

# IOM REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SYRIA CRISIS • 2021



## **USD 81 M**

Funding received of USD 198 M required

HRP 54,638,962 (61%)
REQUIRED FUNDING - USD 89 M

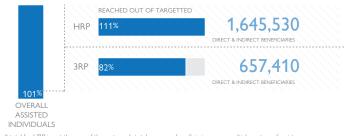
OVERALL
FUNDING
RECEIVED

3RP 25,941,934 (25%)
REQUIRED FUNDING - USD 109 M

2,302,940
Assisted individuals of 2.3 M targeted

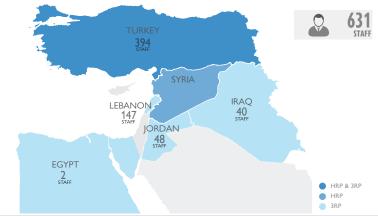
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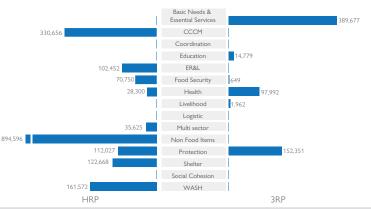
HRP 111%
1,645,530



\* Overall total for HRP is not the sum of the sector sub-totals, as some beneficiaries access multiple sectors of assistance







### SITUATION OVERVIEW

#### Inside Syria

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 6.6 million internally displaced persons (IDPs), 2.7 million of whom are displaced in northwest Syria (NWS). Here, over half the population resides in emergency shelters, and access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), food, medicine, and livelihoods is minimal. Hostilities continued in NWS during the reporting period and humanitarian access remained limited.

Depreciation of the Turkish Lira (TRY) continued to impact the buying power of people in NWS, where the TRY is widely used. Prices have increased especially for fuel and food, with households becoming more dependent on humanitarian assistance and increasingly resorting to negative coping mechanisms.

As winter began in NWS, strong winds and rainfall damaged tents and displacement sites, affecting more than 140,000 people. In NWS, 76 per cent of displaced people

continue to live in sites that have no stormwater drainage, leading to extensive infrastructure damage from the flooding. In addition to wind and rains, harsh winter temperatures have swept through the region, increasing winter-related vulnerabilities and fire hazards within overcrowded tent settlements.

Winter conditions have also contributed to increased food security needs, with food security in NWS being already dire due to the economic crisis. In winter, less food is locally produced and fewer jobs are available in the agricultural sector, while prices rise due to importation and households have higher costs of living to fight the cold temperatures. In December 2021, UN OCHA found that 3.1 million people in NWS are currently food insecure, with people living in camps being especially affected.

Humanitarian conditions in NWS may continue to deteriorate in 2022, as humanitarian access is increasingly threatened, and funding remains limited. Especially the upcoming winter months will pose further challenges with the number of people in need of winterization support having increased to 2.2 million in NWS.



#### **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

Needs both across the region and inside Syria are exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. To combat the spread of the virus, IOM assisted 62,295 individuals through COVID-19 mitigation measures including the provision of supplementary water trucking, installation of additional handwashing stations and distribution of COVID-19 designed hygiene kits. While from mid-October onward confirmed COVID-19 cases started to decline in NWS, vaccination rates remained low because of low availability and strong vaccine hesitancy among the population, with only 5.63 per cent of the Syrian population having received their first dose and only 2.77 per cent being fully vaccinated.

In this quarter, IOM supported the vaccination efforts by providing 707 individuals with their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, facilitating transport to vaccination sites for 28,300 people and raising awareness of the importance of vaccination with the help of a community mobilization video. Moreover, IOM offered COVID-19 mitigation measures to Syrian refugees and migrants, as well as to host communities within the region.

In **Turkey**, IOM has provided COVID-19 awareness sessions to 3,505 Syrian refugees and host community members in several districts of Sanliurfa province. Moreover, 12,000 hygiene kits were delivered and a local institution was supported with protective equipment.

In **Jordan**, 22 Community Health Workers (CHW) from key refugee and migrant language groups have reached 16,297 refugee and migrants with awareness raising activities, providing information about the COVID-19 vaccine, eligibility, and registration. In addition, logistics support was provided to the Ministry of Health, directly supporting the deployment of mobile vaccination teams to 8 governorates, vaccinating 11,093 refugee and migrants in remote areas.

In **Lebanon**, IOM assisted 11,562 refugees and migrants to access vaccines by organizing vaccine marathons and facilitating transportation to and registration at vaccination sites

#### IOM'S REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SYRIA CRISIS IN 2021 IS SUPPORTED BY:















## IOM WHOLE OF SYRIA RESPONSE (HRP) - AT A GLANCE

#### HRP - RESPONSE



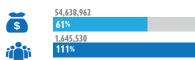
IOM supported the following activities inside Syria.

the Site Management committees (SMCs) of 25 informal sites with the provision of accountability to the site populations and strengthen their capacity to monitor the with safe and clean access to water. site conditions. Additionally, construction works for installing 1,046 lighting poles have started, and 175 fire points were established.

IOM directly reached over 80,000 individuals with lifesaving shelter and NFI assistance. units, and 1,880 individuals with the rehabil- management itation of 407 unfinished units. Beneficiaries

with emergency WASH activities. These activities included water trucking, commu- 130 beneficiaries, who will then be ness training.

multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA).



latrines, hygiene awareness sessions as well as the care and maintenance of existing **Protection:** In this quarter, IOM expanded

one-year rent free in return of the repair **Security:** IOM partners successfully living in underserved IDP sites. and rehabilitation activities. IOM further distributed four rounds of monthly cash

Between October and December of 2021, nal water points, desludging, solid waste supported in developing plans to create a management, hygiene kits, construction of new business or expand their existing one.

CCCM: IOM's Site Management Support latrine units in camps, collective centers, its provision of specialized protection teams continued supporting and mentoring and reception centers in NWS. For site services, including case management and upgrades, IOM reached 55,122 individuals individual protection assistance, supporting a with flood mitigation activities. Finally, IOM total of 21,231 beneficiaries. Child protectechnical guidance to enhance the SMCs solarized 6 existing water systems in tion case management, psychosocial planned camps reaching a total of 12,708 support, protection monitoring, and legal assistance were provided to 823 beneficiaries through a dedicated community center Capacity Development: IOM built the in Al Bab, Aleppo governorate. Moreover, capacity of 13 implementing partners (IPs) legal information sessions and individual legal through consultation sessions on procure- counselling on housing, land and property ment, finance, and project management. and civil status documentation reached Shelter and Non-Food Items (SNFI): Moreover, trainings were offered to 118 IP 2,007 individuals across NWS, specifically staff based in Turkey and NWS on topics attending to the legal queries of women. such as advanced project cycle manage- IOM further provided specialized and A total of 4,771 individuals were reached ment, finance and compliance, master non-specialized mental health and psychosowith the repair of 1,044 damaged housing budgeting, cost allocation and warehouse cial support and protection services to 27,186 IDPs and host community members. This included the distribution of 5,899 under both activities will benefit from Transitional Recovery and Food dignity kits to displaced women and girls

focused on filling critical winterization gaps, for food to 20,463 individuals residing in **Protection from Sexual Exploitation** distributing \$1,620,000 in winter cash IDP camps in NWS. Moreover, food and Abuse (PSEA): The PSEA network, assistance to more than 55,000 people in baskets for five months were provided to with more than 150 member organizations critical need of seasonal NFI support. More-7,478 individuals, including 268 tuberculo- and 300 focal points across the three hubs, over, IOM's Rapid Response Mechanism sis patients in coordination with WHO. continues to operate the inter-agency call continued to target IDPs in emergency 22,349 vulnerable individuals received center and to provide technical and operaneed of SNFI assistance, distributing almost one-off MPCA worth 100 USD to cover tional support to members to prevent and 2,000 tents and 2,000 NFI kits to more than their most urgent needs. In addition, IOM respond to SEA incidents. Through IPs, more 20,000 people facing flooding, displace- through its IP and a local contractor has than 35,424 beneficiaries participated in ment, fires, and other emergencies. been constructing markets in four IDP PSEA awareness raising sessions. Additional-Concurrently, IOM also reached over 5,000 camps lacking access to local markets to ly, the "SARA" PSEA app, which provides vulnerable individuals with one-time purchase basic necessities and provided free, offline, self-paced PSEA training for short-term income-generating opportuni- humanitarian workers in English and Arabic, ties to 2,015 men and women via Cash for has seen high engagement since its launch in WASH: IOM reached 131,161 individuals Work. Lastly, IOM through its partner September 2021, with 1,320 humanitarian provided business development training to workers having completed the PSEA aware-

#### **OVFRVIFW**

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021

784.595

REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)

WASH

284,761 161.572

122,668 SHELTER



112,027 **PROTECTION** 



91,265 70,750 **FOOD SECURITY** 





HEALTH

some beneficiaries access multiple sectors of assistance

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GEOGRAPHICAL REACH





Implementing **Partners** 



SECTOR ICONS





CCCM - Camp Coordination and Camp Management

MHPSS - Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

ER&L - Early Recovery and Livelihoods

GBV - Gender-based Violence

HRP - Humanitarian Response Plan

IDP - Internally Displaced Persons















SNFI - Shelter and Non-Food Items

PSEA- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene 3RP - Regional Refugee Response Plan

NWS - Northwest Syria

IP - Implementing Partner

### IOM SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE (3RP) - AT A GLANCE

## TURKEY



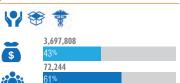


IOM continued its multiple activities in support of refugees, migrants and host communities in Turkey. NFIs including core relief items, school uniforms, winter jackets and shoes reached 35,342 individuals and debit cards were provided to 82,824 beneficiaries. Moreover, IOM Turkey provided guidance and counseling activities towards 3,855 beneficiaries, with another 699 particularly vulnerable persons benefiting from emergency management and referral services throughout Turkey.

In the reporting period, IOM Turkey performed 18 municipality infrastructure projects including the upgrading of a family support center, the rehabilitation of a vocational training school and the provision of a robotics lab. Furthermore, municipalities were continuously supported to establish and operate municipal migrant/community centers.

In the area of education, IOM Turkey provided school transportation assistance in 6 provinces and rehabilitated 59 classrooms, benefiting more than 8,000 children. Moreover, IOM's partner ASAM offered Turkish language courses and social activities to improve Syrian refugees' and migrants' employment opportunities and to enhance social cohesion. Finally, IOM's mobile psychosocial support (PSS) team reached 1,541 beneficiaries and legal awareness-raising sessions were offered to refugees and IOM Turkey staff.

#### **JORDAN**

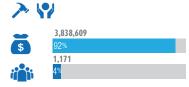


In October 2021, IOM enrolled and assisted 3,420 refugees (2,298 Syrian) with MPCA to help them cover their basic needs. As part of the coordinated response by the Winterization Task Force, 3,179 individuals of these (2,080 Syrian) were provided with one-time winter cash assistance to help households cover increased household expenditures during the winter months.

In November, IOM resumed the implementation of the cash for protection component. Out of 30 referrals received and assessed, IOM approved and assisted a total of 21 cases (15 from Syrian refugees). Types of gender-based violence reported included rape, physical assault, denial of resources, sexual assault, forced marriage as well as psychological and emotional abuse.

IOM continued to provide needs-based transportation, including transportation assistance to 73 Syrian refugees for voluntary return and between camps in Jordan for family reunification purposes.

#### **IRAQ**

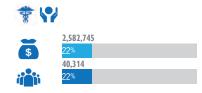


During the reporting period, 228 refugees received resettlement assistance, including liaison with the immigration departments of resettlement countries, coordination for visa and travel document issuance, travel arrangement, medical screening prior to departure, follow-up with transit and receiving missions to confirm safe arrival and cultural orientation.

Syrian refugee departures increased between October and December 2021, likely due to the ease in travel restrictions, the resumption in resettlement programs, the establishment of a new resettlement program and the increase in reception country capacity. Many resettlement partners have adopted standardized health measurement and prevention standards, which have resulted in a more efficient resettlement process.

IOM Iraq is further promoting self-reliance and self-sufficiency of impoverished and vulnerable populations by increasing their access to sustainable livelihoods and economic opportunities. 86 Syrian refugees have benefitted from Business Support Packages and another 65 have been selected to receive this financial and vocational support in the next quarter.

#### LEBANON



Socio-economic conditions in Lebanon remain severe with high rates of unemployment and inflation negatively impacting refugees and host communities across the country. Many have been forced to rely on negative coping mechanisms, such as irregular migration to nearby countries.

To support refugees, migrants and host communities. IOM Lebanon has continued livelihood activities, reaching 400 beneficiaries in this quarter. Cash for Work activities, 30% of whose participants were female. included the rehabilitation of local infrastructure, public gardening and wildfire mitigation by cutting back trees and overgrown vegetation in at-risk areas. Moreover, to further support the most vulnerable groups of migrants and to cover urgent needs related to health, food and rent, IOM delivered MPCA to 534 individuals. 194 people requiring psychosocial support transferred to partner organizations offering adequate assistance.

Finally, IOM Lebanon continued its refugee resettlement activities, supporting 1,846 people in October and November 2021.

