



# Factsheet for Turkey and northern Syria

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## Country Snapshot Syria

<b>Population:</b>	17,951,639 (2014 est.)
<b>Life expectancy at birth:</b>	68.4 (2014 est.)
<b>Adult literacy rate:</b>	86.4 (2015 est.)
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	5,100 (2011 est.)
<b>Infant mortality rate:</b>	15.79/1000 (2014 est.)
<b>Maternal mortality rate:</b>	49/100,000 (2013 est.)
<b>Females in the labour force age 15*:</b>	15.20 (2010)

Source: The World Bank

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CARE established its Turkey office in January 2013, to address the humanitarian needs of people affected by the crisis inside Syria. As of this year, an estimated 13.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance in Syria, including 6.6 million internally displaced people. 4.8 million have sought refuge in neighbouring countries.

In the fall of 2014, CARE expanded its work, responding to the emergency needs of Syrian refugees in Turkey where, according to UNHCR, more than 2.7 million Syrian refugees are currently living. As of August 2016, CARE International in Turkey has assisted close to over 1.4 million people inside Syria and in Turkey with emergency interventions, as well as through longer-term recovery and resilience programming. CARE's emergency response has been implemented in partnership with seven Syrian and Turkish organizations.

## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

CARE International in Turkey aims to deliver timely, appropriate and effective humanitarian assistance to meet the urgent needs of vulnerable displaced and host communities. In Turkey and northern Syria, CARE supports vulnerable families to access food, hygiene items, clothing and household non-food items through vouchers or in-kind distributions. In winter, we provide displaced Syrians with items such as mattresses and blankets. In order to ensure more effective protection, CARE is providing multi-sectorial protection services through a case management approach for the most in need. CARE's outreach teams disseminate information on family planning, breastfeeding and protection topics including gender-based violence, early marriage, child labour, and facilitate internal and external referral to relevant services. In Syria, CARE supports clinics and hospitals with medical equipment allowing women to access vital reproductive health services.

## RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

In addition to emergency life-saving interventions, CARE also implements more sustainable programming informed by its extensive experience in rebuilding communities affected by conflict. In Syria, CARE is helping households in reviving and stabilizing livelihoods through the provision of relevant training, extension services, agriculture and livestock inputs and repair of essential livelihood infrastructure. CARE provides temporary income support through cash-for-work and cash grants. CARE is currently supporting the establishment of Village Savings and Loan Associations for women and men to increase their access to savings and credit in Syria. CARE is also starting to provide vocational trainings for women and girls in Syria. In Syria and Turkey,

we support access to safe water through provision of water storage facilities and the rehabilitation and maintenance of water and sanitation infrastructure and conduct training of trainers on hygiene promotion. With the aim of increasing the resilience of people affected by the conflict, CARE provides psycho-social support and case management services through established community centers.

#### PROFESSIONALISATION OF HUMANITARIAN SECTOR IN SYRIA

CARE takes a particular interest in holistically building the capacity of Syrian partners, with a view to contributing to a strong humanitarian sector inside Syria now and during the eventual post-conflict rebuilding. Working in partnership with four Syrian non-governmental organisations (NGOs)



inside Syria, CARE conducts workshops and trainings for partners, including on project management, gender in emergencies, accountability, finance, safety and security, procurement, conflict resolution and media and communications.

#### REMOTE MONITORING

CARE utilises a combination of data collection tools to gather and triangulate data from various sources, allowing for verification of activities according to internal and donor standards, as well as monitoring of appropriateness, prevention of harm, Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and risks of fraud and diversion. Monitoring data is gathered from three main sources: partner monitoring teams, CARE's Syria monitoring consultants and third-party monitoring agencies. Emphasising the need for learning, CARE exchanges lessons learnt and best practices with regard to remote monitoring with peers, donors and other external stakeholders on an ongoing basis.

#### SYRIA CRISIS

An estimated 13.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance inside Syria. People have increasingly limited access to basic services, including healthcare, water and sanitation.

#### GENDER

Over the last three years, CARE has regularly conducted Rapid Gender Analyses in Turkey and northern Syria to ensure needs, contributions and capacities of women, girls, boys and men are considered in all aspects of humanitarian response. CARE's global gender marker guidance enables CARE staff to track, improve and support more effective gender equitable programming. Our gender marker tool is consistently used in conjunction with monitoring, evaluation and accountability systems. Furthermore, regular capacity building through mentoring and on job support on gender and protection mainstreaming is part of CARE efforts when working with various partners in Turkey and northern Syria.

#### MAJOR DONORS

- Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
- European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO)
- EuropeAid (EC)
- Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)



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