

FACTSHEET

Regional Syria Response Fact Sheet

March 2017



People in need of assistance in Syria: **13.5 million**



Internally displaced people: **6.3 million**

People besieged and hard-to-reach in Syria:

4.9 million

Syrian refugees in neighboring countries:

4.9 million

Deaths: at least **400,000**



A CARE case manager greets a Syrian family in Irbid, Jordan. ©M.Rhineland/CARE

In Syria, 85 percent of the population is living in poverty. At least 170,000 people are stranded at Syria's borders, unable to escape. Only 10 percent of Syrian refugees live in formal camps. In Lebanon, refugees account for more than 25 percent of the population. In Jordan, the Syrian refugees are more than 10 percent of the population. 1.2 million Syrians have applied for asylum in Europe. One-third of school-age children in Syria are not in school; one-third of schools are out of service. Female and child-headed households face greater barriers in accessing humanitarian aid. From January-August 2016, 101 attacks on hospitals and clinics were reported, killing 14 healthcare workers and injuring 40 more. Since the start of the Syria conflict, 147 humanitarian workers have been killed; in 2016 alone, 66 killed and 114 wounded. Forced "reconciliation" of besieged areas in Syria has resulted in the involuntary displacement of populations. The cumulative economic loss to Syria resulting from conflict is an estimated US\$254.7 billion. More than 360,000 pregnant women require access to critical childbirth services. Families in Syria spend one quarter of their income on clean water.

References: UN, OCHA, UNFPA, (2017)

CARE URGES ALL PARTIES TO:

- seek a resolution to the conflict through a negotiated agreement on political transition
- ensure the protection of civilians including humanitarian staff
- facilitate the delivery of life-saving aid to all those in need in Syria and the region
- ensure sufficient levels of aid to meet the enormous needs of refugees and internally displaced people

CARE urges developed countries to commit to an expanded refugee resettlement program, pledging to accept a fair share of Syrian refugees, especially the most vulnerable.

During emergencies, women and girls are particularly vulnerable, and often lack access to services. Age and disability can also increase levels of vulnerability. Rates of child marriage and forced marriage have increased as a result of the ongoing conflict. CARE calls on all parties and the international community to ensure the protection of women and girls, and their increased participation in civil society.

CARE is collaborating with host governments, the United Nations, and international and local organizations to help refugees and host communities meet their most urgent needs and protect their dignity.

FUNDING

The 2017 United Nations coordinated appeals for the Syria crisis includes \$3.4 billion for the response in Syria, addressing acute humanitarian needs, and \$4.63 billion for the region, uniting emergency humanitarian operations with host community support focused on longer term programs boosting resilience.

Percentage of overall 2017 UN Syria response appeal funded (March 2017): **2%**

Percentage of overall 2016 UN Syria response appeal funded: **56%**

In February 2016, during the Supporting Syria and the Region Conference in London, countries committed US\$11 billion in pledges. Of the \$6.1 billion grants pledged for 2017-2020, \$2.8 billion have already been committed, almost half of the total pledged for the next four years, and helping countries plan ahead.



CARE has secured 60% of the anticipated US\$200 million funding that we minimally need for our response inside Syria.

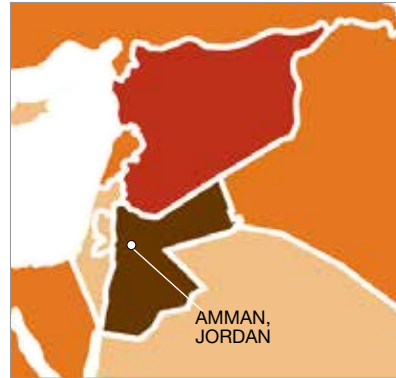
HOW WE RESPOND TO THE SYRIA CRISIS

CARE is providing life-saving services to Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt, and to people affected by the conflict in Syria. Our support to families affected by the crisis in Syria is based on humanitarian needs alone, no matter which religion, political affiliation or ethnicity people belong to.

JORDAN SYRIAN REFUGEES: 656,170



CARE operates four community/refugee centers in East Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, and Mafraq, in addition to two centers managed by partner organizations in Azraq town. CARE also provides community services in Azraq refugee camp through four community centers. CARE's urban protection response program aims to enhance resilience through strengthening Syrian, Iraqi and other refugees' social and economic readiness to reside in Jordan with dignity, and to support recovery efforts of their home communities upon return.



Daily, CARE community centers receive on average 180 Syrian, Iraqi and others seeking support. Through case management, CARE registers refugees and helps provide them with services. In 2015-16, CARE was the largest protection response actor in Jordan, reaching more affected people than any other agency.

The urban program includes information provision, case management, emergency cash assistance, cash for education, psychosocial support, and livelihood opportunities, in addition to providing winter support; cash assistance and items such as heaters, blankets, and mattresses. CARE prioritizes the needs of women and girls, ensuring that their rights are secure. Emergency cash assistance is critical in helping families avoid eviction, cover food costs or healthcare. As increasing accommodation and living costs have also impacted host communities, CARE works with vulnerable Jordanians to address their needs.

In Azraq camp, CARE ensures refugees' access to services, offering case management, complaints and feedback systems, and information provision. CARE centers host events, information sessions, psychosocial support, daycare, recreational activities, educational and vocational trainings such as tailoring, cosmetology, and computer maintenance. A multi-purpose sports ground and gym offers activities for women, girls, boys and men. Innovative activities, such as the IDEAS BOX offer refugees daily access to tablets, laptops, and a library for educational trainings or communicating with family abroad. CARE also implements the camp's incentive-based volunteering program which provides refugees with work opportunities in a variety of UN and non-governmental organizations in the camp.



Syrian girls practice taekwondo in a CARE community center, Azraq camp, Jordan. ©R.Pohle/The Times



Syrian and Jordanian women and men study mobile phone repair in Amman, Jordan. ©MK MacIsaac/CARE

REFERENCES



LEBANON SYRIAN REFUGEES: 1,011,366



In Lebanon, CARE meets refugees' and vulnerable host communities' most basic and pressing needs, mainly by providing water, sanitation and hygiene items and assistance, shelter support, multi-purpose cash assistance in Mount Lebanon, as well as South and North Lebanon Governorates. CARE's response in Lebanon includes integrated shelter, water and sanitation rehabilitation of substandard/poor quality accommodations, as well as upgrading of communal spaces in poor neighborhoods shared by both refugees and local families. CARE works in close partnership with municipalities to improve water supply and sanitation infrastructure, incorporating repair of drainage systems, distribution of hygiene items, and hygiene improvement sessions.



CARE also provides livelihoods assistance through supporting job skills training, employment placement, and advocacy for better employment opportunities. In addition, the organization works to address the longer-term development needs of vulnerable Syrian refugee and host community populations in Lebanon, all coordinated under CARE's "One Neighborhood Approach" introduced in 2015. This unique approach aims to improve the living conditions of both communities, enhance resilience, and contribute to social cohesion. Over recent winters, CARE has continued to support vulnerable families by distributing cash assistance, heaters and fuel, blankets and floor mats.



CARE rehabilitates shelters and provides access to clean water to Syrian families in Lebanon. © M.Shabeeb/CARE



Information volunteers in Ankara are trained to discuss protection issues. © K. Mostafa/CARE

TURKEY SYRIAN REFUGEES: 2,726,980



Following the influx of almost 200,000 Syrian refugees in fall 2014, CARE responded by supporting refugees with food, hygiene items, and winter supplies. With over 2.7 million registered Syrian refugees in the country, significant humanitarian needs persist.



CARE has established a community-based model that combines monthly cash-based assistance to help vulnerable people meet their basic needs, with protection activities providing information that helps refugees access services and protect themselves against risks.

Within the same communities, CARE is identifying the most vulnerable families and addressing their unique range of needs in a comprehensive way through case management services which include one-off material support, including medical equipment, assistive devices, or transportation to hospital; psychosocial support; and referrals to services provided by other organizations.

CARE responds to the increased needs of refugees during winter, through provision of cash assistance. In schools, our programming has helped ensure students are better able to study in a safe and hygienic environment. Through these complementary approaches, CARE strives to meet the most pressing needs of urban refugees in southern Turkey.



CARE supports agriculture through a voucher program in Syria. ©CARE/Shafak



CARE supports safe spaces in northern Syria. © CARE



CARE, through partners, is the only provider of latrines in southern Syria. © CARE

EGYPT SYRIAN REFUGEES: 117,591



CARE implements a holistic approach in addressing problems of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) among Syrian refugees living in Greater Cairo and Alexandria. CARE raises refugee awareness of legal regulations, sexual and reproductive health, and child protection in addition to empowering them through innovative methods such as art therapy, village and savings loan associations, and social empowerment groups. CARE also provides full case management services to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, extending basic emotional support while focusing on health, safety, psychosocial, and individual legal assistance and consultations. Through referrals, CARE ensures clients access services including medical and cash assistance, as well as livelihood opportunities. Additionally, CARE's four women friendly spaces in Cairo and Alexandria have proven effective hubs, raising awareness of SGBV, and benefiting refugees educationally and recreationally, enabling them to temporarily escape life's struggles while creating greater bonds among refugee families.



Syrian women participate in CARE-supported art therapy in Egypt. © UNHCR Egypt / P. Costa Gomes

SYRIA INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS: 6.3 million



CARE began work in Syria in October 2013, operating through partners in northern Syria. Today, CARE works across the country, including in besieged and hard-to-reach areas, often through rapid emergency response, distributing relief supplies and/or multi-purpose cash vouchers for food baskets, hygiene and baby kits, dignity kits for the elderly, and providing reproductive, primary care and maternal health, as well as shelter, clean water and proper sanitation.

Where possible, CARE helps rebuild livelihoods, developing resilience programs and providing families with early recovery support, including agricultural production, livestock programs, cash for work, microfinance, and concerted protection programming, including for gender-based violence, case management and psychosocial programming.