

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

According to UNHCR **1,515,639** have now fled Syria. **939,000** of them fled since 1 January. So far, May have seen almost **100,000** individuals crossing into the neighbouring countries or around **6,400** a day. Children make up 51% of the refugee population, meaning there are an estimated **770,000** refugee children in the region.

 **1,515,639**  **~1,850,000**

Registered and awaiting registration
16 May, UNHCR

Syrian refugees in the region
ACAPS, Syria Needs Analysis Project, Apr 2013

 **226,927**  **770,000**

Awaiting registration with UNHCR
16 May, UNHCR

Estimated number of children
16 May, UNHCR



SYRIA KEY FACTS







	Est. population in need of assistance <small>Source: OCHA, 27 April</small>	6.8m
	Est. # of children in need of assistance <small>Source: OCHA, 27 April</small>	3.1m
	Est. number of IDP's <small>Source: OCHA, 27 April</small>	4.1m
	Est. number of people killed <small>Source: OCHA, 27 April</small>	~80k
	Est. number of schools affected <small>Source: UNICEF, Mar 5</small>	~20%





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OUR RESPONSE

Save the Children has worked in the Middle East for decades. In July 2012 we launched an ambitious emergency appeal to respond to the growing refugee crisis in the region and are now aiming to raise **161,000,000 USD** for our humanitarian interventions in **Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Syria**, aiming to reach at least **1,255,000 people**.*

 To date we have reached **302,746 people** in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Syria

 To date we have received **\$43,300,000** in funding for our response in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Syria. But with the needs growing every day, more funding is desperately needed.

 Save the Children is actively coordinating with governments, UN agencies and other NGOs to respond to the humanitarian crisis in the region

*Targets are currently under revision

URGENT NEEDS



As the conflict continues, so does the impact of the war on children.

Above all else, Save the Children calls on the UN Security Council to overcome its divisions and urgently unite behind a plan that will bring about an end to the violence in Syria. The international community must press urgently and explicitly for parties to the conflict to:

- Allow unfettered, safe access by humanitarian agencies trying to provide assistance to all those in need throughout Syria, using any possible channel
- Take specific measures to ensure that children are protected and not targeted by armed violence, including ending the use of explosive weapons in populated areas and the recruitment and use of children under the age of 18 in armed groups and force.
- Cooperate with the UN to ensure that all violations of children's rights are documented so that those responsible can be held to account.

LEBANON

Lebanon has received staggering numbers of Syrian refugees, but with no camps the refugee population is spread out across the country making them hard to reach.

Refugees in Lebanon
UNHCR 15/5 **470,457**

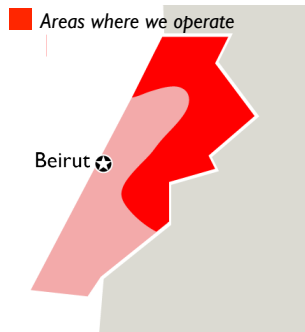
Our response

Through a multi sector response we plan to have reached **85,000** beneficiaries within 2013.

Reached: 51,729 or 61%

In Lebanon we are appealing for **\$20m** until the end of 2013

Received: **\$8.4m** or 42%



JORDAN

Jordan host a third of the regions refugees. Jordan is also host to the largest refugee camp in the region where we are working in multiple sectors.

Refugees in Jordan
UNHCR 16/5 **473,587**

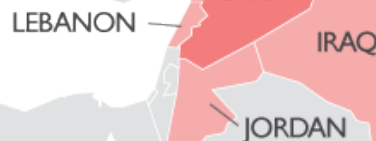
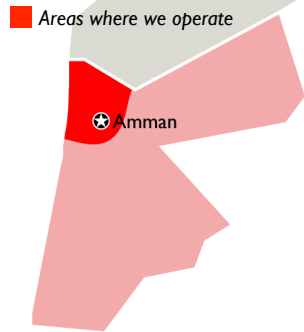
Our response

Through a multi sector response we plan to have reached **650,000** beneficiaries within 2013.

Reached: 222,779 or 34%

In Jordan we are appealing for **\$87m** until the end of 2013

Received: **\$24.6m** or 28%



SYRIA

The most vulnerable children are those who remain inside Syria, who risk death, illness, abuse and exploitation on a daily basis. The humanitarian needs in Syria are incalculable, and providing essential life-saving services to Syrian children and their families remains a priority.

The widespread insecurity and fighting inside Syria makes this a challenging context, but we are delivering humanitarian assistance to children and their families.

OTHER REFUGEE LOCATIONS

UNHCR 16 May

Turkey	347,157
Egypt	66,922
North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Libya)	10,052

IRAQ

Iraq, now hosting more than 140,000 refugees, face an extremely difficult operational context. And while needs are rapidly growing funding is therefore very difficult to secure.

Refugees in Iraq
UNHCR 15/5 **147,464**

Our response

Through a multi sector response we plan to have reached **20,000** beneficiaries within 2013.

Reached: 7,747 or 39%

In Iraq we are appealing for **\$4m** until the end of 2013

Received: **\$2.7m** or 68%



Legend



Our partners



 EDUCATION

Children fleeing Syria have had their worlds turned upside down, and urgently need the safety, stability and structure a positive learning environment can bring.

- We are carrying out a massive “**back to school**” operation in Lebanon and Jordan targeting Syrian refugee children and youth in camps and host communities.
- We run nine **youth-friendly spaces** providing adolescents and youth with informal education in Za’atari refugee camp and host communities in Jordan.
- We provide children with **school bags**, uniforms, and other essential school materials, and pay school fees.

 CHILD PROTECTION

Children urgently require specialised care and protection to help them recover from the extreme psychological and emotional distress they have been through.

- We are currently running **child-friendly and youth-friendly spaces** across the region reaching thousands of children.
- We carry out a range of child protection activities: Run **child resiliency activities**, establish **Parents Child Centers** and **refer children in need of support from psychologists**.
- We establish, train and support **community child protection committees**.

 HEALTH AND NUTRITION 

Lack of medical care and nutritious food will put children and other vulnerable groups at risk of malnutrition and related illness.

- We are carrying out a large scale **infant and young child feeding programme** in Za’atari refugee camp.
- In Lebanon we provide reproductive health and paediatric services to **pregnant, new mothers and children**.

 SHELTER/NFIs

NFI

During the winter, temperatures across the region dropped below zero and refugees were ill-equipped to cope with the cold, without winter clothes, sufficient blankets, heating or proper shelter.

- We have **distributed winter clothes** in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq as well as essential items from warm coats, to blankets to food inside Syria.
- In Lebanon we are **distributing vouchers** to families, enabling them to purchase **children’s clothing, mattresses, blankets, heating fuel and stoves**.
- In Lebanon we are **distributing vouchers** to families for the **tools and materials** they need for **basic repairs** and insulation for their homes.

 FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELYHOODS

Food security for the Syrian refugees remains a grave concern.

- We are doing large scale **food distributions** in Jordan. In Za’atari refugee camp we currently distribute food to more than 105,000 people together with WFP. And our daily bread distribution in the camp reach over 119,160 Syrian refugees
- We distribute food vouchers to an additional 52,768 people in host communities in Jordan.
- We plan to implement **food voucher operations** in Lebanon and Iraq too (funding needed).

 WASH

It is essential to improve the water, sanitation and hygiene conditions for the Syrian refugee children and their families in order to prevent diseases and ensure their well-being.

- We have **distributed hygiene kits** and conducted hygiene promotion in the refugee camps in Al Qaem, Iraq, and are actively fundraising to be able to respond to the needs.