



SYRIAN REFUGEES

INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL UPDATE

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KEY FIGURES

3.8 million

Syrian refugees have fled to neighboring countries and North Africa

1.9 million

Refugees and vulnerable members of impacted communities are receiving food assistance in 2014

1.7 million

People have been provided with access to safe drinking water in 2014

966,000

People have benefited from shelter assistance in camp and non-camp settings in 2014

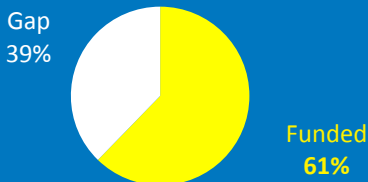
1 million

People have benefited from the distribution of basic household and core relief items in 2014.

2014 FUNDING

USD 3.7 billion

requested for the situation



3RP OVERVIEW

4.3m refugees (Projected December 2015)

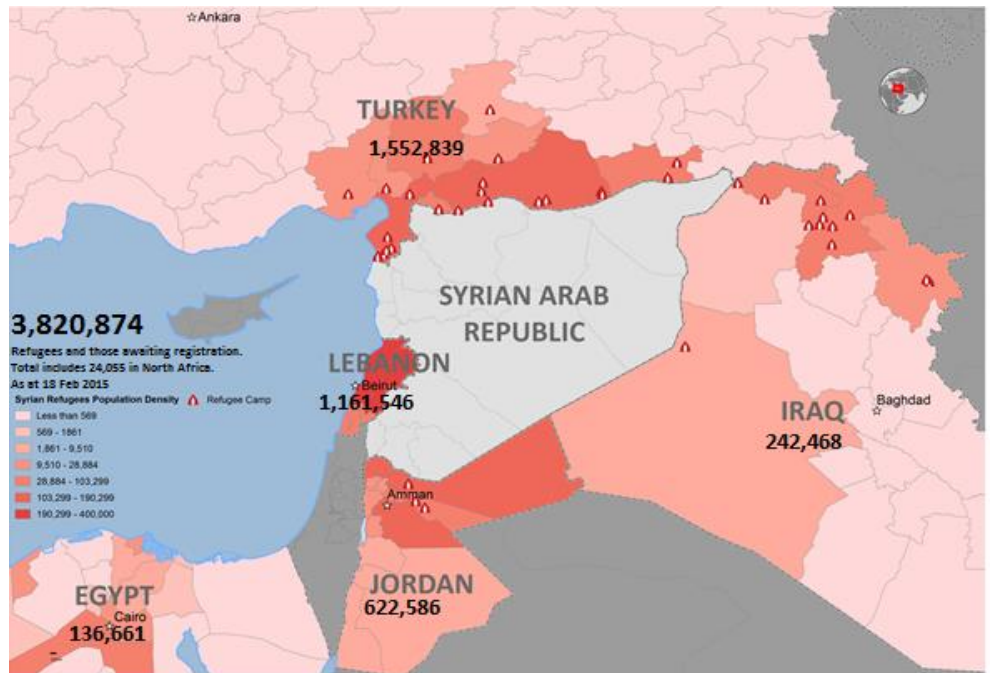
5.9m direct beneficiaries

\$5.5 billion required

HIGHLIGHTS

- The United States announced on 17 February that it would provide an additional US\$125 million in humanitarian assistance to the UN World Food Program (WFP), which feeds nearly six million Syrian IDPs and refugees every month. Of the total funding, more than US\$70 million is supporting WFP’s electronic food voucher program, which give refugees the freedom to shop for needed items in conveniently accessible markets, whilst also contributing to the economies of Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Egypt, and Iraq. The United States is the single largest donor of humanitarian assistance to respond to the Syrian crisis, providing more than US\$3 billion since the start of the conflict.
- Refugees in Turkey from Syria’s Kobani area are being encouraged to move into the newest and largest camp which opened in Suruç in late January 2015. To date, 5,000 people have moved into the camp, managed by the government’s Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency, which has a capacity to shelter 35,000 of the estimated 192,000 people who fled to Turkey from Kobani during fighting between militants and Syrian Kurdish forces last year.

A total of **3.8 million** people of concern



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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

Insecurity and violence continued to cause displacement within Syria and across the Middle East. By the end of 2014, more than 3.8 million Syrians had fled to neighboring countries.

Needs remain enormous. Government services and local communal services are under strain due to the increased demand, impacting service quality for both refugees and nationals, and threatening social cohesion. Lebanon and Jordan currently rank first and second in the world in refugees per capita.

More than three million people are directly affected by the Syria crisis in Lebanon, where one in every four people is a refugee.

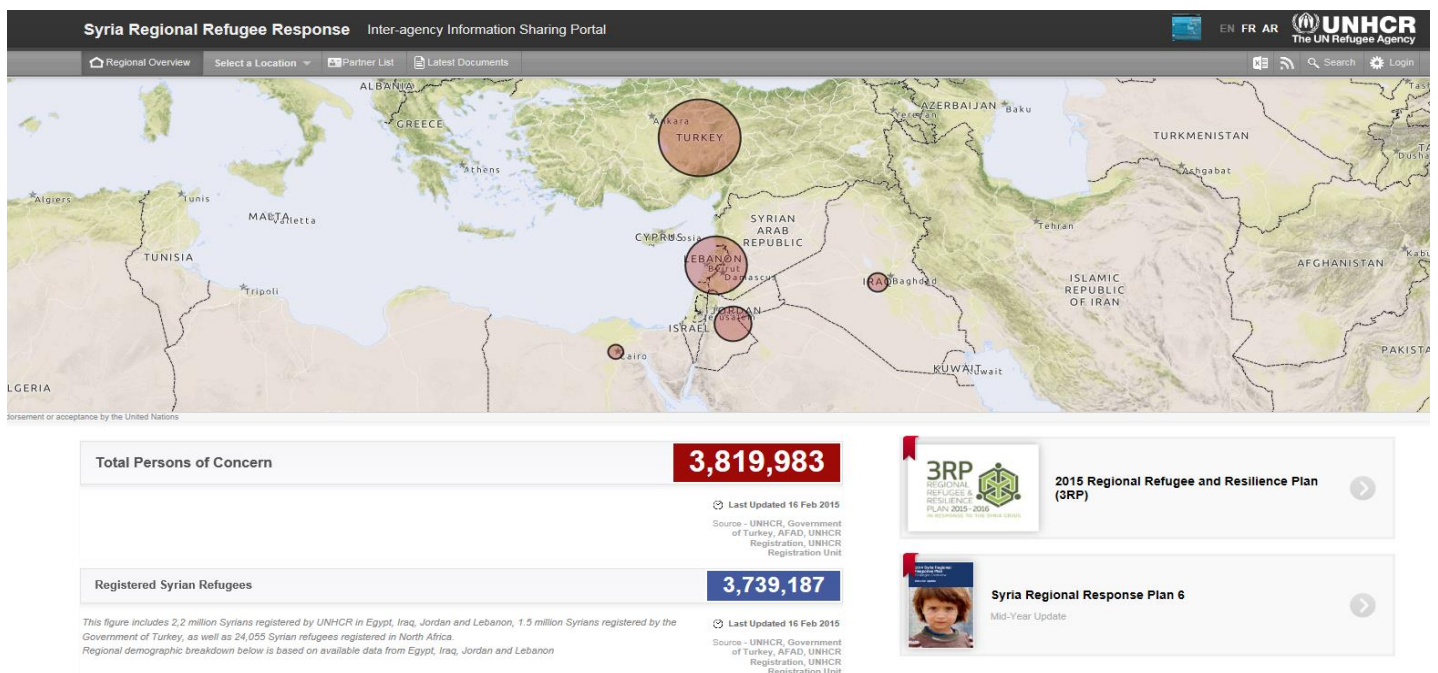
Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) estimates that the number of Syrians in the country has exceeded 1.6 million, of whom some 225,000 are currently living in 23 camps across the south of Turkey.

The arrival of Syrian refugees into Jordan has fallen markedly since early October 2014.

In the region, some 400,000 refugees are accommodated in refugee camps. Outside of camps, it is estimated that 38 per cent of refugees live in sub-standard shelter. Winter assistance by the humanitarian and government actors to the most vulnerable in the region continues.

Over 200 agencies and aid groups, together with the governments of neighboring countries, are working together to protect Syrian refugees and assist them with meeting their basic needs, improve access to education and medical care, and provide basic goods such as tents, food and safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities.

Monthly sectoral dashboards are published on the [Syria Regional Response Data Portal](#), detailing sectoral priorities, achievements and needs by country and regionally.



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

EGYPT

- UNICEF have signed new partnership agreements for 2015 which are expected to reach close to 8,000 children, youth and parents through non-specialized psychosocial support, child protection interventions and specialized support, parenting education and life-skills promotion among adolescents.

IRAQ

- Of the total Syrian refugees in Iraq, approximately 38 per cent live in camps whilst 61 per cent reside in urban areas.
- As of 15 February, a total of 31,824 new Syrians (mainly Kurds from Kobani) had arrived in the KR-I via the Ibrahim Khalil border and Peshkabour checkpoints between Turkey and Iraq's Dohok Governorate. Average daily rate of arrivals is 100 individuals. Arrivals from Syria's Kobani area are transferred to Gawilan refugee camp in Dohuk Governorate.

JORDAN

- On 15 February, the Ministry of Interior (Mol) and the Syrian Refugee Affairs Department (SRAD), with the support of UNHCR, began a re-registration/verification exercise of all Syrians living outside of camps in Jordan. During this exercise, the Jordanian authorities take the individual's biometric information (iris scan), and then provide a Mol Service Document which ensures continued access to services, such as health and education.
- The number of refugees returning to Azraq camp now exceeds the number moving to Zaatari from urban areas. As of 16 February, Azraq camp is hosting 12,638 individuals.

LEBANON

- As of 18 February, 1,161,546 Syrian refugees are registered in Lebanon and approximately 10,719 awaiting registration.
- Over the past several weeks, refugees living in informal settlements in the Bekaa have been receiving an increasing number of eviction notices issued by the Lebanese security forces. Security concerns were cited as the main reason for most of the notices. An inter-agency evictions committee is in regular contact with the

Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) and local authorities to ensure that refugees most in need are provided with shelter alternatives.

TURKEY

- As of 18 February, 1,552,839 Syrian refugees are registered by the government in Turkey.
- As of 31 January and according to AFAD, there are now more than 225,000 Syrians staying in 23 camps.

Education

JORDAN

- Official enrolment records released by the Ministry of Education indicate that 127,857 Syrian children are enrolled in public schools across Jordan in the school year 2014/2015. Of these, 19,108 are enrolled in schools in Zataari and Azraq refugee camps and 500 are attending public kindergartens.

LEBANON

- Two new second shift schools have been approved in the area of Bokayaa and Fnaydek in Qobayat, supported by UNHCR and Save the Children. As of 12 February, 5,230 Syrian children are now attending second shift school in Akkar.
- During the year, 61,033 children were assisted by UNICEF to enrol in formal education and 116,526 received school supplies. In 2015, UNICEF will appeal for US\$ 116 million for education activities, aiming to provide 290,000 children with access to learning opportunities and school supplies and deliver training to education staff.

Food Security and Nutrition

IRAQ

- WFP Emergency Operation (EMOP) continues to provide food assistance to vulnerable Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey with voucher assistance, food packages and school feeding program. From 1 to 18 February, 67,573 refugees living in camps received paper vouchers for food and 18,201 received food parcels.
- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture reported in January 2015 that many refugee families from northern Syria were found to have slaughtered their animals and sold on local markets because of their inability to maintain them and out of desperate need for cash. Within Ninewa and Dohuk governorates, evidence from an FAO Rapid Food Security Assessment shows that families with livestock have little access to animal feed as supply chains are hampered and feed prices rise.
- Pending funding allocation, FAO is planning to revive agricultural income generation activities to support the resilience of Syrian refugees in the most affected governorates in Iraq (Ninewa and Dohuk governorates).

JORDAN

- From 1 to 18 February, 442,021 refugees living in communities and 90,284 living in camps have received e-cards, supported by WFP.
- From March 2013 to 10 February 2015, a total of 35,830 Syrian families received vouchers for freshly baked bread at bakeries near their homes. The project "Daily Bread" is being implemented by the Jordan Red Crescent, with support from the Kuwaiti Red Crescent.

LEBANON

- So far in February, Dar Al Fatwa (DAF) has distributed some 24,000 hot meals and other food in Aarsal.
- As a part of a periodic 'cleaning of information' WFP, in cooperation with partners, started a validation exercise of electronic food cards, at the beginning of February. The exercise calls on all e-card holders to distribution points to verify if active e-cards are still owned by the right households. WFP takes this opportunity to also provide refresher training to the beneficiaries on program rules and regulation as well as their rights as

e-card beneficiaries. As of 18 February, around 50 per cent of the validation exercise had been completed. The exercise was postponed this week in the Bekaa due to the winter storm and security issues in the area. It is anticipated that the validation exercise will be finalized by early March in all regions.

- From 1 to 18 February, WFP e-cards have reached 908,477 refugees in Lebanon.
- As of 11 February, Save the Children is supporting 75,000 refugees living in host communities and in Zaatari camp with food e-cards.

TURKEY

- Distribution of 32,360 boxes of high energy biscuits provided by UNICEF is continuing in 12 provinces by AFAD for 6-59 months children and by IMC in Istanbul and Gaziantep for children aged 24-59 months.
- From 1 to 18 February 153,000 refugees in Turkey have received e-cards, supported by WFP.



Health

JORDAN

- In January 2015, UNFP supported the safe deliveries of 300 women in UNFP reproductive health clinics and conducted 81 youth activities benefitting 877 Syrian youth in camps.



Shelter and NFIs

JORDAN

- The Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society, in cooperation with JRC personnel, delivered humanitarian aid including food stuffs, sanitary items, and blankets to 4,000 Syrian refugee families in Amman and the governorates of Irbid, Ajloun, Ma'an, and Aqaba.

LEBANON

- The inter-agency winter operation that began in autumn 2014 is providing at least US\$75 million in aid for both refugees and Lebanese families in need.
- From November 2014 to 13 February 2015, 65,253 families (326,265 individuals) received monthly support to purchase needed winter items. More than 31,457 families (157,285 individuals) living in informal settlements benefitted from site improvements and weatherproofing. Around 647,554 blankets and heating stoves were distributed to families who did not receive any last winter.
- UN agencies and humanitarian partners continued to work with municipalities and refugee outreach volunteers in response to the Yohan storm which hit Lebanon recently. Inter-agency response teams had been established for rapid assessment and contingency stocks made available countrywide, including some 1,200 prepositioned repair kits to fix damaged tents in informal settlements or substandard shelters.
- More than 48,000 families are benefitting from monetized assistance as part of the UNHCR unconditional cash assistance programme (UCAP) and the winterization programme in the Bekaa.

TURKEY

- Following the opening of Suruç camp, as of 16 February, 5,000 Syrian refugees who fled to Turkey from Kobani during fighting between militants and Syrian Kurdish forces last year, have been accommodated in the camp. AFAD and the Foreigner's Police Department are conducting registration for those not yet biometrically registered, and those registered are directed for the issuance of the AFAD cards for receiving their monthly food allowance and core relief items in the camp.

 Water and Sanitation

IRAQ

- UNICEF, in collaboration with host government agencies and international and local NGOs, is continuing to provide WASH services, including solid waste management, to 90,417 Syrian refugees in all eight refugee camps in the KR-I.

JORDAN

- ACTED continues to work with UNICEF to deliver and ensure sufficient water supply in both Zaatari and Azraq camps. On a daily basis in both camps, refugees are receiving 35 litres per person per day.

LEBANON

- Through UNICEF's support, in 2014, over 1.5 million people received safe water through the upgrading or extension of five water networks and the replacement or installation of 48 pumps, 74 chlorination systems and 30 generators.

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 | [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](#) | DCA Dan Church Aid | [DOT Digital Opportunity Trust](#) | DRC Danish Refugee Council | [EMERGENCY](#) | FAO Food and Agricultural Organization | [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](#) | IRC International Rescue Committee | [IRW Islamic Relief Worldwide](#) | KCSAMA Kurdistan Center for Strengthening Administrative and Managerial Abilities | [KURDS](#) | Leb Relief | [MAG Mines Advisory Group](#) | Makassed | [Makhzoumi Foundation](#) | MAP Medical Aid for Palestinians | [MEDIAR](#) | Mercy Corps | [Mercy USA](#) | 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](#) | RET Refugee Education Trust | [RI Relief International](#) | Safadi Foundation | [SCI Save the Children International](#) | SeraphimGLOBAL | [SFCG Search for Common Ground](#) | SI Solidaritiés 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](#) | 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 |

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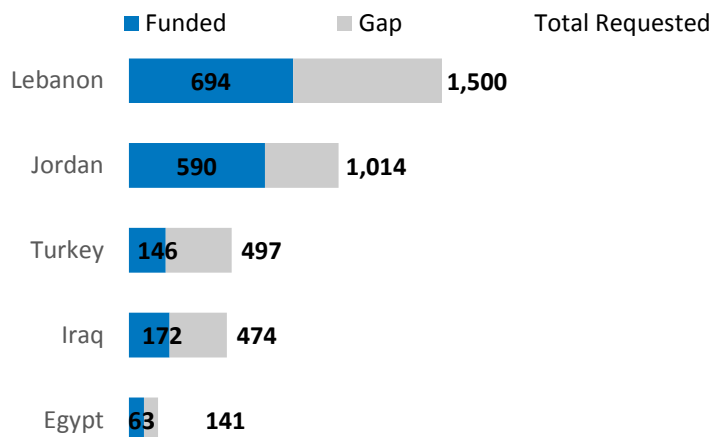
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Funding (in million USD)

A total of **USD 2.3 billion*** has been funded



**Includes USD 363 million of regionally earmarked funds that has been received and is pending allocation by country.*

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