

FACTSHEET

Syria Regional Crisis

September 2013



OVERVIEW

People affected by conflict: **8.6 million**



Refugees: **over 2 million**



Expected number of refugees by December 2013: **3.4 million**

Women and children: **75%**



People fleeing Syria each day: **4,400**



Deaths: **100,000**



At this rate, **half of the Syrian population** is expected to be displaced or in need of assistance **by the end of 2013.**

Zaatari refugee camp, with a population of some 120,000 people, is now **Jordan's fifth largest city** and the **second largest refugee camp in the world.**

By the end of the year the population of Lebanon would have **increased by 25%.**

Three quarters of the refugee population in Jordan live with host families or rented apartments in border towns or in the capital Amman.



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FUNDING

On Friday, 7 June 2013, the United Nations announced a new appeal for Syria – the largest ever to date, with total requirements reaching **US\$4.4 billion for 2013.** The UN has, in fact, revised its two main appeals upwards, the Syria Humanitarian Assistance Response Plan (SHARP) for people inside the country, and the Syria Regional Response Plan (RRP) for refugees in the region.

Funding requirements met for SHARP: **45%**
Funding RRP: **42%**

CARE has secured **less than 25%** of the anticipated **US\$50 million** funding that we minimally need for our response.



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 funding to meet the mammoth needs of refugees and internally displaced people

CARE is aware that in all conflicts, women and girls are particularly vulnerable. Women and children account for more than three quarters of the refugees who have fled Syria. We call on all parties to ensure the protection of women.

CARE is working 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 (for more information on our response, please turn to page 2.)

HOW WE RESPOND TO THE SYRIA CRISIS

CARE is providing life-saving services to Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon and to people affected by the crisis in Syria. As the conflict escalates, we are also starting activities in Egypt and potentially Yemen to help Syrian refugees there as well. CARE is impartial and neutral. 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: 500,000+

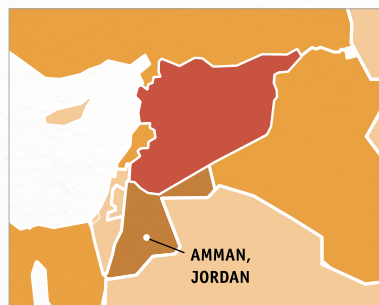
To date, CARE has reached about 150,000 refugees from Syria. We provide cash assistance to pay for basic living costs, including rent, food and essential relief items and we assist with vital information on how refugees can access further health care and social support. In addition, we have reached over 10,000 Jordanians with emergency relief supplies and emergency cash to support their gracious efforts in hosting the growing influx of Syrians.

CARE set up refugee centres in East Amman and Zarqa, where CARE volunteers, who are refugees themselves, assist in organizing and preparing distributions and provide information on access to support services. We also started psychosocial activities and will continue to support communities in Amman, Zarqa, Mafraq and Irbid, targeting more than 10,000 people by October of this year.

CARE is also working with the UN and other agencies to open a new refugee camp in the coming months which will hopefully help greatly to meet increased needs created by the large influx of refugees into the single existing camp in Jordan.

Over the next two years, CARE aims to:

- Provide emergency cash, food and other critical supplies;
 - Support refugees to seek assistance that will address their immediate needs;
 - Assist refugees and host communities with livelihood opportunities and vocational training that will help them earn a living; and
 - Support refugees in displacement camp with food, shelter, water and sanitation.
- In all efforts, we aim to ensure that the dignity of the refugees and host communities is upheld.



LEBANON REFUGEES: 700,000+

We plan to meet approximately 150,000 refugees' and vulnerable host communities' most basic and pressing needs, mainly providing water, sanitation and shelter. CARE Lebanon has been increasing access to water and sanitation for almost 7,000 people in vulnerable areas of Beirut, with small infrastructure repairs, distribution of sanitation items, and providing health education sessions.

Over the next two years, our response will include:

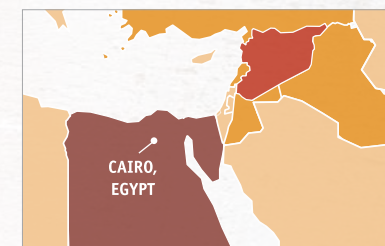
- Supporting refugees to seek assistance so that they are able to address their immediate needs;
- Providing shelter kits for arrived refugees to upgrade and repair houses in informal settlements;
- Supporting refugees and host communities with access to water and sanitation;
- Ensuring support for host communities that have been overwhelmed by the crisis; and
- Providing psychosocial support, protecting the rights of vulnerable women and helping prevent gender-based violence. This includes providing secure spaces for women to ensure their safety.



EGYPT REFUGEES: 100,000+

We plan to help at least 20,000 refugees over the next two years, including:

- Providing cash and other material assistance to meet refugees' basic needs;
- Creating awareness of sexual exploitation (including forced/and or early marriage) and other forms of gender-based violence and empowering family members to oppose harmful practices; and
- Helping Egyptian communities support Syrian refugees, including psychosocial programs.



YEMEN

We have been reaching out to Syrian refugees arriving in Yemen, especially in Sana'a, Taiz and Aden and we're developing plans on how to support them. Initial findings from Yemen reveal that refugee families are mainly concerned about accommodation, as they are struggling to cover high rental costs. Families also reported having to beg in order to be able to cover living costs. To date, the majority of refugee families reported that they haven't received any assistance.

