

# FACTSHEET Syria Regional Fact Sheet

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People in need of assistance: **12.2 million**



Refugees: **3.8 million**

Internally displaced people: **7.6 million**



Expected number of refugees by December 2015:

**4.3 million**



Deaths: at least **200,000**



A CARE hygiene promoter with Syrian children in Lebanon. © Miriam Darwish/CARE International

More than half of Syria's population is displaced or in need of assistance.

Inside Syria, more than 212,000 people are residing in besieged locations, over 4.8 million live in areas that aid agencies can only reach occasionally and sometimes, not at all.

Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan, with a population of 84,000 people, is the world's second largest refugee camp.

Azraq refugee camp in Jordan opened April 2014 with the capacity to host up to 130,000 refugees. So far, 14,000 Syrians have sought shelter and safety there.

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.

Most of the refugees in Jordan and Lebanon live in rented apartments or informal tented settlements in border towns or in the cities.

In Syria, 40 percent of children no longer attend school.

In Aleppo, Syria, 50 percent of boys and girls are working up to 12 hours a day.

## CARE URGES ALL PARTIES TO:

**seek a peaceful resolution to the conflict**

**ensure the protection of civilians**

**facilitate the delivery of lifesaving assistance 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 expanded refugee resettlement programs, pledging to accept a fair share of Syrian refugees, especially the most vulnerable.

CARE is aware that in all emergencies women and girls are particularly vulnerable, and often lack access to services. Age and disability can also increase levels of vulnerability. CARE is particularly concerned with the increased rates of child marriages and forced marriages, and the decrease in the age of girl children forced into this abuse. We call on all parties to ensure the protection of women and girls.

CARE continues to scale up its response to help those most affected by the conflict.

We are collaborating with host country governments, the United Nations, and international and local organisations to help refugees and host communities meet their most urgent needs and protect their dignity.

## FUNDING

The 2015 United Nations appeals for the Syria crisis are the largest ever to date, with total requirements reaching US\$8.4 billion. This includes 2.9 billion for the Syria Strategic Response Plan (SRP), addressing acute humanitarian needs in Syria, and 5.5 billion for the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP), which unites emergency humanitarian operations with host community support focused on longer-term programs boosting resilience.

Percentage of 2014 overall UN appeal funded: **61%**

Percentage of 2015 3RP funded (as of 24 February 2015): **6%**

**\$\$\$** CARE has secured **less than 30%** of the anticipated **US\$200 million** funding that we minimally need for our response.

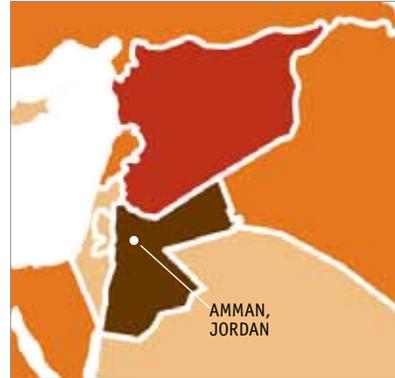
# HOW WE RESPOND TO THE SYRIA CRISIS

CARE is providing life-saving services to Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt, Yemen and to people affected by the crisis 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 REFUGEES: 680,000



CARE set up refugee centres in East Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, and Mafrqa, as well as providing community services in the Azraq refugee camp. CARE is also partnering with two community-based organisations in Azraq town. CARE volunteers, who are refugees themselves, assist in organizing and preparing distributions of relief supplies. We provide emergency cash assistance to pay for basic living costs, including rent, food, health services and essential household items. CARE also assists with vital information on how refugees can access further health, legal and social support.



In addition, we are providing psychosocial assistance to women, men and children helping them to cope with their experience of violence, flight and loss of family and friends. CARE has helped families in Jordan to cope during the cold winter, distributing cash to buy heaters, blankets and fuel refills to refugees. As host communities have also been severely impacted by increased accommodation and living costs, CARE works with most vulnerable host families to address their needs.

CARE Jordan focuses on supporting refugees in urban areas of Jordan. In addition, CARE partners with UNHCR and other agencies to provide vital services in Azraq refugee camp. CARE offers information to refugees as they arrive in the camp and runs community centres with a variety of recreational and psychosocial activities for women, men and children. The centres also serve as the main point of contact where refugees can report complaints or feedback. CARE also identifies community representatives and organizes refugee committees giving them a voice in camp decision making.

## LEBANON REFUGEES: 1.2 MILLION



In Lebanon, CARE meets refugees' most basic and pressing needs, mainly providing water, sanitation and hygiene assistance as well as non-food items and cash assistance in Beirut, Mount Lebanon and Northern Governorates.



This includes the improvement of drainage systems, distribution of sanitary items, and the provision of hygiene sessions. CARE also works with municipalities to improve water supply and sanitation infrastructure for refugees as well as for host communities. Previously, CARE has distributed clothes vouchers to Syrian refugee children living in informal tented settlements and collective centres in Mount Lebanon.

In the winter, CARE has helped families in both Mount and North Lebanon regions to prepare for and cope with the cold winter, distributing cash for heaters and fuel, blankets and floor mats.

## REFERENCES



CARE staff lead safe-space activities for children in Azraq camp. © Mary Kate MacIsaac/CARE International

## TURKEY REFUGEES: 1.6 MILLION



Following the huge influx of Syrian refugees last fall, CARE immediately began assessing needs and coordinating with Turkish authorities and other organizations to support refugees with food, safe drinking water and hygiene items. Months later, massive humanitarian needs have not changed. CARE is responding with much-needed cash assistance, hygiene promotion, dignity kits for women and the elderly, and establishing community groups that address protection issues, including psychosocial needs, early marriage, and gender-based violence. CARE is doing its best to meet the most pressing needs of urban refugees in the border towns of southern Turkey.



## EGYPT REFUGEES: 140,000+



CARE raises awareness among the refugees of sexual exploitation and other forms of gender-based violence to protect them from any form of abuse and raise awareness for legal regulations in Egypt in regards to violence. CARE also offers legal assistance to individual cases.

In collaboration with different partners and specialists CARE empowers family members to oppose harmful practice and conducts special sessions on child abuse for children and parents.

CARE also assists refugees coping with their trauma through psychosocial programs and phone helplines for women and men who have faced gender-based violence. Psychosocial support can be in the form of therapy sessions and support groups as well as through creative approaches such as arts therapy, drama and sports activities.



## YEMEN ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SYRIAN REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS: UP TO 30,000



CARE Yemen is supporting vulnerable displaced Syrians through the provision of enhanced emergency protection, shelter and non-food items. CARE Yemen aims to contribute to the better identification of the needs of displaced Syrians in Yemen, providing humanitarian actors with a detailed analysis of the number of Syrians in need of lifesaving assistance and how to best address their needs. CARE Yemen seeks to refer critical cases of displaced Syrians to specialised protection services.



CARE is also providing vulnerable and newly displaced Syrians with rent support and emergency non-food items.



CARE empowers children in activities in Azraq camp. © Mahmoud Shabeeb/CARE International

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