



SYRIA

FIVE YEAR CRISIS

THE ISLAMIC RELIEF RESPONSE



Executive Summary

Islamic Relief has experienced many disasters and emergencies within its relief and humanitarian work. We initially believed that the current crisis in Syria would only have an impact at national level. Like other humanitarian organisations, we could not predict the extent to which the whole region would be affected.

Since the crisis started in 2011, Islamic Relief has provided support for hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees who have fled to Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. As the crisis and the humanitarian conditions inside Syria continued to worsen, we decided to expand our operations to inside Syria, using all available resources and opportunities to provide relief and urgent support for internally displaced people.

Our operation inside Syria is difficult and dangerous. Our staff and volunteers have suffered a lot, with some killed or seriously injured in the line of duty as they deliver aid. Islamic Relief aid convoys have also been harassed. However, due to the dedicated efforts of our relief workers since the beginning, we have managed to reach nearly three million beneficiaries this year inside Syria and we have assisted over 6.5 million Syrians inside Syria and in neighbouring countries (Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq) since the crisis began.

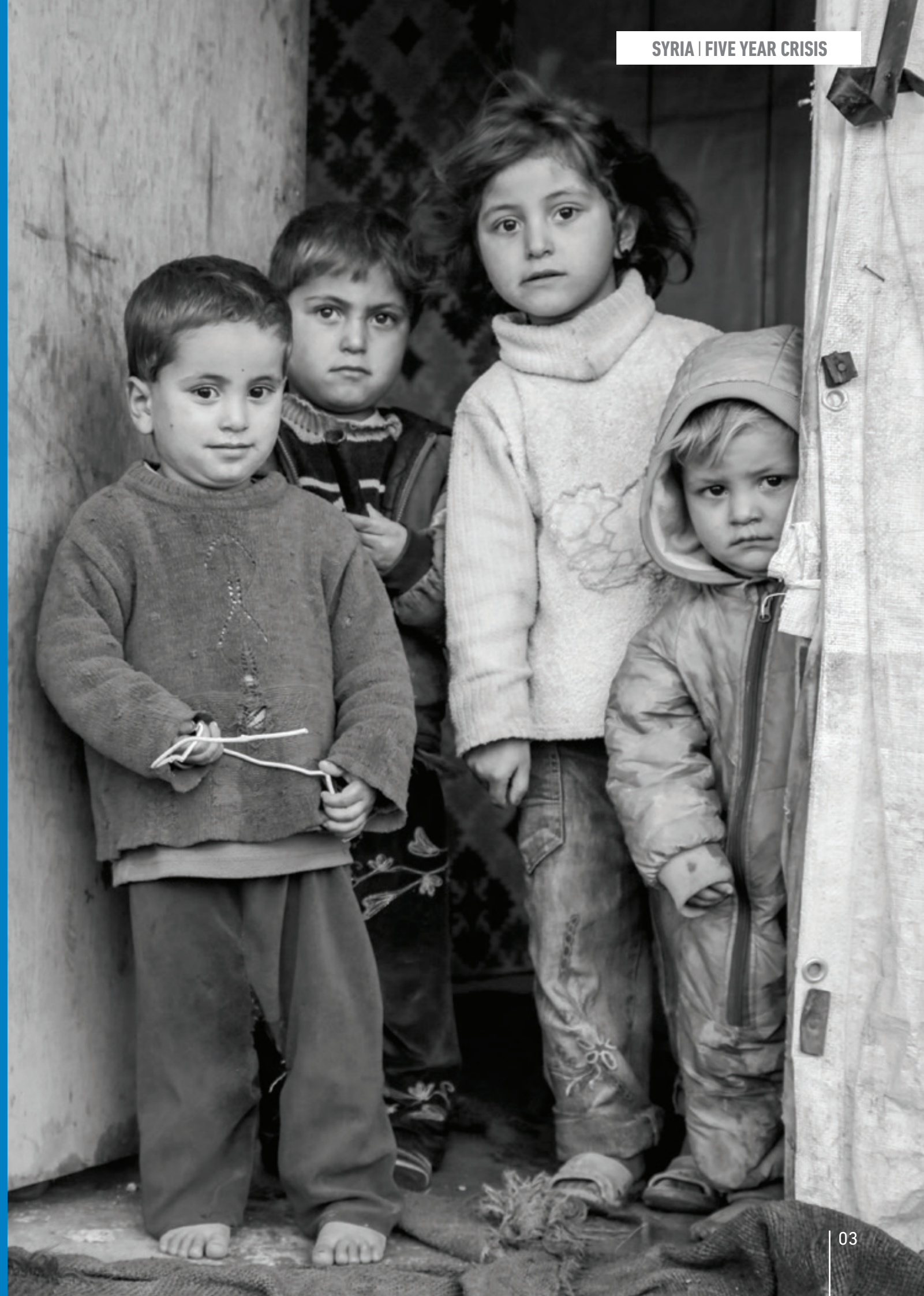
At the beginning of our operation responding to the Syrian crisis, the number of staff working inside Syria and within neighbouring countries numbered in the dozens. We have worked on building the capacity of volunteers, aid workers and local Syrian staff, providing them with the specialist training they need to assist people as safely and effectively as possible. The capacity of the team has been expanded, and now includes over 270 staff and 300 volunteers located across four field offices, all working hard to support Syrian refugees and internally displaced people. Additionally, in Europe our teams are assisting Syrian refugees in Greece, Italy, Macedonia and Germany.

In 2015, an estimated 293,606 Syrians made the perilous journey to Europe via Greece and Italy. Islamic Relief responded to the refugee crisis in Europe by launching a complimentary response entitled Mediterranean Refugee Crisis (MRC). As part of this intervention, Islamic Relief assisted Syrian refugees from other countries with 52,000 food packs and 7,000 hygiene kits and by providing cultural mediators in Greece, Italy, Macedonia and Germany.

The prime objective of the two-week temporary ceasefire called on February 27 was to open up access for the delivery of life-saving humanitarian aid to these desperate communities. Our staff on the ground say the ceasefire has modestly improved humanitarian access but the situation is still uncertain and unstable.

We hope that the Syria crisis will soon end, enabling us to contribute to a rebuilding of lives and livelihoods in Syria that is desperately needed. We would like to thank all our donors who have contributed, however large or small their donations. We hope to continue providing support to Syrians everywhere, assisting their survival and hoping that one day they will be able to return to their home country safely.

Tariq Abdoun
Interim CEO
Islamic Relief Worldwide



Humanitarian Situation and Needs

With over two decades of experience in the Middle East, we work closely with local humanitarian organisations and community networks to provide immediate support and build long-term resilience. Our Islamic identity has helped us to establish trust and access on the ground and crucially to mobilise the generous support of Muslim communities and institutions in the UK and around the world.

The Syria crisis is entering its sixth year, and humanitarian needs are greater than ever. The effects of this crisis are severely impacting the whole of Syria.

More than half of all Syrians have been forced to leave their country, while those who remain have often been displaced from their homes multiple times. At the end of 2014 64.7 per cent of the population lived in extreme poverty and could not secure basic food and non-food items such as toiletries and kitchen utensils. Many are suffering from hunger and malnutrition, and some have even starved to death in besieged communities.¹ The situation in Aleppo is deteriorating after recent development in the ground which led to a real danger of the main city being cut off from outside support. Islamic Relief is working closely with other humanitarian organisations and the local health directorate to implement contingency plans, including stockpiling medical supplies inside Aleppo.

The economy, services and infrastructure of Syria are no longer stable, having been badly affected by the ongoing conflict. In addition to this, humanitarian access within Syria is increasingly challenging as a result of areas of control changing frequently, ongoing violence and attacks on civilian staff and infrastructure, among numerous operational challenges.

¹ Humanitarian Needs Overview 2016 available at: <http://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/2016-humanitarian-needs-overview-syrian-arab-republic>

KEY FIGURES



4.8 MILLION
MILLION REFUGEES



2.4 MILLION
PEOPLE LACK ADEQUATE
SHELTER



4.5 MILLION
PEOPLE ARE IN NEED IN
HARD-TO-REACH AREAS



OVER 11 MILLION
PEOPLE REQUIRE HEALTH ASSISTANCE,
INCLUDING 25,000 TRAUMA CASES PER MONTH



1.7 MILLION
IDPs ARE LIVING IN CAMPS AND
COLLECTIVE SHELTERS



OVER 2 MILLION
CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
ARE OUT OF SCHOOL



70%
LACK ACCESS TO ADEQUATE DRINKING
WATER AMID CONTINUING WATER CUTS



8.7 MILLION
PEOPLE HAVE ACUTE NEEDS
ACROSS MULTIPLE SECTORS



2.5 MILLION
PEOPLE LIVING IN THESE AREAS
ARE SEVERELY FOOD INSECURE.



1.5 MILLION
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
NEED URGENT ASSISTANCE



13.5 MILLION
PEOPLE INSIDE SYRIA ARE IN NEED
OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



6.6 MILLION
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INTERNALLY
DISPLACED BY VIOLENCE

ISLAMIC RELIEF RESPONSE AND AIMS

Main objectives

Improved living conditions, protection and well-being for vulnerable refugees, IDPs, and people in need affected by the crisis in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq.

Programme aims

Relief

Meeting the humanitarian and protection needs of communities displaced and affected by the conflict in Syria, and building resilience within host communities.

Islamic Relief has been working since the beginning of the Syria crisis to respond to the needs of those affected, responding to the humanitarian crisis and its impact on people inside Syria as well as those who have sought refuge in neighbouring countries (Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon).

Islamic Relief is working to alleviate the suffering of Syrian people caught up in the conflict by providing essential assistance in various sectors such as food, non-food items, health, water and sanitation, child protection, shelter and psychosocial support.

Recovery

Local communities are empowered to meet the challenges of the Syria crisis with strengthened capacity for sustainable development, improved living standards and overall wellbeing (including education).

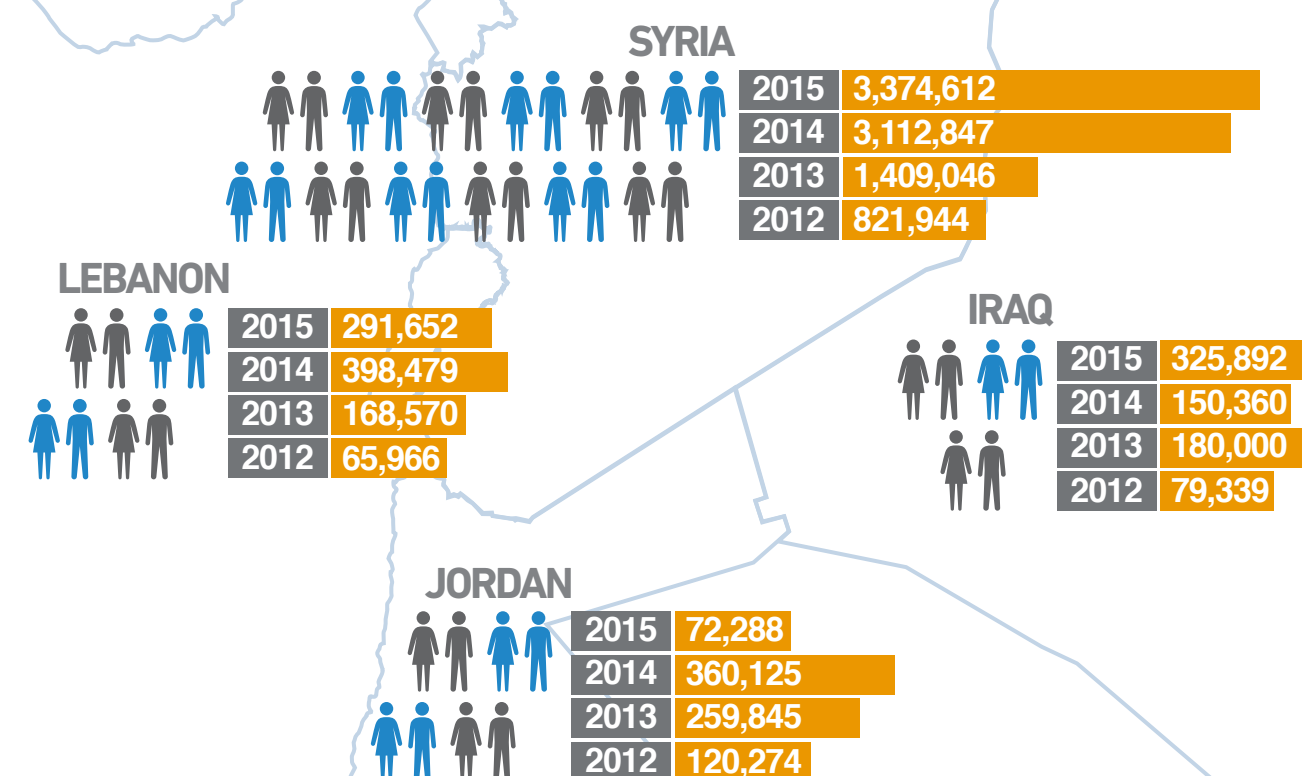
Islamic Relief has supported an average of 3 million people each year since 2012, with more than 140 million GBP received from IR partners and institutional funding sources. Our response is based on a solid regional strategy prepared by our Middle East team after intensive consultations with related

stakeholders, which aims to improve the living conditions, protection and well-being of IDPs in Syria and vulnerable refugees in neighbouring countries.

A Syrian mother, driven from her home in Hama by the conflict, cooks food provided by Islamic Relief for her children.

ACTUAL BENEFICIARIES

2012	1,087,523
2013	2,017,461
2014	4,021,811
2015	4,064,444



OPERATIONAL CAPACITY

Four field offices for Syria Emergency Response are operating to support Syrian IDPs and refugees in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq, with over 270 staff and 300 volunteers.



FUNDING BREAKDOWN

COUNTRY	2012 GBP	2013 GBP	2014 GBP	2015 GBP
Syria	£2,499,661	£9,090,882	£9,237,354	£9,119,424
Jordan	£2,312,400	£28,125,543	£35,463,113	£4,256,271
Lebanon	£1,399,093	£2,309,865	£3,989,927	£3,252,982
Iraq	£2,585,627	£11,965,945	£8,948,847	£8,740,285
TOTAL	£6,297,120	£51,492,235	£57,639,241	£25,352,242

SOURCES OF FUNDING



SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Islamic Relief has been working on supporting people affected by the Syria crisis in various sectors, depending on the needs on the ground and humanitarian access. The intervention varies from one country to another based on the needs assessment received from the field. The main sectors that Islamic Relief has been involved in are:

- **FOOD SECURITY:** providing food parcels and vouchers in addition to flour distribution needed for bakeries.
- **NON-FOOD ITEMS, SHELTER AND SUPPORT FOR WINTER NEEDS:** delivering hygiene kits and other items needed to overcome difficult winter conditions such as blankets, gas, heaters, mattresses and tents.
- **HEALTH :** providing medical primary and secondary assistance in addition to supporting field hospitals with medical items and equipment.
- **EDUCATION:** encouraging children to continue their education through non-formal education activities.
- **CHILD PROTECTION AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT:** providing recreational activities and therapy through play to support traumatised children, alongside orphan sponsorship.
- **WATER AND SANITATION:** establishing water wells and sanitation units (eg latrines and washbasins) for Syrians to access clean water and avoid infections caused by poor hygiene.
- **RESILIENCE:** enhancing peace-building activities to harmonise the conditions between Syrian refugees and host communities in Jordan and Iraq.



SECTOR OF INTERVENTION	SYRIA	JORDAN	LEBANON	IRAQ
Food	X	X	X	X
Health	X	X	X	
Non-food items and winter support	X	X	X	X
Shelter	X	X	X	X
Education		X	X	X
Child protection, including orphan and psychosocial support		X	X	
Seasonal (Ramadan and Qurbani)	X	X	X	X
Water and sanitation	X		X	X
Resilience		X		X



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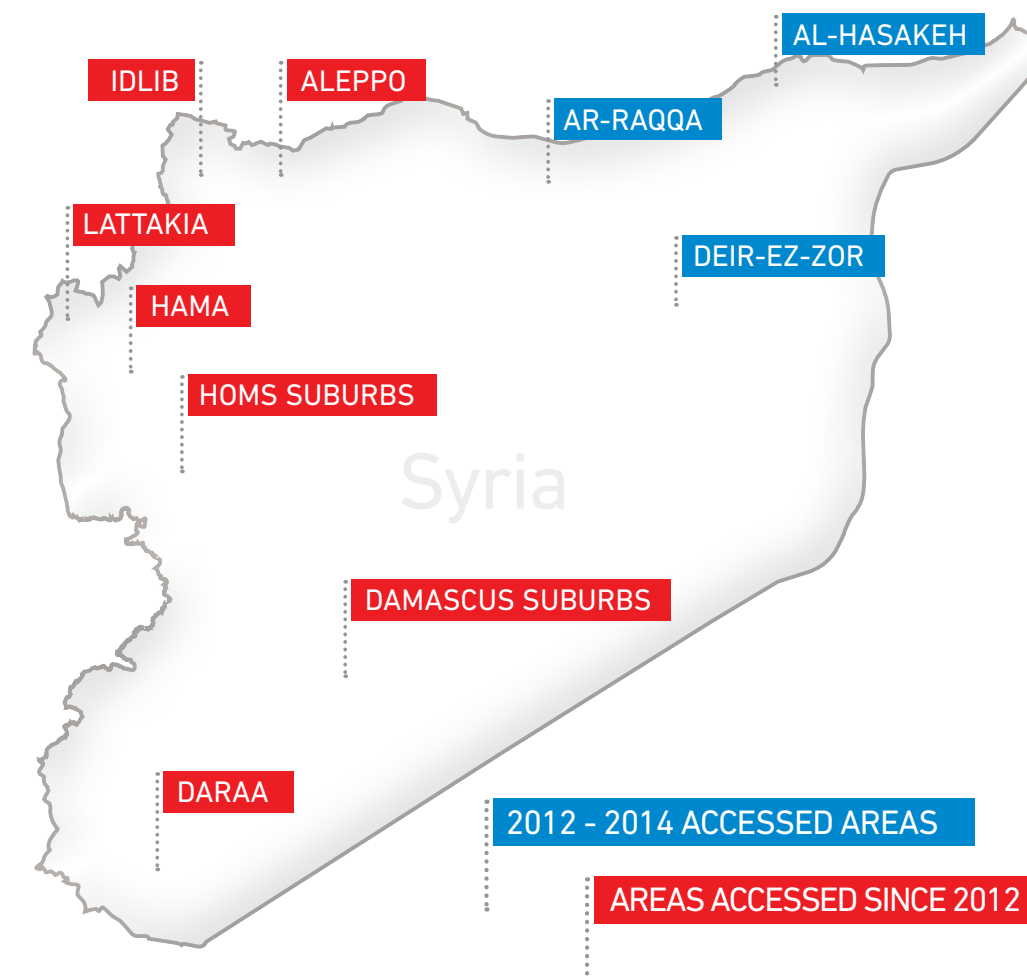


The violence in Syria continues to lead to more displacement, destruction and difficulty, threatening people's lives and affecting access to food and basic services. The number of internally displaced people is increasing, and humanitarian groups cannot meet increasing needs. The humanitarian context is extremely critical in Aleppo, Idlib and besieged areas such as Madaya, East Ghouta, West Ghouta, Southern Damascus suburb,

Northern Homs Suburbs, Daryya, and Moaddamya. The most critical needs are in all emergency sectors of shelter, non-food items, food, health and water/sanitation. These needs must be met in order to adequately respond to the growing needs of new internally displaced people (IDPs) in Syria – near the Turkish border and in other locations.

A Syrian family receives a food parcel from Islamic Relief Syria

AREAS OF INTERVENTION



KEY SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Islamic Relief has been working to support displaced people within Syria since the beginning of the crisis. In Syria Islamic Relief's main focus has been providing medical assistance, food and non-food items, including materials such as blankets and warm clothing in the cold winter months.

In 2015 Islamic Relief supported 3,374,612 beneficiaries in the following sectors:

FOOD
589,223



HEALTH
2,404,180



NON-FOOD ITEMS
381,209



TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES
3,374,612



Leena, a 38-year-old woman from Idlib, struggles to cope with the difficult and challenging life she and her family are presently living in, a life that they never dreamed they would have to endure.

“ In our home in Syria, I used to live with my husband and my three children, but now I do not know where my husband is, he was lost in the conflict. I am worried about him and my children are asking about their father. We were forced to leave Syria due to the intense air strikes in our area, and our house was destroyed. My husband used to get us food and everything we needed. Now, I do not have any kind of support. My children have not tasted meat for months as I do not have money to buy it. I am so happy that Islamic Relief has provided us with fresh meat this Eid, it is very important for my children’s health. ”

Leena from Idlib received fresh meat in Eid Al Adha through Islamic Relief’s Qurbani project



Abed and Mohammed enjoy barbecued Qurbani meat to celebrate Eid in Alfatih camp, Idlib.



“ This Eid, we have been blessed in having meat which is something we could not afford. Since we left our home in Syria, our food supply has changed. Mohammed is happy today that he is having a barbecue with his brother. He also hopes to come back to play with his friends at Eid. ”



Medical aid, water and sanitation for Syrians inside Syria

In Syria, 654 health workers have been killed since the conflict began and between 30 and 50 per cent of the population suffer from psychological distress. People are also dying for the lack of good medical care, and thousands of people have already died because they cannot access treatment for life-threatening chronic diseases like cancer, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, hypertension and kidney failure. In addition to this, 12.1m people are in need of water, hygiene and sanitation support. Electricity shortages are badly affecting Syria's water infrastructure.

Through medical aid and water and sanitation projects, Islamic Relief has supported internally displaced people with 23 water and sanitation units (each unit is composed of five latrines and two shower cubicles). The project also served 560,319 people who received health care assistance at field hospitals and health centres in Syria. In total 3,220 people benefited from water and sanitation units for IDPs who fled their homes due to the conflict.

This kind of work is vital for internally displaced families, maintaining dignity in adversity and also improving hygiene and health.

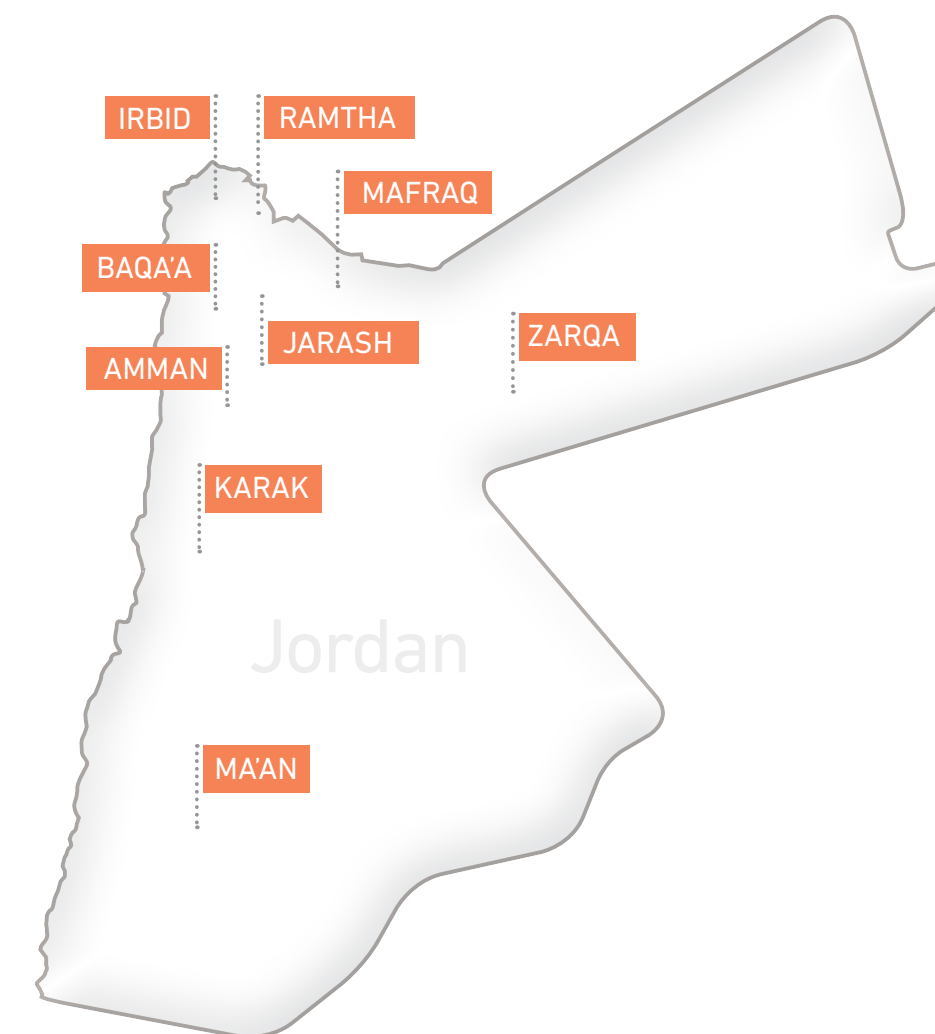


Establishing much needed cardiology and dialysis centres

Over the last five years, Syria's health service has suffered enormous damage. Health facilities have been destroyed, and medical professionals are in very short supply. Most hospitals are out of service or only partly functional. Islamic Relief has provided millions of pounds' worth of medicines, dressings, blood bags and other essentials to makeshift hospitals. We have also worked to establish a cardiology centre and support a dialysis centre to serve a population of more than 50,000 vulnerable people in Syria.



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Jordan is hosting 632,762 Syrian refugees (UNHCR, December 2015);² It is estimated that only 17% of Syrians in Jordan live in the refugee camps, and around 83% live outside camps in the host community. Already considered a resource-strained country, the arrival of Syrian refugees in Jordan has increased pressure on the provision of services and has led to tension between Syrian refugees and Jordanian host communities, particularly communities in the northern areas of Jordan.

Inter-communal tensions are on the rise between refugee and host communities across the region. In Jordan Islamic Relief is working with the Lutheran World Federation to pilot an innovative approach to peace-building that uses positive messages from across Islam and Christianity.

In 2015 Islamic Relief expanded its geographical presence from operating solely in the north of Syria, to assisting people in southern areas.

In addition, Islamic Relief Jordan has supported refugees and the local host community through health care, education, financial assistance with rent, seasonal programmes and the provision of non-food items such as hygiene kits and warm winter clothing.

Islamic Relief has established itself as one of the leading humanitarian agencies in Jordan responding to the Syrian crisis since 2012. During this time, Islamic Relief has expanded its operations and emerged as a key partner for institutional donors including the UN World Food Programme, UK Department for International Development and Disasters Emergency Committee, catering to the needs of Syrian refugees in urban settings.

² <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

KEY SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

IN 2015, ISLAMIC RELIEF SUPPORTED 72,288 PEOPLE IN JORDAN IN THE FOLLOWING SECTORS

FOOD
32,100



HEALTH
925



NON-FOOD ITEMS
28,480 NFI

SHELTER
7,005



ORPHANS SUPPORT
852



EDUCATION
2,926



TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 72,288

Syrian children receiving support in Jordan through an Islamic Relief education project.

Rent Assistance for Syrian Refugees

Of the 630,000 Syrian refugees who have arrived in Jordan since the start of the conflict, the vast majority (over 83%) are living in host communities rather than refugee camps. This has placed enormous demand on the supply of housing in the urban areas of northern Jordan. One of the main challenges for Syrian families is being able to afford the cost of renting somewhere to live, and many are going into debt or living under threat of eviction if they cannot pay.

Islamic Relief Jordan delivered a two-year project to support families with different types of shelter activity. Cash was provided to some vulnerable Syrian families to help them pay their rent and avoid eviction. Maintenance work was carried out to tackle problems such as leaking water pipes, bathrooms unsuitable for people with disabilities, and damaged windows and doors. We negotiated with some landlords to lower rents or accept labour in lieu of rent for a set period. This served a twofold purpose of providing Syrian families with a decent living environment and helping host Jordanian families to improve their homes and bear the financial burden of supporting refugees. Another activity under this project has been to enable Jordanian landlords and Syrian tenants to learn about their rights and obligations under Jordanian law, which has helped to improve understanding and minimise conflicts. Over 3,500 people were supported during this project.

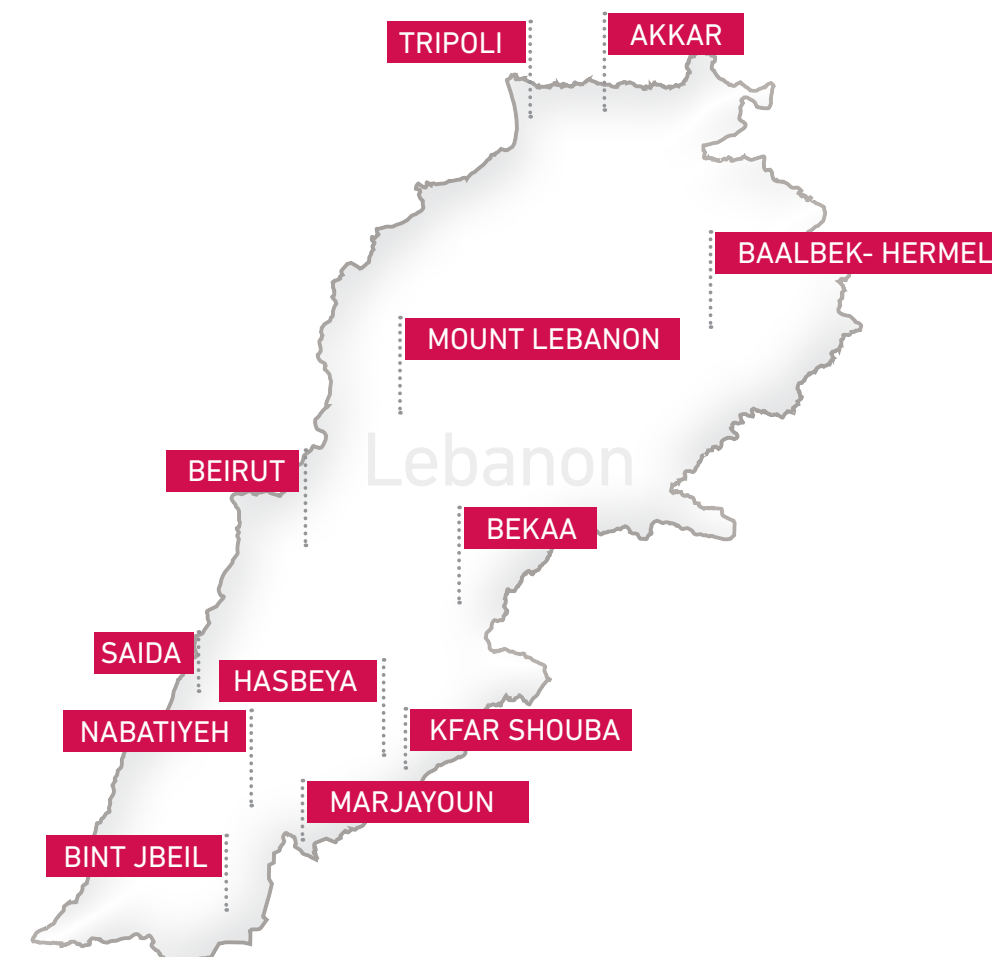


A Syrian refugee family receiving assistance from Islamic Relief to help pay rent for their home in Jordan



LEBANON

AREAS OF INTERVENTION



The estimated number of displaced Syrians in Lebanon is 1,070,189 (UNHCR, November 2015), representing the world's highest per capita concentration of refugees. Refugees from Syria, half of them children, now equal a quarter of Lebanon's resident population, which is placing significant strain on resources and host communities in a tiny country overstretched by the crisis. In addition to long-term Palestinian refugees, there are now more than 41,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon.

Islamic Relief Lebanon is working hard to support Syrian refugees in sites throughout the country, as well as vulnerable Palestinian and Lebanese families. In 2015, in addition to maintaining key humanitarian assistance through the distribution of food, winter clothing and other winter items, emergency health care, and provision of safe drinking water, Islamic Relief Lebanon expanded its child protection work and psychosocial support. ~Our programmes also included education and mental health support for vulnerable children and families.

Medical support is provided for Syrian children in Lebanon

KEY SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

IN 2015 ISLAMIC RELIEF SUPPORTED 291,652 SYRIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON

FOOD
169,133
NON-FOOD ITEMS
99,788 NFI

WASH
1,547
HEALTH
4,184

EDUCATION
6,653
ORPHANS
10,347

TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES 291,652



A Syrian child takes part in an art session through Islamic Relief's psychosocial support activities in Lebanon

Education and Psychosocial Support for Syrian Children

In Lebanon 180,419 Syrian refugee children are out of school (49%), with a large proportion having missed several years of education. As in other sectors, existing facilities and resources are unable to meet the huge increase in demand – resulting in a severe shortage of classroom spaces. Issues including different curricula and transportation from home to school present further challenges for Syrian children in getting access to education.

Many reports have shown a significant deterioration in the psychological and social ('psychosocial') well-being of Syrian children affected by events in Syria and neighbouring countries.. Islamic Relief research found Syrian children presenting symptoms of trauma including anxiety, nightmares, depression, bed wetting, aggressive behaviour and low self-esteem. Combined with the lost years of education, this is leading organisations to warn of a 'lost generation'.

Islamic Relief Lebanon has built a strong programme of Education and Psychosocial Support (PSS) for Syrian refugee children.

In 2014 a project began to increase access to education and PSS in Bekaa and South Lebanon. School facilities were upgraded to enable a greater intake of students with good quality education: classrooms were furnished, a computer room was equipped, and play therapy rooms and an outside playground were established. Volunteers from the local community were trained to run the PSS activities designed to promote the children's development and their relationships with others, increasing their self-confidence and sense of control over their lives.

Islamic Relief Lebanon worked in cooperation with the local community, local aid agencies and councils, shelter coordinators and parents. By 2015 300 children in Bekaa, and 1,000 children and 250 parents in Saida, had been supported with significant improvements in children's well-being. This successful project has since been extended to reach children living in nearby shelters who have not been able to enrol in school.

Providing a safe educational environment for Syrian Children in Bekaa, Lebanon

Islamic Relief Lebanon is working on furnishing a school in Bekaa for Syrian children by providing it with desks, tables, play facilities, laptops and a psychosocial room.

As a result of the unrest in Syria, schools were closed and people fled their homes seeking safety in neighbouring countries. The crisis has forced thousands of children to leave their schools and give up on formal education. Most of the children who have fled with their parents to Lebanon are not enrolled in formal education, with only 13% enrolled in schools. After assessing the needs and priorities of children in the Bekaa area, Islamic Relief Lebanon concluded that education was a high priority for children, especially those living in camps and those who do not have the ability to pay school fees. Among its ongoing education projects, IR Lebanon is now supporting Al-Andalus school in Bekaa and has enrolled 300 Syrian children in school for free.

Enas is a ten-year-old Syrian girl living in Lebanon with her family. They have been in Lebanon since January 2014, living in a tented camp. Enas was not in school because her family did not have the money to pay the fees, but now Enas is enrolled in Al-Andalus school and attending her classes regularly. The school is close to the camp; she walks to school or sometimes takes the bus. "I love painting and football," she says. Being a student in Al-Andalus school has changed her life because now she is doing the things she likes, she can draw and paint whenever she wants, and can play football with her friends in the school playground. In the camp there is no place for her to play.



Psychosocial support activity with Syrian children in Al Andalus School, Lebanon

Enas standing in front of her tent after returning from school





IRAQ

AREAS OF INTERVENTION



Since the Syria crisis started, Islamic Relief Iraq has specialised in camp management support, emergency shelter, education, water and sanitation, food security activities, and seasonal programmes. Islamic Relief Iraq has established camps, delivered vital services and assisted in the distribution of food vouchers. Assistance is also being provided to IDPs and vulnerable host community members.

The uncertain security situation in Baghdad and Kirkuk restricts movements, and makes aid distribution particularly challenging.

The large number of IDPs means that Islamic Relief has to focus on the most vulnerable: we cannot cover the whole community due to increasing needs and a shortage of funds.

KEY SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

In 2015 Islamic Relief supported Syrian refugees and IDPs in two main sectors: food and non-food items



A Syrian refugee receives an Islamic Relief food parcel in Iraq

FOOD
286,819



NON-FOOD ITEMS
390,73 NFI

TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

325,892

Syrian refugees received assistance with winter items such as warm clothes and blankets in Iraq

Providing food vouchers for Syrian Refugees in Domiz, Iraq

Food is among the most pressing needs of Syrian refugees and their families who have fled conflict, and a significant amount of refugees do not receive any food aid or rations, placing them in an extremely vulnerable position. In late July 2012 a partnership between IR Iraq and the UN World Food Programme launched an emergency project to provide the most vulnerable Syrian refugees in Domiz camp and other areas within Kurdistan with vouchers to enable them to buy food at local markets.

Originally aiming to target 40,000 refugees, this project has surpassed its target and continues today – reaching 67,000 Syrians to date. This project provides refugees with vouchers to a value that ensures that their essential nutritional needs can be met. Syrians have access to a selection of commodities that can be obtained from retailers by redeeming WFP food vouchers, including fresh produce such as milk and cheese which are not normally handed out through emergency food programmes. A thorough selection process has been put in place to ensure that this project targets the most vulnerable refugees.

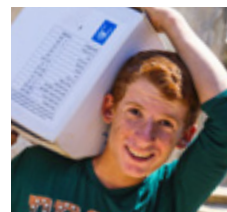
In a situation in which refugees have resorted to selling assets to provide for their basic needs, these vouchers play a crucial role in protecting livelihoods by helping to prevent the depletion of refugees' assets. In turn, these vouchers also indirectly support the local economy and the livelihoods of market retailers.

Food support for refugees
in Iraq





MEDICAL
20,847,510
PIECE



HYGIENE KITS
176,490
PIECE KIT



WATER BOTTLES
443,679



MEDICAL BAGS
2,285



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
29,373
EQUIPMENT



CANNED MEAT
339,169
CANS



HOSPITAL TREATMENT
147,875
PATIENTS



EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN
13,143
CHILDREN



BLANKETS
379,159



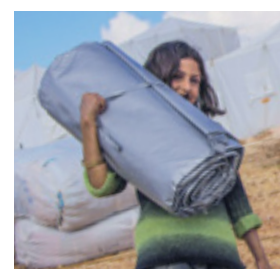
TENTS
2,346



MATTRESSES
128,899



AMBULANCES
54



PLASTIC SHEETING
13,519
SHEETS



CARAVANS
133



CASH ASSISTANCE FOR RENT
28,015
INDIVIDUAL



CLOTHING
411,092
ITEMS



WATER AND SANITATION
124
UNITS



WATER WELLS
3



HEATERS
8,385



WHEAT FLOUR
66,026
TONNES



FOOD PARCELS
1,653,836



CHALLENGES

- Short term projects do not help refugees to be self-sufficient within host countries, so Syrian refugees are doubling their efforts to find alternative solutions, including selling their assets to travel to Europe. More long-term livelihood programmes are highly recommended to enable refugees to reduce their dependence on humanitarian assistance.
- The intensity of the violence in this conflict, coupled with access restrictions affecting besieged communities throughout the country and families in parts of northern and eastern Syria in particular, have restricted Islamic Relief's to some of the most vulnerable people in the country
- Funds are needed for non-Syrian affected populations, like host communities, internally displaced Iraqis and Palestinian refugees affected by the Syria crisis.

PLANS

Syria

- Supporting people caught in the conflict especially those in besieged areas (such as East Ghouta, West Ghouta, Southern Damascus suburb, Northern Homs Suburb, Daryya, Moaddamya) where there are over 2 million people in desperate need of help.
- Providing food assistance for internally displaced people inside Syria to overcome difficult living conditions.
- Providing support and assistance for health service providers, especially in northern Syria where the number of casualties and the scale of bombardment are most significant.
- Providing non-food items such as blankets and clothes for displaced families.

Jordan

- Enhancing social cohesion and resilience approaches in developing projects that bring together Syrian refugees and the host community.
- Expanding geographical presence, moving from the north to the southern part of Jordan and conducting in-depth assessments for potential interventions in food security, livelihoods, health, education, shelter and orphan support
- Focusing on sustainable projects rather than the emergency response projects.
- Developing good coordination with active humanitarian agencies, expanding operations overall in 2016.

Iraq

- Prepare contingency plan for operating in Mosul, Salahaldin and Al-Anbar if access becomes possible
- Work with peer aid agencies on livelihood projects for IDPs and refugees to learn skills to improve their employment and income generating opportunities
- Continue to provide health assistance to women of child-bearing age in Kirkuk.

Lebanon

- Increase livelihood interventions for refugees and host communities, with a particular focus on vulnerable women and youth.
- Enlarge the successful programme of education and psychosocial support for children.
- Provide additional support for vulnerable families in the cold winter months.

GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED

Islamic Relief urges donor governments to:

- Exert pressure on all parties to build on the political will behind the ceasefire in order to protect and extend humanitarian corridors in besieged areas.
- Call on all parties to the conflict to end attacks on civilian targets in violation of humanitarian law, including homes, schools and medical facilities.
- Provide more support to aid agencies assisting newly displaced people along the Turkish border.
- Sustain long-term funding for Syria's neighbours to meet the needs of Syrian refugees and their own populations.

PROGRAMME FUNDING REQUIRED FOR 2016 AND 2017

SYRIA
£30,000,000

JORDAN
£15,000,000

IRAQ
£18,000,000

LEBANON
£13,000,000

TURKEY
£4,000,000

TOTAL £80,000,000



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