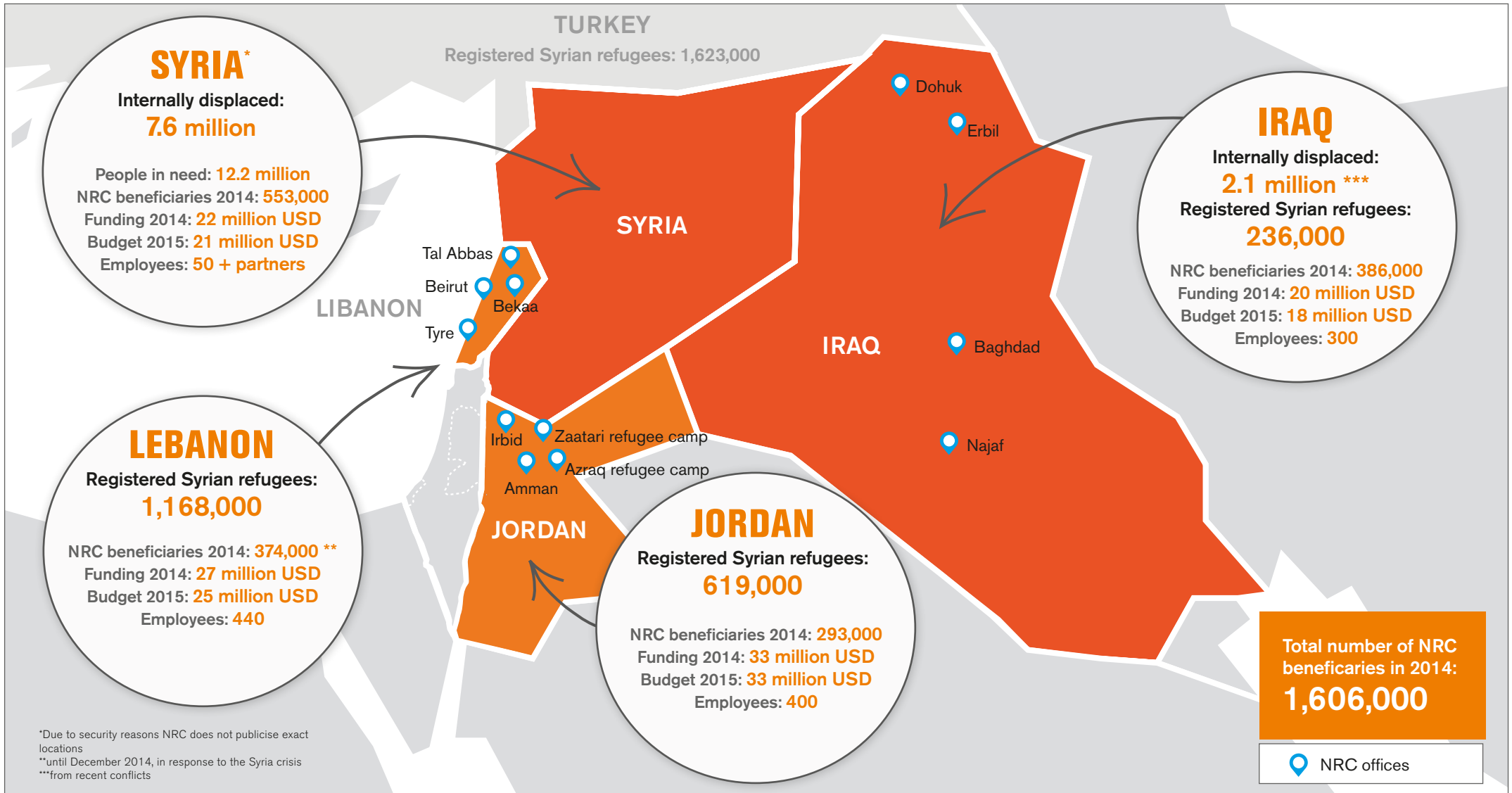


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## SYRIA

-  NRC is focusing on the areas with the largest needs and where we can access with minimal risk. We deliver aid based on needs in an impartial, independent and neutral manner.
-  In addition to the work done by NRC's Syrian employees directly, we also work with trusted Syrian partner organizations.
-  NRC's emergency response includes distributions of tents and winter/summer kits made up of basic necessities for living.
- NRC has assisted in repair of water and sanitation infrastructure.
- NRC works in camps where necessary, assisting in site planning, infrastructure and camp management training where possible.
- NRC is also involved in rehabilitation of schools and community centres for internally displaced and distributes teacher and student kits so children can continue their education.





## IRAQ

-  NRC has scaled up to provide emergency assistance to Iraqi displaced, while continuing supporting Syrian refugees
-  NRC is one of the main shelter actors in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and is also scaling up the response in the South-Central regions of Iraq. NRC supports rehabilitation of shelter and provides life-saving assistance during the winter months.
-  NRC runs education programmes in six camps and will expand further in 2015.
-  NRC has also established community outreach centers in several camps. The centers function as hubs from where NRC works with groups at risk of gender-based violence.
- NRC implements water and sanitation programmes in both camp and non-camp settings.
- In 2015, NRC will start Information, counseling and legal assistance programmes.

## JORDAN

-  NRC is the lead partner of UNHCR in providing shelter and basic household items in Zaatari and Azraq refugee camps. NRC provides refugees with support upon arrival and operates the distribution area. NRC is also distributing cash and vouchers - to offer beneficiaries more choice and flexibility.
-  NRC is working to ensure that children are able to get back to school and is also providing specialised youth programmes and catch up programmes.
-  NRC is providing financial incentives and support to Jordanian landlords to finish semi-constructed houses and bring new units onto the rental market, in return for housing refugee families.
- NRC is providing information, counselling and community support activities to refugees in urban and camp settings.

## LIBANON

-  NRC is the main provider of shelter solutions to refugees from Syria. NRC upgrades existing properties owned by Lebanese families who in turn host refugees rent-free for 12 months.
-  Through community centres and outreach activities, NRC provides information on how to access services, and one-to-one advice and legal assistance on housing, land and property issues, legal status and civil documentation (e.g. birth certificates).
-  NRC's education programmes include catch-up classes to support the integration of Syrian refugee children into Lebanese public schools, and non-formal programmes for children who are not yet able to access formal schooling.
-  In informal settlements NRC integrates water and sanitation, shelter and education programmes, and is involved in community capacity building.

### KEY FACTS

More than 13 million people are now displaced as a result of the conflicts in Syria and Iraq.

The humanitarian appeals for Syria and neighbouring countries in 2014 were less than 57% funded. The Iraq 2014-2015 appeal is only 37% funded. Cold winter weather is again claiming lives in the region – a sad reminder about the urgent need for more assistance.

Faced with limited international support and huge strains on their economies, the countries neighbouring Syria are increasing the entry restrictions for Syrian refugees and people are being turned back at the borders.

More than 12.2 million people inside Syria are in need of assistance – many of them receive only sporadic or no support. Despite repeated UN resolutions meant to secure people access to humanitarian assistance, bureaucratic and administrative challenges created by authorities, attacks on humanitarian workers and active conflict continue to hamper the relief effort. Also in Iraq, many civilians in conflict areas have limited access to assistance.



Education



Food security



Water, sanitation, and hygiene



Shelter



Information, counselling, and legal assistance

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