conference, and the Brussels II Conference), international donors and investors pledged continued funding to support stability and economic development in Lebanon. The LCRP Monitoring and Evaluation capacity is currently being expanded to include a monitoring mechanism for the various commitments made by stakeholders at the London, Brussels I and Brussels II conferences.

In an innovative effort to increase accessibility to services and accountability to SGBV survivors and communities, a mobile application called RESPOND was launched as a tool for frontline workers in Lebanon to familiarize themselves with existing services for SGBV survivors in Lebanon and with guiding principles to ensure that identification and referrals do not create any harm to survivors.

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Requirements **\$2.291 billion**

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

Full inter-agency 3RP dashboards for Lebanon are available here: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/download/65245>



Protection

32,620 individuals benefited from counseling, legal assistance and legal representation regarding civil registration including birth registration, marriage

36% **91,000**



Food Security

777,970 individuals receiving food assistance using various modalities

80% **970,143**



Education

40,390 children & youth whose registration fees for public formal education are partially or fully subsidized

54% **75,000**



Health

873,652 subsidized primary healthcare consultations provided

41% **2,152,000**



Basic Needs

90,312 households receiving multi-sector/purpose cash transfers (every month)

38% **238,700**



Shelter

19,133 of people benefiting from rehabilitation/upgrade/repair of substandard buildings into adequate shelters

6% **297,164**



WASH

30,176 affected people assisted with improved access to an adequate quantity of safe water for drinking and domestic use

2% **1,319,000**

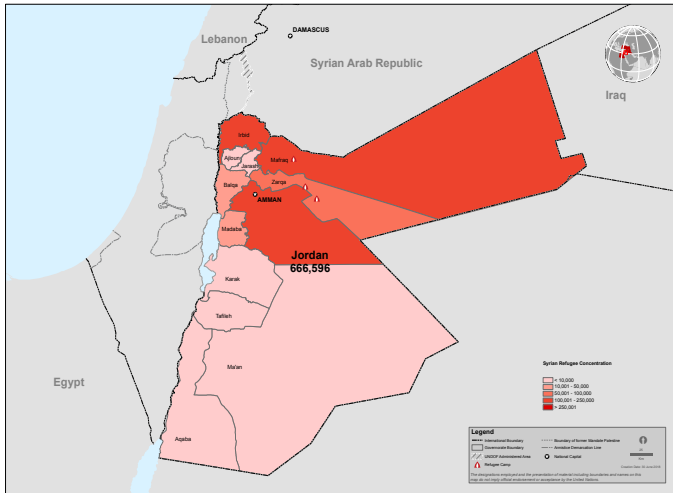


Livelihoods

2,069 vulnerable people working on public infrastructure/environmental assets upgrading

5% **37,650**

JORDAN

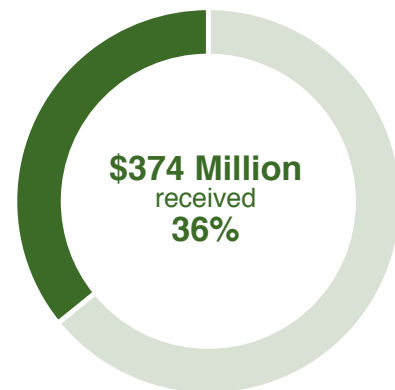


The first half of 2018 has seen both positive and negative developments for the status of the 668,000 registered refugees in Jordan. The Government of Jordan (GoJ) again extended a fee waiver for Syrian work permit applicants and exempt Syrians from foreign employment restrictions in the manufacturing sector, enabling more than 20,787 work permits to be issued or renewed for refugees from 1 January – 30 June 2018. Challenges remain however, regarding the support of Syrian Home Based Business interventions and the inconsistent application of labour laws regulating movement of work permits between sectors. In addition, refugee access to healthcare was severely curtailed. A March 2018 regulatory change more than doubled the cost of healthcare for Syrian refugees. Nonetheless, the provision of essential primary, secondary and tertiary health services for refugees has continued to be supported by partners wherever possible.

The transition from emergency to development continues, for example with the connection of 50 per cent of Za'atari camp households to the camp wastewater network. The Ministry of Education (MoE) has launched the Education Strategic Plan 2018-2022 to improve access to quality formal and non-formal education for all children in Jordan, a notable sign of progress towards institutional strengthening and development. Despite an increase in access to education, further investments in teaching quality, infrastructure, disability access, and social inclusion are needed.

Meanwhile, the launch of the National Plan to End Physical Violence Against Children in Jordan 2019-2021 was a significant achievement in 2018.

A unique model called “the Oasis” has been developed in Jordan to respond to the urgent needs of Syrian refugee women and girls in camp settings in Jordan. The first Oasis was opened by UN Women in Za’atari camp in 2012 focusing on establishing a safe space for refugee women to access emergency aid. As the situation in the camp stabilized and as the conflict became protracted, the focus moved from protection to livelihoods for women and two additional Oases were opened in Za’atari camp. Since 2017, the Oasis has been re-conceptualized into a multi-sectoral service center focusing on resilience and empowerment for women and girls, while also engaging men and boys in dialogue and mobilization for social equality.



Requirements **\$1.043 billion**

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

Full inter-agency 3RP dashboards for Jordan are available here:
<http://scs.raisunhcr.org/2018/Default.aspx>

Protection

26,208 Syrian individuals accessed services through specialized assistance and follow-up (i.e. via referrals)



Food Security

495,081 Syrian individuals received food assistance (cash, voucher, in-kind, in camps and in the host community)



Education

130,668 Syrian children (boys and girls) enrolled in public schools



Health

191,051 communicable disease cases managed



Basic Needs

77,096 individuals assisted with basic needs support in camps



Shelter

849 Jordanians and Syrian refugees supported with short term emergency cash for rent



WASH

129,743 individuals benefiting from access to an adequate quantity of safe water through improved water systems

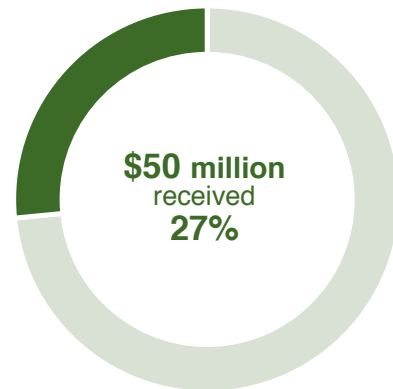
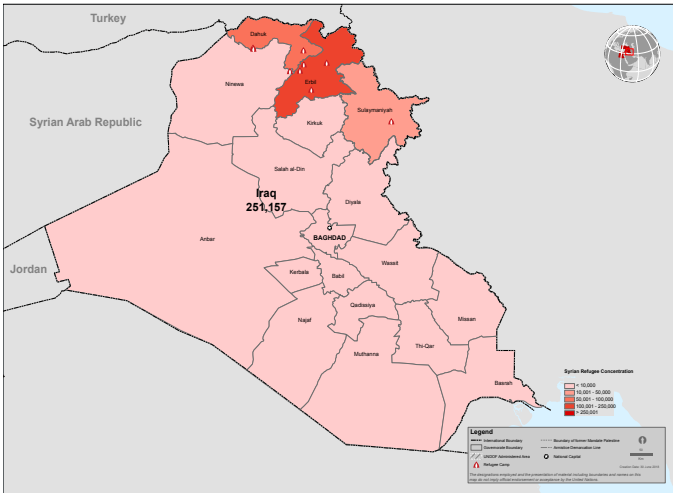


Livelihoods

566 vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian beneficiaries engaged in short term self-reliance interventions



IRAQ



Requirements **\$227 million**

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

Full inter-agency 3RP dashboards for Iraq are available here: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/download/65082>

Protection

25,511 at risk persons reached with Gender Based Violence awareness activities **36%** 70,000

Food Security

59,339 individuals who receive food assistance on monthly bases (cash, voucher or in-kind) **91%** 65,200

Education

6,483 children (5-17 years, girls and boys) enrolled formal education, and accredited non-formal and informal education. **11%** 59,240

Health

134,491 primary health care (PHC) consultations **57%** 237,500

Basic Needs

9,179 vulnerable households received Core Relief Items (CRI) as seasonal support (in-kind) **61%** 15,000

Shelter

1,650 tents upgraded to more durable shelter **83%** 1,997

WASH

81,148 people in accessing water through an improved water network, system or source (in camps) **85%** 95,000

Livelihoods

248 individuals supported to establish or scale up businesses (micro-finance, small grants, etc) **5%** 4,600

Despite a challenging national political climate, the protection situation for Syrians in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I), where 97 per cent of them reside, remains positive and access to territory remains favourable. Some 21,714 refugees were provided residency permits in the first half of 2018, providing them greater freedom of movement, access to services, and livelihoods opportunities.

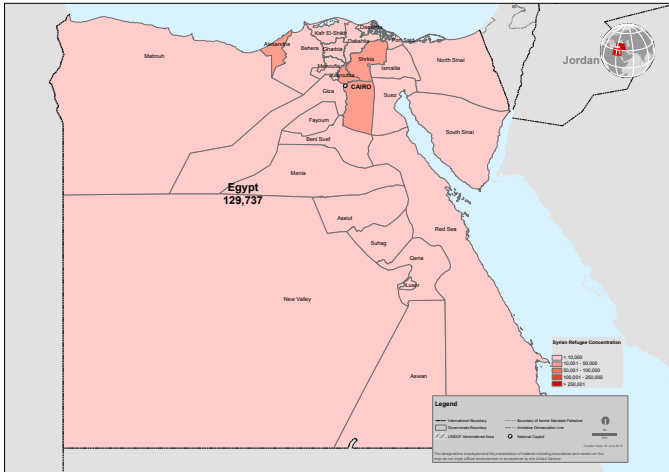
Nonetheless, the economic situation in Iraq has continued to deteriorate, negatively affecting the livelihoods opportunities of Iraqis and Syrians alike. Given the continued high levels of poverty amongst refugees in KR-I, access to healthcare, basic necessities, and adequate shelter remain challenges, mainly for refugees living outside camps. A lack of medicine remains the biggest challenge to the provision of basic healthcare despite 3RP partner interventions in this area. For refugee children in KR-I, access to education is a challenge – demonstrated by the fact that only 42 per cent of school aged children were enrolled in schools as of the spring of 2018. 3RP partners are building capacity of government counterpart the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA) in case management for the most vulnerable refugee children, and gradually handing over child protection work.

Fostering community engagement is a critical part of ensuring that interventions properly address beneficiaries' needs. Community Outreach Volunteers form an integral part of engagement with the communities by identifying protection risks and sharing key messages with communities, community leaders and authorities on various issues.

In 2018, innovative programmes were piloted for sustainable livelihoods interventions for Syrian refugees aimed at providing small business support as a resilience-building mechanism to mainstream social cohesion through engaging refugees, host communities and Iraqi IDPs.

Tech for Food is a program that provides beneficiaries who have difficulty affording food with training in digital skills so they can earn a living from home. Due to its success, the program has been scaled up in 2018, with over 1,300 beneficiaries in June alone. Over USD 4,000 was earned by students involved in microwork online in June.

EGYPT

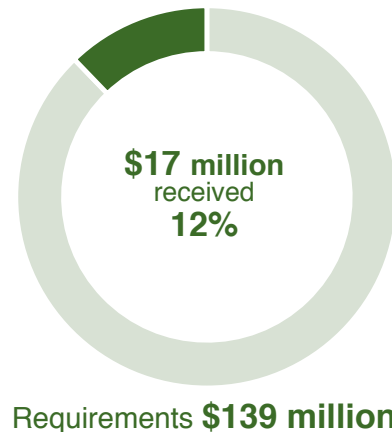


The Arab Republic of Egypt continues to generously host Syrian refugees and refugees of other nationalities. As of 30 June 2018, Egypt hosts 129,737 Syrian refugees who mainly reside in the urban areas of Cairo Governorate, Alexandria and Damietta. Between January and June, 4,402 Syrians newly registered with UNHCR, among them 102 unaccompanied or separated children (UASC).

Vulnerability levels of Syrian refugees in Egypt remain high. Data from the Egypt Vulnerability Assessment for Refugees (EVAR) conducted in 2017 shows that 85 per cent of the registered Syrian refugees are unable to meet their basic needs. The increase of prices in gasoline and electricity in 2018 resulted in the acceleration of inflation, which further worsened the situation. In the first half of 2018, a monthly average of 10,737 Syrian households (44,513 individuals) were assisted with unconditional cash grants based on a range of protection and socio-economic criteria. Every month, food assistance targeted an average of 77,500 vulnerable Syrian refugees and, since May 2018, 10,000 Syrian and Egyptian Pregnant and Nursing Mothers (PNM) are receiving food assistance in order to improve their nutrition intake.

3RP partners continue to support national institutions to gradually improve protection and service delivery aiming to complement government efforts where necessary. Refugees are currently supported in accessing national services in the education and health sectors. Nonetheless, investment in resilience activities will further enhance the capacities of overburdened national institutions to provide adequate and quality services to higher numbers of refugees as well as the Egyptian population.

A resource center of refugee and asylum-seeker artisans and their traditional handicrafts was created in order to detect and uncover the cultural wealth and numerous skills that uprooted people carry with them. The resource center has both a digital and a physical component, and constitutes a living and dynamic tool used by partners to plan support for the refugees and asylum-seekers' self-reliance in different sectors. Artisanal-related livelihood opportunities provide a safe working environment and contribute to psycho-social healing of refugees and asylum-seekers.



SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

For full regional 3RP achievements and funding as of June 2018, please see the 3RP 2018 Q2 dashboards here: <http://www.3rpsyriacrisis.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/3RP-Regional-Quarterly-Dashboards-June-2018.pdf>



Protection

1,500 Syrian refugees reached through community-led activities on SGBV prevention and response



Food Security

77,965 Syrian refugees provided with food vouchers every month



Education

39,734 boys and girls (3-17yrs) supported to enroll in education through the receipt of education grants



Health

63,677 acute primary health care consultations provided to Syrian refugees



Basic Needs

11,375 vulnerable Syrian refugee households have received cash assistance on a monthly basis



Livelihoods

243 Syrian refugees have access to self-employment



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