

A photograph of a group of Syrian children and an elderly woman sitting under a tent. The children are looking towards the camera with serious expressions. The woman is in the background, wearing a black headscarf. The background is a rocky, outdoor setting.

ISLAMIC RELIEF
WORLDWIDE



SYRIA EMERGENCY OPERATION

1ST JANUARY - 30TH JUNE 2014

SYRIA CRISIS

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBER OF REFUGEES - REGISTERED & AWAITING REGISTRATION

2,898,584

(UNHCR UP TO 28 JUNE 2014)

TURKEY

789,678

LEBANON

1,117,095

IRAQ

225,475

JORDAN

604,868

EGYPT

138,101

6.5 MILLION

PEOPLE ARE INTERNALLY
DISPLACED



9.3 MILLION

PEOPLE IN NEED INSIDE SYRIA (UNHCR UP TO 28 JUNE 2014) ¹



MORE THAN 170,000 KILLED

(THE SYRIAN OBSERVATORY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS) ²



1- <http://syria.unocha.org/>

2- <http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Middle-East/2014/Jul-10/263416-syria-war-toll-tops-170000-one-third-civilians.ashx#ixzz379qpSxxd>

URGENT NEEDS



860,000 refugees outside camps are estimated to be living in sub-standard shelter.



More than **2.4 million** people are in need of support to prepare for the next winter.



1.7 million refugees require food assistance.



More than **900,000** Syrian school-age children need education.



Government services and local communal services are under strain due to the increased demand, impacting service quality for refugees and nationals and threatening social cohesion and stability.



Inside Syria, there are **4.3 million** children in desperate need of food, shelter, medicine and psychosocial support.⁴



Food and medical assistance is needed for besieged people inside Syria.⁵



4- <http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Inter-Agency%20Regional%20Response%20-%20Syrian%20Refugees%20RRP%20Update%2020140705.pdf>

5- http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/RegionalDashboardExternal_1June2014.pdf

AREAS OF INTERVENTION





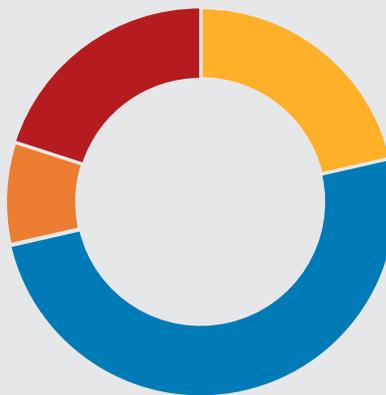
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SYRIA EMERGENCY RESPONSE 2014

Islamic Relief Worldwide has been responding to the Syria crisis since 2011 providing life saving and relief assistance for displaced families inside Syria and neighbouring countries. In 2014, Islamic Relief continued its Syria emergency operation and planned its regional response to assist more vulnerable Syrians both inside Syria and neighbouring countries



2014 SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE PLAN

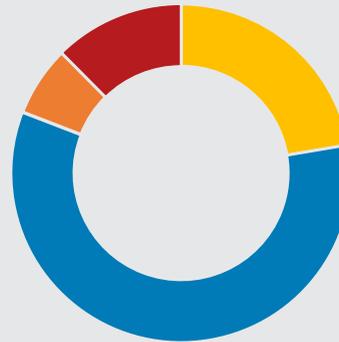


INSIDE SYRIA	15,000,000 GBP
JORDAN	35,000,000 GBP
LEBANON	6,000,000 GBP
IRAQ	14,000,000 GBP
TOTAL	70,000,000 GBP

2014 FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR SYRIA EMERGENCY OPERATION BY COUNTRY

2014 FUNDING STATUS

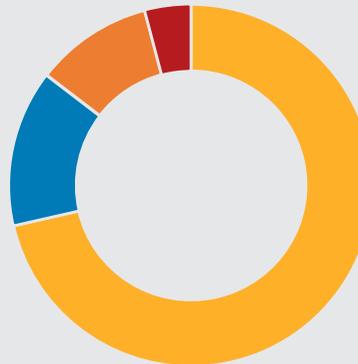
In the first six months of 2014, Islamic Relief secured £43,541,255 from IR partners and institutional funding sources to implement projects to support Syrians overcome their difficult living conditions.



INSIDE SYRIA	8,665,815 GBP
JORDAN	26,287,224 GBP
LEBANON	3,016,215 GBP
IRAQ	5,572,001 GBP
TOTAL	43,541,255 GBP

2014 TOTAL SIGNED CONTRACT PROJECTS VALUE BY COUNTRY

The response has successfully ensured that 1,801,492 Syrian refugees have been supported with essential assistance including food, shelter, cash, and non-food items such as blankets, mattresses, clothes etc, medical care, and psychosocial support. These projects also support poor and vulnerable communities in Jordan and Lebanon as well as the Syrian refugees they are hosting.



INSIDE SYRIA	1,286,758
JORDAN	252,068
LEBANON	188,836
IRAQ	73,830
TOTAL	1,801,492

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES BY COUNTRY UP TO 30 JUNE 2014



ISLAMIC RELIEF RESPONSE TO **AL YARMOUK CRISIS**

In 2014, Islamic Relief Worldwide funded UNRWA with 447,986 GBP from its partners to assist affected Palestinian refugees inside Syria.

The fund received from the five partners of Islamic Relief (IRUK, IR Germany, IR Sweden, IR Switzerland and Emerging Markets) is to provide 41,111 displaced and conflict affected people in need of daily assistance with food parcels and to distribute family hygiene kits to 19,068 refugees and sanitation items 2,365 children, 1,577 elderly people and 9,854 women, in order to improve hygiene in collective shelters.

It is important to note that this project is ongoing and Islamic Relief is planning to provide more support for Palestinian refugees in Al Yarmouk camp in the future.

ISLAMIC RELIEF INTERVENTION INSIDE SYRIA AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

1. INSIDE SYRIA

The conditions inside Syria are exacerbated by security issues which hinder the delivery of aid and support for people in besieged areas (the old city of Homs, Yarmouk, Nubl, and Zahra, Hassakeh, Madamiyet El-Sham, Deir-ez-Zor, Idlib, Eastern Ghouta and Dara'a) where there is a critical need for non-food items, food and medical assistance.⁶

Since the beginning of the conflict in Syria, Islamic Relief Worldwide has been working deep inside Syria to provide humanitarian assistance for the conflict-affected people. In the last six months, Islamic Relief secured a fund values £ 8,665,815 to implement projects in various sectors such as food, NFIs, health, and WASH to be able to support the needy people inside Syria reaching 1,286,758 individuals in northern Syria.

THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES INSIDE SYRIA BY SECTOR IS AS FOLLOWS



FOOD

654,438



WASH

101,820



NFI

SHELTER AND NFIS

91,758



HEALTH

438,742



6- <http://www.whatsinblue.org/2014/05/ocha-briefing-humanitarian-access-has-significantly-dropped-in-syria.php>
http://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/aid/countries/factsheets/syria_en.pdf

TYPES OF INTERVENTION BY SECTOR

SECTOR	ITEMS	QUANTITY	UNIT
Food	Food Parcel	18000	Parcel
	Wheat Flour	538.5	Ton
	Dates	37538	Kg
	Canned Meat	216912	Can of 425gr
WASH	Hygiene Kits	16920	Kit
	Baby Kits	150	Kit
Shelter and NFIs	Babies Bed	187	piece
	Plastic Bowels	1050	piece
	Blankets	34910	Blankets
	Mattresses	13900	Mattress
	Clothes	1369	Clothes
	Shoes	12960	Shoes
Health	Plastic Sheet	2072	Plastic Sheet
	Multivitamins drugs	560000	Capsule
	Medical Disposables	6,329,139	pieces

CHALLENGES

- Difficulty to access the Some areas in Syria because of the heightened insecurity.
- The intensity of violence and fighting across Syria hindered the ability to access families in besieged areas inside Syria.



ORDEAL OF A SYRIAN MOTHER

"I've lost everything, my sons were killed, my house is destroyed, I've nowhere to go."

Um Ahmed is among millions of Syrian mothers who are critically affected by the Syria tragedy that led to a disgraceful humanitarian crisis resulted in death, suffering and displacement.

Um Ahmed, 60 years old woman, from Tremseh village that experienced one of the biggest calamities in Syria conflict narrates her break hearting tragedy. The village located in Hama lived a nightmare when random fire was opened on its inhabitants and houses killing 305 people. The news reported it as 'Tremseh massacre'.

Um Ahmed with tears in her eyes murmured:

"We were sleeping and we did not expect that our sleeping will be disturbed with a calamity when my four sons were slaughtered without any fault and in a disgusting way. They were married; they left 15 kids whose childhood was stolen by the death of their fathers. Not only my sons were killed deliberately but also were killed in cold blood and a number of village residents fled their houses into the streets. Till now I do not know where my son Ahmed was buried after he was killed"

The children instead of smiles, they wore sadness and tears. Um Ahmed with fear about the future of her grandchildren who are deprived from parenting and enjoying their childhood says:

"Why are our children not living a normal life like the other children of the world, for us we are used to this dreadful situation but it is not fair for the children to live in fear, conflict, and despair. They have no more dreams after losing their fathers; they are suffering emotionally."

Um Ahmed continued narrating her catastrophe that obliged her to escape from the village after her house was destroyed saying:

"I came to Hebat Allah camp but I could not find a tent for me and the children until one of the displaced people who lost his family and living alone gave us his tent and moved to another place. I arrived at the camp without any assets and belongings after I lost everything. Nothing left to worry about; my sons killed, my house damaged... ..nowhere to go. Many people tried to go back to the village but the situation is accelerating. Now I'm caring about my grand-children's future in these desperate and critical living conditions with no income, shelter, education, and significantly parenting".



Islamic Relief Mission in Syria visited Um Ahmed and provided her with humanitarian assistance including food parcels, mattresses, and blankets to overcome the difficult conditions they are experiencing. Um Ahmed said " May Allah bless you and reward you for your kind assistance and support".

2. JORDAN

By the middle of 2014, the number of Syrian refugees living in Jordan exceeded 600,000.⁷ Many refugees arrive with limited personal belongings and require assistance from humanitarian organisations to meet their various needs.

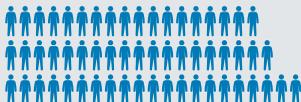
Refugees living in the host communities suffer from difficult living conditions, limited livelihood opportunities, rising rent, and increasing prices for food, water and other essentials. Increasingly, families are forced to adapt to the situation through eating poorer quality food, taking on debt and sending their adolescent children out to work.

THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES BY SECTOR



FOOD

208,945



NFIS

27,040



HEALTH

12,018



SHELTER

2,990



EDUCATION

1,075



⁷ - <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>



TYPES OF INTERVENTION BY SECTOR

SECTOR	ITEMS	QUANTITY	UNIT
Food	Food Vouchers	116,471	Beneficiary (Individual)
	Food E- Card	92,474	Beneficiary (Individual)
NFIs	Blankets	10,173	Blankets
	Clothes Vouchers	15,699	Voucher
	Mattresses	3,244	Mattress
	Carpets	2,638	Carpet
	Hygiene Kits	202	Kit
Shelter	Cash for Rent	490	Family
	Caravans in Al Za'atari Camp	50	Caravan
Education	Students enrolled in schools	1,075	Student
Health	Treatment Cases	12,018	Case

CHALLENGES

- The vast majority of Syrian refugees in Jordan live in host communities, but most organisations and funding is directed to the camps – Islamic Relief projects focus on supporting people living in the communities.
- Host communities and the Government of Jordan have been generous in their support of the massive influx of Syrian refugees. But as the situation continues into its fourth year it is becoming difficult to maintain the levels of support and inter-community tensions are growing.
- The pressure on local resources and rising frustration among Jordanians.

3. LEBANON

During the first six months of 2014, the number of Syrian refugees in Lebanon reached more than one million. The number of new arrivals continues to increase, but the level of international funding remains insufficient and organisations are forced to target their support meaning the number of beneficiaries eligible for assistance from the UN is reducing.⁸ Other organisations such as Islamic Relief will need to work harder to continue to support these people in need.⁹

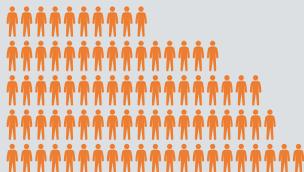
Since the beginning of Syria crisis, Islamic Relief has been working in Lebanon to alleviate the suffering of Syrian refugees by providing them with essential support including food, non-food items, shelter, WASH and health care. In the first six months of 2014 Islamic Relief was able to support more than 187,266 people in Bekaa, Beirut, Mount Lebanon and South Lebanon.

THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES BY SECTOR



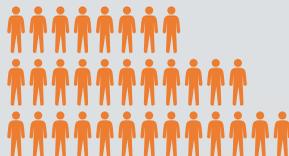
FOOD

126,844



NFIS

59,313



HEALTH

2,209



SHELTER

470

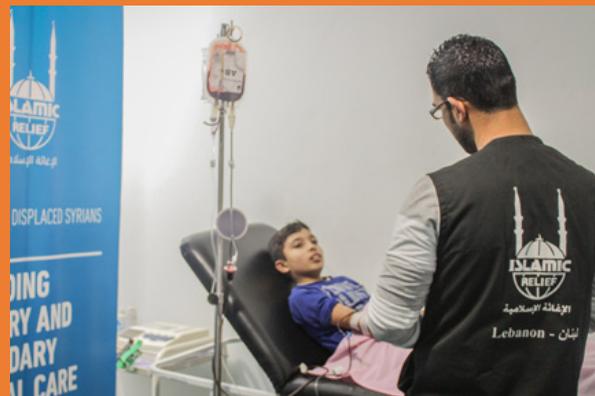


8- http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/part_ii_host_countries_july_2014.pdf

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TYPES OF INTERVENTION BY SECTOR

SECTOR	ITEMS	QUANTITY	UNIT
Food	Food parcels	20,693	Parcel
	Milk for babies	1,929	Can
	Food kits	4,164	Kit
NFIs	Heaters	2,030	Heater
	Baby sets	1,081	Set
	Blankets	15,563	Blanket
	Pyjamas	2,000	Pyjamas
	Clothes	1,521	Piece
	Hygiene kit	3,012	Kit
	Mattresses	3,410	Mattress
	Kitchen sets	667	Set
	Carpets	1,915	Carpet
	Fuel	2,990	Gallon
	Protection sets	2,636	Set
	Diapers	2,427	Piece
Shelter	Tents	94	Tent
Hygiene and health Awareness	Hygiene and health awareness session	753	Kit
Health	Primary and secondary health care services	2,209	Cases
	Ambulances	2	Ambulance
Psychosocial Support	Psychosocial support for children	158	Children



CHALLENGES

- Shortage of funds:

Lebanon is hosting the largest number of Syrian refugees, but so far in 2014 the humanitarian community has received less than a third of the funds required to support all those in need. Islamic Relief works to support the most vulnerable families and the new comers who continue to arrive from Syria, but more funds are urgently required.

- Tension between the refugees and host community:

Most local and international NGOs in Lebanon focus their support on assisting Syrian refugees, but there are also many poor Lebanese families in need of assistance. Inter-community tensions are growing and Lebanese pressure has resulted in responses from the authorities that threaten to obstruct the humanitarian intervention of the NGOs.

- Security of the country:

The security situation in Lebanon is fragile and recent bombings in Beirut and Bekaa bring additional challenges for the Islamic Relief team working to support people living in these areas.



"I will not go back to Syria even if the crisis ends, I have nothing there to return to." Um Mohammed, a Syrian refugee, escaped the conflict and moved to Lebanon seeking safety and shelter.

Um Mohamed is 63 years old and has been living as a refugee in a camp in Mount Lebanon since 2013. She is a grandmother of seven orphans. Um Mohamed was living a happy and safe life with her family in Aleppo before the crisis. But after the crisis started everything changed; her husband was kidnapped and she still does not know what happened to him.

When an explosion happened near their house, her two sons rushed to help people get out of the building. A second explosion killed one of her sons and severely injured the other. Her pregnant daughter was also killed by a bomb. Um Mohamed gathered her five grandsons, now orphaned, and brought them to Lebanon.





When they arrived in Lebanon, Um Mohamed rented a house and started selling tissues to people in the street to get money to pay the rent and buy food. She was not able to make enough to make ends meet and after a few months was forced to take her family to the camp where they are now living.

Um Mohamed is unable to work to provide for her family, but with the help of Islamic Relief she is receiving food and other items regularly and

one of her grandchildren is now included in the orphan sponsorship program. This support has helped her to survive and live a better life with her family.

Um Mohamed's wish is to see her grandsons go back to school. She said: *"Allah has given me the strength to support my grandchildren, and I will be happy if I could help other orphans wherever they are."*



FUTURE PLANS

- Additional projects in education, health, water and sanitation to contribute to filling gaps in these emergency sector areas as well as support for chronic diseases and complex medical cases.
- Psychosocial support for children who have witnessed and experienced traumatic events inside Syria and during their difficult situation living as refugees in Lebanon.
- Projects to support and aid the most vulnerable Lebanese families as well as Syrian refugees.

4. IRAQ

The Kurdistan Regional Government, currently hosting more than 95% of the Syrian refugee Population in Iraq, grants residency permits to Syrians, which allow refugees to be engaged in gainful employment. This provides significant potential for humanitarian agencies to assist and support refugees to access livelihood opportunities.¹⁰

The ongoing verification of the registration, introduction of iris scan, and support for the Kurdistan Regional Government for issuing residency permits will all be jeopardized or delayed unless additional funds are made available, leading to lack of proper documentation for refugees and their access to work being at risk (UNHCR,2014). Currently, the main sector in the first six months that Islamic Relief in Iraq intervened is the food sector funded by WFP.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES BY SECTOR



FOOD

(DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD VOUCHERS AND FOOD PARCELS TO SYRIAN REFUGEES IN IRAQ)

73,830



¹⁰ file:///files/erver/Users\$/rania.najjar/Downloads/RRP6-IRAQ-2014Mid-YearReview.pdf



CHALLENGES

- The severely deteriorated security situation in Iraq following Ninewa and Anbar crises have been reflected negatively on situation of refugees especially in Qaem area which has been fallen under control of insurgents few days ago.
- The conflict of huge displacement movement in Anbar, Ninewa, Salaheddin, and Diyala have shifted the main focus and attention of donors and international agencies in Iraq towards supporting those IDPs due to the very limited allocated resources.

TYPES OF INTERVENTION BY SECTOR

SECTOR	ITEMS	QUANTITY	UNIT
Food	Food Parcel	8914	Parcel
	Food Voucher	73652	Voucher
	Wheat Flour	17397	KG
Hygiene & Health Promotion	Hygiene and Health Messages	14700	Individuals reached with Hygienic Awareness
Infrastructure	Caravans Construction	100	Caravan
	Caravan Area	7370	Area of Caravan
	Caravan Registration	83	Caravan Constructed as clinic
	Clinics Registration	15000	Square of areas constructed as clinics

SYRIA OPERATION FUTURE PLAN

- Food distribution, WASH intervention, educational activities, psychosocial support, medical support for Syrian refugees in Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon and internally displaced people inside Syria.
- Ramadan distribution including food packs for Syrians inside Syria and neighbouring countries.
- Vocational training for up to 300 refugees from both genders and providing small grants in Iraq.
- Raising awareness of both refugees and host community about GBV in Iraq.
- Cash assistance to 100-200 refugees at non-camp areas in Iraq.



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