

Syrian Arab Republic Crisis Response Plan 2022



IOM VISION

Building on IOM's expertise in providing life-saving assistance to those most affected by conflict, and recognizing the dynamic context within Syria, IOM will address humanitarian and protection needs and support efforts towards resolving displacement. IOM mainstreams protection, accountability to affected populations, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and risk mitigation throughout all its interventions while working closely with and strengthening the capacity of NGO partners.

IOM PROPOSED RESPONSE

OBJECTIVE	FUNDING REQUIRED	PEOPLE TARGETED
Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection	86,967,400	1,633,588
Address the drivers and longer term impacts of crises and displacement through investments in recovery and crisis prevention	5,481,687	169,542
Contribute to an Evidence Based and Efficient Crisis Response System	8,650,000	0

\$101,099,087 Funding Required 2022

1,554,223
People Targeted

320 Entities Targeted

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PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS

- Internally displaced person
 Local population / community

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (USD) 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITY AREAS	2022	
Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection		
Shelter, Settlements and Non-Food Items	62,679,869	
Camp Coordination and Camp Management	5,018,933	
Provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Emergencies	4,260,000	
Protection	4,130,402	
Direct Health Support	1,788,200	
Basic Needs, including Food	9,020,398	
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Humanitarian Response	69,598	
Address the drivers and longer term impacts of crises and displacement through investments in recovery and crisis prevention		
Durable Solutions	5,481,687	
Contribute to an Evidence Based and Efficient Crisis Response System		
Support Services for Response Actors	8,650,000	
TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED	101,099,087	

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CONTEXT ANALYSIS

As the Syrian conflict passes its 11th year, humanitarian needs are at an all-time high. Protracted conflict and displacement, economic collapse, and the COVID-19 outbreak have drastically impacted living conditions for the more than 6.7 million internally displaced persons inside Syria and the 5.6 million refugees in neighbouring countries, as well as countless host communities.

Of those displaced inside Syria, 2.7 million are in the country's northwest region – where over half the population reside in emergency shelters, and access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), food, medicine, and livelihoods is minimal. Humanitarian conditions in northwest Syria (NWS) may continue to deteriorate in 2022, as humanitarian access is increasingly threatened and a political resolution to the conflict remains stalled.

Conditions in Syria are made worse due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Confirmed COVID-19 cases continue to rise, while access to healthcare remains extremely challenging, with the majority of intensive care unit beds reportedly occupied. Due to limited testing capacities, the actual number of COVID-19 cases likely far exceeds the numbers being reported. However, health actors continue to expand the provision of the vaccines in health centres and promote awareness of the importance of the vaccine. As a result of this, the percentage of vaccinated people has risen from 1.5% in 2021 to 7.8% by March 2022.

Vulnerable households also continue to have limited access to water, sanitation infrastructure, and cleaning and disinfection supplies to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 transmission, whilst often living in crowded environments where physical distancing is not feasible. The economic impacts of lockdowns further limited access to livelihoods, and in 2022 internally displaced populations may face increased difficulties meeting their basic needs.

COORDINATION

In this context, IOM's priority remains to save lives and build the resilience of communities and affected populations to recover from future shocks by investing in livelihoods and vocational training, disaster risk reduction, and building communities' abilities to manage environmental hazards in camp settings. IOM continues to work with a wide network of international and local partners to deliver multisectoral assistance across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. Programs are coordinated with the communities they serve and aim to address urgent needs while supporting long-term resilience. In 2022, IOM will continue its established sectoral interventions in Syria and in close coordination with interagency partners and affected communities themselves. Core sectors of response will include Shelter, WASH, Non-Food Items (NFI), Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Protection, Health, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), Food Security, Social Cohesion, Livelihoods, and Capacity Development for Implementing Partners (IPs). IOM will also continue to operate the Whole of Syria (WoS) Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Programme and support information management on behalf of the interagency response. IOM's Cross-Border humanitarian activities are implemented in line with the Syria Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) and are closely coordinated with interagency Clusters, Technical Working Groups, and OCHA coordination forums. IOM plays an important role in the Cross-Border Shelter/NFI, WASH, CCCM, Protection, Early Recovery (ERL), and Health Clusters. In the Cross-Border context, IOM works through Syrian NGO partners, requiring intensive coordination to ensure the quality and accountability of project activities. IOM undertakes regular capacity building initiatives with its partners, to increase technical knowledge and strengthen the overall performance and sustainability of the response. IOM is a key actor in the Humanitarian Liaison Group and Inter-Cluster Coordination Group in Gaziantep, Turkey, At the regional level, IOM is an active member of the WoS Strategic Steering Group. IOM is also actively involved in the regional and country-based Durable Solutions Working Group led by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

IOM CAPACITY

Given IOM's Level 3 emergency designation for the Syria crisis, the response (which also includes IOM's regional response operations) is overseen by a dedicated coordinator at IOM Headquarters. The IOM Syria crisis response team has significant expertise and experience in camp coordination and camp management, shelter and non-food items, WASH, the broad spectrum of protection including GBV and counter-trafficking; health, and early recovery, as well as displacement tracking and other cross-cutting issues such as PSEA. In 2022, IOM will continue to expand its health programming in northwest Syria in coordination with the Health cluster in order to meet targeted gaps, applying its global capacities in emergency health services. The unique situation in Syria has enabled IOM to establish expertise in remote

management, strong monitoring and evaluation systems, and innovative processes to ensure accountability to affected populations and effective risk mitigation.

SAVE LIVES AND RESPOND TO NEEDS THROUGH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION

Funding Required

\$86,967,400

People Targeted

1,633,588

People Targeted Description

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) and affected communities in NWS will be selected based on assessed vulnerabilities. Vulnerability criteria will ensure that assistance reaches individuals and households with the greatest needs, including newly displaced, female- and child-headed households, and persons living with disabilities. Planning, prioritization and targeting will be based on the Humanitarian Needs Overview, and the sectoral severity ranking. IOM will also target partner NGO partner organizations will capacity building support. This is to ensure quality and accountability of services and to empower local entities with the tools for long-term success.



SHELTER, SETTLEMENTS AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

In order to meet the shelter needs of affected populations in NWS, IOM will:

Funding Required \$62,679,869

- Repair and rehabilitate housing units and upgrade collective centres.
- Procure, preposition and distribute emergency non-food items to newly displaced persons and the most vulnerable households.
- Conduct basic internally displaced persons (IDP) site upgrade works.
- Procure and distribute family tents for newly displaced and the most vulnerable households.
- Pilot more durable and dignified transitional shelters.
- Support the shelter cluster and relevant coordination mechanisms.
- Carry out basic infrastructure improvements in IDP sites to improve sanitation and reduce flood risks.
- Deliver assistance through cash-based modalities.
- Provide interagency services for common pipeline, preposition, and stock delivery.
- Support the shelter cluster and relevant coordination mechanisms.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

As part of IOM's Camp Coordination and Camp Management activities in NWS, IOM will:

Funding Required \$5,018,933

- Provide coordination of services and care and maintenance activities in existing planned camps, including strengthening camp governance structure and community participation.
- Strengthen the sectoral response in planned camps to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission and Gender-Based Violence (GBV).
- Improve camp governance structures to work with humanitarian actors in informal/self-settled IDP sites by establishing site management committees that take into consideration gender, disability, and vulnerable/marginalized populations.
- Implement disaster risk mitigation trainings and activities, such as fire safety and first aid training and distribution of fire safety equipment to strengthen the resilience skills of IDPs and community-based response mechanisms.
- Increase community participation and engagement in both planned camps and informal sites by implementing inclusive recreational activities, such as sports and cultural events identified by the communities themselves, to increase social cohesion and a sense of participation in camp life.
- Strengthen partners' technical and operational knowledge on camp

- management standards and activities through tailored capacity-building initiatives.
- Identify and regularly assess the needs of the most vulnerable populations living in informal/self-settled IDP sites through the support of mobile teams.
- Improve sectoral referrals and responses in the vulnerable informal sites by strengthening area-based approaches, developed within the IOM Cross-Border unit, to respond quickly to the emergency needs of affected communities caused by flooding, fire, and man-made incidents.
- Provide guidance to implementing partners for camp closure and exit planning, including the identification of alternative shelter or camp management solutions.



PROVISION OF WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN EMERGENCIES

In order to address the WASH needs of affected populations in Syria, IOM will:

Funding Required \$4,260,000

- Provide immediate lifesaving WASH activities in IDP sites (including the provision and maintenance of sex-segregated latrines, water trucking, if necessary, solid waste management, hygiene kits distribution, hygiene promotion, etc.).
- Construct decentralized sewer network systems and septic tanks in IDP sites and ensure proper operation and maintenance.
- Conduct hydrogeological surveys and improve water networks in IDP sites.
- Provide operation and maintenance activities for existing infrastructure in planned camp and informal IDP sites.
- Mitigate the risk of COVID-19 spread within IOM-supported displacement sites by training community focal points on physical distancing, good hand and respiratory hygiene practices, providing hygiene promotion and awarenessraising sessions, increasing safe water access, distributing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene kits inclusive of context-appropriate menstrual hygiene management (MHM) items, and conducting regular sanitization campaigns.
- Improve WASH facilities and provide basic WASH services in health facilities.

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PROTECTION

In order to address the significant protection needs of affected populations in Syria, IOM will:

Funding Required \$4,130,402

- Raise awareness on protection risks related to child protection, GBV, trafficking in persons, civil status documentation, HLP and risk education, based on up-todate situational assessments.
- Establish and strengthen existing internal and external referral pathways, and provide income-generation activities and cash assistance to complement protection outcomes.
- Provide GBV, child protection (CP) and legal advisory services to prevent and respond to protection risks and violations, including through case management, existing facilities, and gender-inclusive mobile outreach teams.
- Provide in-kind individual protection assistance (IPA) to address time-bound, acute protection needs.
- Ensure the provision of integrated, specialised protection services in IOMsupported camps in Syria.
- Expand protection service coverage of informal IDP sites and hard-to-reach
 areas with mobile teams, including in the most under-served areas with low
 protection service coverage. Services will include prevention and response
 activities such as raising awareness, CP and GBV case management, IPA,
 structured PSS, and protection monitoring and legal counselling in hard-to-reach
 areas.
- Enhance access to legal advisory services, including individual legal counselling, with a focus on reaching informal/self-settled IDP sites, with a focus on the most vulnerable. A sub-component targets specifically women and girls with their legal concerns through women's orientation sessions on inheritance, divorce and marriage, as well as access to civil documentation. Another sub-component

- focuses specifically on the rights of adolescents, again through awareness-raising sessions.
- Provide housing, land and property (HLP) trainings and operational guidance across sectors.
- Provide dignity kits to newly-displaced women and girls to support the wider GBV response in Syria.
- Ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all protection interventions, based on the Washington Group methodology.
- Provide capacity building and protection mainstreaming support to IOM and partner staff, including on GBV risk mitigation and safe identification and referral.
- Engage in ongoing community mobilization and outreach.
- Conduct regular protection monitoring and protection risk analysis to inform ongoing programming.



DIRECT HEALTH SUPPORT

In order to support the health needs of affected populations in Syria and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in supported displacement sites, IOM will:

- Funding Required \$1,788,200
- Procure ventilators for COVID-19 hospitals in northwest Syria, in coordination with the Health cluster.
- Supply equipment to mobile vaccination teams under the Syrian Immunization Group (SIG).
- Address critical gaps in healthcare services in Syria by supporting Health cluster assigned primary healthcare facilities with supplies and operational costs.
- Operate mobile health teams to provide health care services in IOM supported camps that are in remote locations and lack access to services.



BASIC NEEDS, INCLUDING FOOD

In order to address the immediate food needs of affected populations in Syria, IOM will:

Funding Required \$9,020,398

- Provide monthly food baskets to the most vulnerable households.
- Provide ready-to-eat rations for newly-displaced households.
- Provide monthly assistance through cash-for-food interventions for food-insecure persons.
- Provide one-off short-term food assistance through cash as an emergency response for crisis-affected vulnerable people.



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

In order to support the MHPSS needs of affected populations in Syria, IOM will:

• Provide psychosocial support (PSS) activities such as creative and art-based activities (such as theatre that allows children to safely express their feelings and discuss sensitive issues), or sport and play activities, including the provision of PSS kits to children aged 6-12 years old. These activities not only have a recreational character but aim to support the recovery and management of stressful events, foster social connections, contribute to a sense of normalcy and support the development of positive coping mechanisms. This is achieved by engaging affected children and their caregivers in structured interventions such as peer-support groups, parenting guidance for children who have experienced traumatic events, and group counselling sessions for adolescents. Teams tailor activities to children, adolescent boys and girls as well as women and men, drawing from different, tested resources such as the 'Child Resilience' program developed by Save the Children.

Funding Required \$69,598



ADDRESS THE DRIVERS AND LONGER TERM IMPACTS OF CRISES AND DISPLACEMENT THROUGH INVESTMENTS IN RECOVERY AND CRISIS PREVENTION

Funding Required \$5,481,687

People Targeted 169,542

People Targeted Description

Internally displaced persons and affected communities in Syria will be selected based on assessed vulnerabilities. Vulnerability criteria will ensure that assistance reaches individuals and households with particular vulnerabilities, including newly displaced, female- and child-headed households, and persons living with disabilities. Planning, prioritization and targeting will be based on the Humanitarian Needs Overview, and the sectoral and inter-sectoral severity ranking.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

In order to promote durable solutions for affected populations in Syria and in line with IOM's Progressive Resolution of Displacement Situations Framework (PRDS), IOM will:

Funding Required \$5,481,687

- Conduct financial or in-kind support for entrepreneurial activities, particularly for micro, small, home-based enterprises and community groups.
- Conduct labour market-informed vocational and skills training including financial or in-kind support business grants.
- Provide income-generating activities and skills development to community members through cash for work activities
- Rehabilitate key socio-economic services and infrastructure e.g., markets, shops, storehouses, irrigation facilities, processing facilities.
- Enhance inclusive community participation and social cohesion through community engagement and improved equitable access to basic services.
- Provide income-generating activities such as food processing, small business grants with technical support and cash for work, aiming to support the graduation efforts of beneficiaries from humanitarian aid reliance to selfreliance.

CONTRIBUTE TO AN EVIDENCE BASED AND EFFICIENT CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM

Funding Required \$8,650,000

People Targeted Description

Humanitarian actors participating in the inter-agency Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

Networks in all hubs for joint implementation of international PSEA commitments, as well as those contributing to the protection of civilians, the reduction of suffering and to building the resilience of affected populations throughout the Syria response will benefit from the provision of technical and operational information management support.



SUPPORT SERVICES FOR RESPONSE ACTORS

IOM will continue to host the WoS PSEA program and support the interagency humanitarian response in joint implementation of PSEA commitments. Through an established, robust interagency PSEA Network, IOM will continue to support the interagency partnership to decrease the risk of crisis-affected communities experiencing incidents of SEA by humanitarian workers and provide technical and operational support to humanitarian actors to prevent, prepare for, and respond to SEA cases. IOM will also continue to support the interagency response with information management services. Activities will include:

Funding Required \$8,650,000

- Humanitarian information management and reporting on behalf of the interagency response.
- Coordination between the interagency PSEA Networks in all hubs, as well as between PSEA Networks and GBV actors to ensure a survivor-centred approach and systematic referrals to available services;
- Building the capacity of humanitarian workers and other stakeholders on PSEA, including investigatory capacity building;
- Raising awareness of and consulting with affected populations;
- Supporting implementation of risk and mitigation measures;
- Integrating and mainstreaming PSEA into the broader humanitarian infrastructure and linking to existing referral pathways;
- Establishing inter-agency community-based complaints mechanisms (CBCMs).

Building the capacity of local and international NGO partners remains critical, both to enhance the quality of implementation but also to contribute to the sustainability of the humanitarian response. To build NGO capacity, IOM will:

- Facilitate trainings, coaching sessions, workshops, learning exchanges, and develop guidance documents in key areas such as:
 - Procurement, transhipment, logistics, and strategic planning;
 - WASH infrastructure implementation and management;
 - Humanitarian access negotiation;
 - NFI and Cash-Based Interventions;
 - o Food security, early recovery and livelihood;
 - o Community engagement, accountability and governance;
 - Improving institutional processes and procedures in resource mobilization and management, and;
 - o Other topics as needs arise.