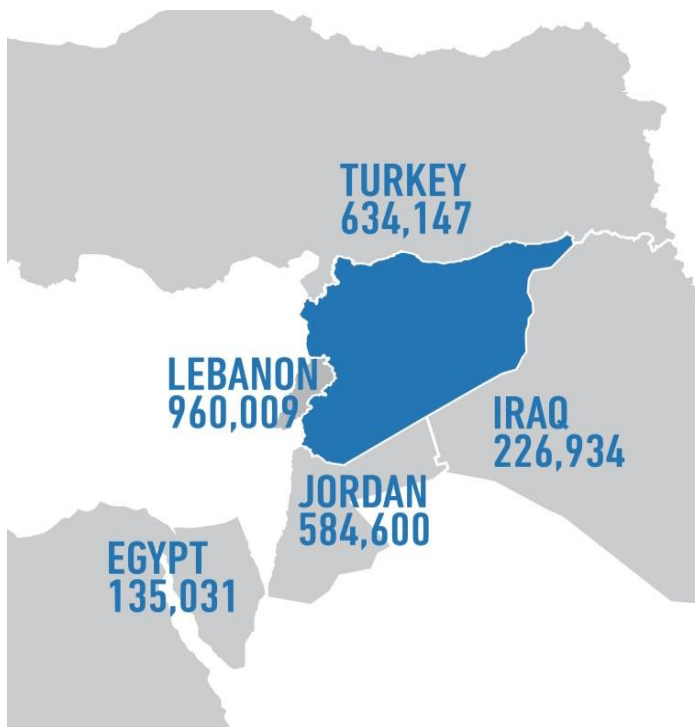




SYRIA EMERGENCY UPDATE

HUMANITARIAN UPDATE FEBRUARY 2014



Syria Key Facts

- 9.3 million people require humanitarian assistance (OCHA, 2013)
- 4.3 million children are in need of assistance (<http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/3/10/report-more-than43msyrianchildrenneedhumanitarianaid.html>)
- 6.5 million people are internally displaced in Syria
- 4000 schools have been destroyed (UNICEF, December 2013)
- By the end of 2013, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights had recorded 130,433 casualties - at least one-third of whom were civilians (Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, Press release, 1 January 2014)

Turkey: The increasing number of refugees has put further pressure on Turkey and the international community to help those in camps to register with the UNHCR (UNHCR Website)

Jordan: Syrians now make up one third of the population of Jordan – impacting the Jordanian economy and infrastructure.

Lebanon: Thousands of Syrian refugees struggle in makeshift camps, in shelters made of little more than plastic sheeting nailed to wooden frames.

Iraq: Kurdistan Regional Government hosts 98 per cent of Iraq's Syrian refugees. This puts additional strain on the local infrastructure and essential services, which are already weakened by years of war and instability in Iraq (UNHCR Website)

Egypt: Large numbers of Syrian refugees live in poor areas in Cairo and Alexandria.

Source: Save the Children Report updated 25/2/2014

Summary Points

- The continuation of conflict in Syria has resulted in the world's biggest humanitarian crisis. The impact on the region is considerable.
- The international community continues its efforts to halt the conflict, but there is still no end yet in sight.
- Islamic Relief continues its relief and emergency operation to alleviate the suffering of Syrians by providing life-saving humanitarian assistance to vulnerable people.

Background

The UN Deputy Humanitarian Chief, Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, in a statement to the UN General Assembly, said: *"Civilians are under fire and the social fabric [of Syria] has been torn to shreds, with reports of horrific human rights violations including sexual and gender-based violence"*.

As the Syria crisis continues, the need for humanitarian relief and assistance inside Syria is increasing in all sectors - including food, non-food, shelter, and health. According to the UNHCR, the number of people of concern is 2,560,418, and 2,510,631 are registered refugees. More than six million people are internally displaced in Syria. The country's health system has effectively collapsed, water supplies have been cut and food is in short supply. In addition, Syrian refugees arriving in neighbouring countries live in difficult conditions in over-crowded camps, crude shelters or with host families.

Islamic Relief is on the ground providing urgently needed relief to thousands of Syrians in various sectors, particularly food, non-food items, shelter, and health.

Humanitarian Situation

- Violence continues, with armed infighting in the northwest and heavy clashes across large parts of the country, including rural Damascus. While several military ceasefires have allowed some access to besieged areas, insecurity continues to interrupt aid distribution, and access to Ar-Raqqqa, Deir-ez-Zor and areas around the capital remains highly constrained.
- The recent adoption of UNSC Resolution 2139 ensures that the international community is united on the importance of humanitarian access for Syria. This must be implemented immediately, to provide vaccines, food, water, medicines, and other life-saving assistance. Humanitarian organisations must have the freedom of access to all areas. Aid must also be allowed to cross conflict lines, and enter besieged areas.
- The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has succeeded in reaching many areas of Syria that were inaccessible for months. But, as the conflict enters its fourth year, delivering food to people in desperate need remains a challenge.
- About 270,000 of the 540,000 registered Palestine refugees in Syria have also been displaced within the country. Negative impacts on food security have been seen in several areas countrywide, and this - combined with deteriorating underlying factors such as water, sanitation and healthcare services - has contributed to a growing risk of malnutrition among women and children.
- A recent report, written and researched by refugee children three years after the beginning of the conflict, reveals that children are burdened by financial insecurity, physical and verbal abuse and increasingly uncertain futures (Children's Report: Stand with me, Our Uncertain Future

Urgent Needs

Food Security for Syrian refugees remains a critical concern.

Health and Nutrition: Lack of nutritious food and health care puts Syrians - especially children - at risk of malnutrition and related illness.

Child Protection: Psychosocial support and community activities are required to reduce the distress felt by children.

Shelter/NFIs: Essential items to protect Syrians and children from the bad weather conditions are crucial.

Education: Informal education programs and friendly spaces and other alternatives are needed to support children who cannot now attend school.

WASH: Water, sanitation, and hygiene supplies are essential to protect Syrians from preventable diseases

Source: Save the Children updated 25/2/2014

OUR RESPONSE

Islamic Relief Worldwide has been working to alleviate the suffering of Syrians since the beginning of the conflict in March, 2011.

Since January 2014, we are responding to the urgent needs of Syrians inside Syria and neighbouring countries and providing humanitarian interventions in various sectors. These include health, food, non-food items, and shelter. Significantly, on 26 February, Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) signed an agreement for the provision of emergency assistance. Worth a total of US\$ 759,000, the aid targets Palestine refugees in Yarmouk camp and other Damascus areas characterized by severe hardship. The IRW contribution will enable the distribution of food aid and emergency sanitary kits to more than 70,000 people. (UNRWA Website)

The tables below show other Islamic Relief interventions by area and sector through its field offices in Turkey, Iraq, Lebanon, and Jordan.

Country	Areas of Intervention
Inside Syria	Idleb \ Al Aqsa IDP Camp , Idleb \ Aqrebat, Idleb \ Shohada Al horia IDP Camp, Kafr Nha, Almashhed, Ouram, Salah edine camp, Alkarama camp (Idleb Areas)
Jordan	Amman, Alramtha, Al mafraq, Irbid, Jarash, , and Al Zaatri, Baqa'a
Lebanon	Sahraa shwayfat , Aramou, Dalhoon Saida, Mount Lebanon , Bekatta chouf, Ketermaya, Nameh, Barja, and Aramoon, Siblin, Jbeil, Dalhon, Maghdoshi, Al Molla, Sahraa Shwayfat, Majdel Anjar, Layan, AL Rafeed, Ketermaya, Gaza, Bar elyas, Lossy, Sultan Yakoub, Majdel Anjar, Zaaroryah, Bsaba, Daraya, Taanayel, Lala, Lossy, Dalhamye, Saida, Wade el Zayne, Nameh, Al Faour, Al Marj, Barja, Mazboud, Barelyas
Iraq	Alaqaem- Anbar, Mosul- Ninawa, Baghdad, Gorcosk – Erbil, Kasak camp- Ninawa, Koya camp – Erbil, Dara Shakran – Erbil, Qushtapa – Erbil, Arbad – Sulaimanya, Boader Transit- Duhok, Baherka camp – Erbil, Gawilan- Erbil, Basirma- Erbil, Domiz Camp – Duhok

1. Inside Syria

Sector	Items	Quantity	Unit
Food	Food Parcel	401	Parcels
NFIs	Blanket	2,710	Blankets
	Mattress	160	Mattress
Shelter	Plastic Sheet	100	Plastic Sheets

2. Jordan

Sector	Items	Quantity	Unit
Food	Food Voucher	52,628	Vouchers
NFIs	Blanket	2,716	Blankets
	Clothes Voucher	5,133	Voucher
	Carpet	1,024	Carpets
Shelter	Cash for Rent	125	Family
	Caravan	50	Caravans
Health	Treatment cases	1,694	Cases

3. Lebanon

Sector	Items	Quantity	Unit
Food	Food Parcel	5,832	Parcels
NFIs	Heaters	556	Heaters
	Baby Kit	3	Kits
	Blanket	2,233	Blankets
	Pyjamas	811	Pyjamas
	Mattress	10	Mattresses
Health	Primary and Secondary Health Care Services	1,225	Cases

4. Iraq

Sector	Items	Quantity	Unit
Food	Food Parcel	1,793	Parcel
	Food Voucher	32,726	Voucher
Hygiene & Health Promotion	Hygiene and Health Messages	11,500	Individuals reached with hygiene awareness

ISLAMIC RELIEF FUTURE PLANS

- Shelter assistance for Syrian refugees
- Food distribution
- Conditional cash distribution
- Medical and health assistance for Syrian refugees
- Psychosocial support for Syrian children
- Educational projects



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FURTHER LINKS / IN-DEPTH READING

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