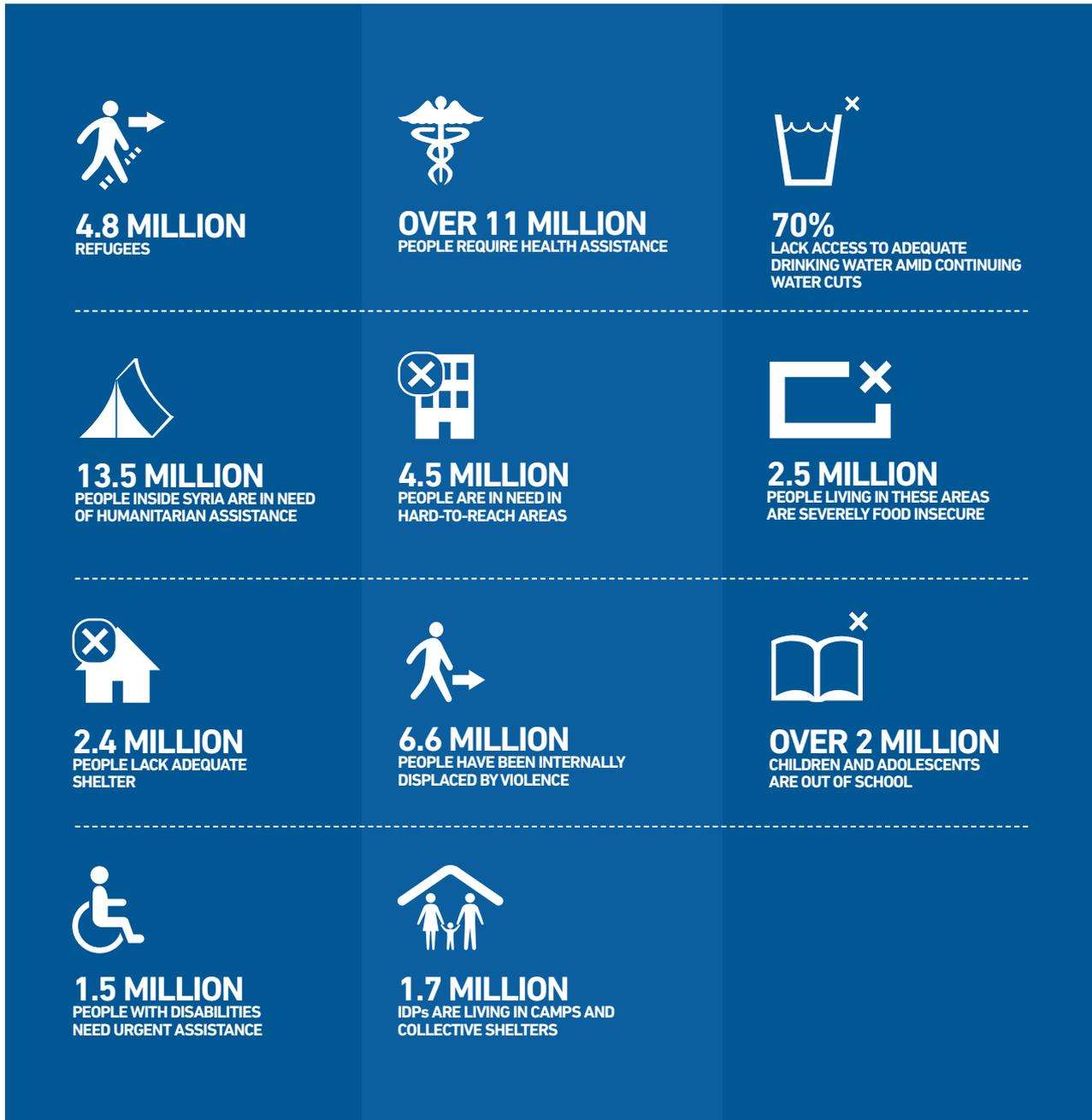




SYRIA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

January-June 2016

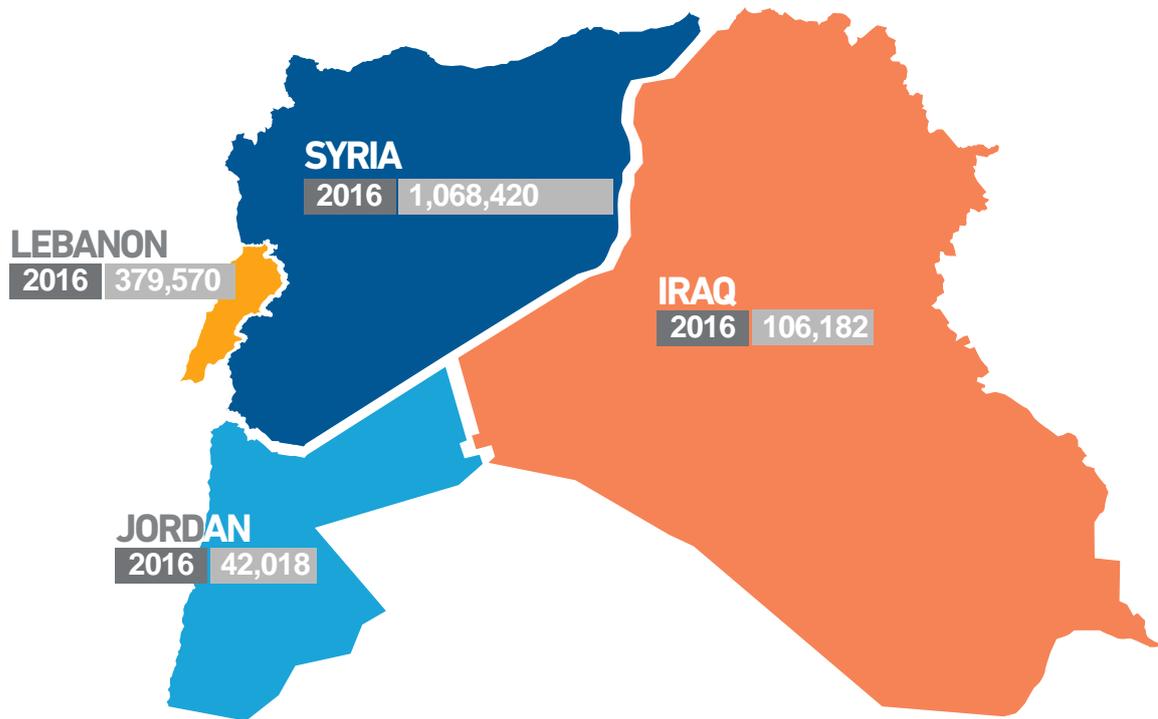
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ACTUAL BENEFICIARIES

2016 1,596,190



FUNDING BREAKDOWN JAN-JUNE 2016

COUNTRY	INCOME	IN KIND DONATION RECEIVED	TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED
Syria	£7,775,194	£9,156,654	£16,931,847
Jordan	£1,075,514	-	£1,075,514
Lebanon	£732,768	-	£732,768
Iraq	£2,532,328	-	£2,532,328
TOTAL	£12,115,803	£9,156,654	£21,272,458

INTRODUCTION



Syria's crisis is the worst humanitarian catastrophe of our time. Humanitarian needs are rising and an increasing number of people are fleeing their homes. Syrian children, exposed to violence, deprivation and vulnerability, need protection and access to basic services such as nutrition and education.

Islamic Relief (IR) has been working to alleviate the suffering of Syrians since the beginning of the crisis across sectors including food, non-food items (NFIs), health, education, shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), protection and livelihood. From January to June 2016 we provided support for around 1,596,190 people.

INTERVENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

SYRIA



To provide educational support for children our Syria team has established child-friendly learning spaces in North Aleppo as well as delivering education and food support to around 1,298 children in Idlib. (For details of our psychosocial support work, see p8.)

1,298 CHILDREN

EDUCATION, PSYCHOSOCIAL & PROTECTION SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN CHILDREN



FOOD

According to the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), around 2.48 million people are food insecure. Islamic Relief is helping Syrian people who have been caught up in the conflict by bridging the food security gap to provide the most vulnerable households with food support. The team has rolled out many projects in response to the Madaya and Al Ghouta hunger crises. Islamic Relief has reached 494,313 people with food interventions.

494,313 BENEFICIARIES

FOOD SUPPORT THROUGH WFP PARTNERSHIP

One of the biggest humanitarian operators in Syria, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), has continued to partner with IR, enabling us to reach 65,000 people in Idlib and Aleppo.

65,000 BENEFICIARIES



HEALTH SUPPORT FOR HEALTH FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS

In Al Ghouta we've supported health facilities by supplying fuel and emergency medicines as well as providing medicines to the health sector in the countryside to the north of Homs. We've supported a health service provider in northern Syria by funding dialysis sessions. We've supported the Al Amal hospital at al-Rayhania city on the Turkish-Syrian border, by supplying drugs and disposables (e.g. plasters, syringes, etc.) and we've supplied medicines to the health facilities in the countryside of Damascus and Ghouta. We've financially supported the establishment of a cardiology centre in Idlib. IR has also continued to provide urgent medical support at health facilities in Aleppo. Through our health interventions 387,002 patients have been supported.

387,002 PATIENTS



FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE SYRIAN FAMILIES IN HAMA, ALEPPO, AND IDLIB

Our Syria team delivered food parcels to Aleppo, Hama, and Idlib to support people during the continuing violence, fighting and siege in these areas. We supported 30,923 families (161,970 individuals) by providing food parcels and flour for bakeries in northern Syria.

161,970 BENEFICIARIES



FOOD ASSISTANCE TO THE AFFECTED BESIEGED PEOPLE IN MADAYA AND GHOUTA

This project supported around 10,074 besieged people in Madaya and Ghouta by providing urgent food parcels to prevent hunger and starvation.

10,074 BENEFICIARY



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN DISPLACED PEOPLE

104,820 BENEFICIARIES



RAMADAN FOOD PARCELS

This Ramadan we reached 29,852 families (149,260 individuals) in Idlib and Aleppo with our food parcels.

149,260 BENEFICIARIES



NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIS) & SHELTER & WINTER SEASONAL SUPPORT

We helped vulnerable people to overcome the harsh winter conditions in Aleppo, Idlib, and Dara'a by providing essential winterisation items reaching 80,987 people.

185,807 BENEFICIARIES

"I took my kids to agricultural land where I could guarantee safety. As soon as we sat down an aircraft bombed the place"

Um Osama, Hama



"She screamed a scream that made my heart ache. Then her body dropped dead in my hands. That is how I see Syria now. That's our country that we used to live in.

It was a horrible night. The military aircraft was above us, we heard voices of explosive barrels and rockets that were falling everywhere around us, I did not know where to go.

I took my kids and went to an agricultural land near the outskirts of the village to search for a place where I could guarantee safety for my little children.

As soon as we sat under one of the olive trees an aircraft bombed the place with cluster bombs. My little daughter died and my children and I were injured.

Some people took us to the nearest field hospital. We received first aid and then we were transferred to a hospital in the countryside of Idlib.

Thanks to Allah that my children were cured of their injuries. I was paralysed.

I had a lot of surgeries, but I cannot walk without crutches. My hip was broken by shrapnel.

It's been a year since I was injured and in order to conduct some surgeries and reconstructive procedures to my feet, I have periodical visits to Akrbhat hospital near the Syrian-Turkish border.

Here, they provide me with all the surgeries, treatments and medicines that they have. Unfortunately the need is great here.

There are a lot of injured civilians - victims of the aerial bombardment. They lost their limbs and have broken joints. The cases here make your heart ache.

I hope that Islamic Relief will keep supporting these hospitals with whatever they can. Please provide medicines, medical items, equipment and artificial limbs and joints. The people here are poor and unable to buy medicine or afford treatment.

I live with my children now in one of the camps in the countryside of Idlib.

Life here is very difficult. Please help me to treat the joints of my feet so that I can walk again without crutches.

I hope that my call will reach you. I am one of hundreds of cases here and we do not have anyone but you."

LEBANON



Numerous food projects have been implemented across the south, Mount Lebanon, Bekaa, the north and Beirut for different vulnerable groups including Syrian refugees, Palestinian refugees and poor Lebanese families.

Islamic Relief has supported 14,406 people with food assistance.

14,406 BENEFICIARIES



NON-FOOD ITEMS & SHELTER SUPPORT

Non-food items for both Syrian and Palestinian refugees have been distributed, as well as for vulnerable host communities in all areas in Lebanon. Items include mattresses, blankets, carpets, stove heaters, fuel, clothes, plastic sheeting, pillows and gas heaters. These were distributed according to the needs of each family. This intervention reached 94,475 people. In winter 2015/16, Islamic Relief implemented 10 winterisation projects funded by our partners in USA, Switzerland, Sweden, Netherlands, Australia, Germany, Canada and the Middle East.

94,475 BENEFICIARIES



Many psychosocial support projects have been implemented for children and families who have been affected by the conflict in Syria. The projects engage vulnerable children and adolescents (including those who are out of school, those suffering neglect, orphans, and survivors of violence) in activities such as play, music, drama, art therapy, sports and open days. Islamic Relief has supported 9,941 children with various psychosocial support activities.

PROTECTION & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

9,941 CHILDREN REACHED

PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MOBILE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES



Through this project, a mobile clinic has been staffed and equipped, providing outreach primary healthcare services for a widely dispersed target population of refugees and members of host communities in south Lebanon. The mobile unit visits tented settlements, shelters and villages/communities hosting significant numbers of refugees.

5,283 PATIENTS SUPPORTED



ORPHANS SUPPORT

The orphan programme has been running since 1998. Until June 2016, there were 807 Syrian, Palestinian and Lebanese orphans registered and sponsored in the one-to-one sponsorship programme, receiving cash support and other services such as health checks and education items.

807 ORPHANS SUPPORTED



ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Education access has been improved for Syrian students in Lebanon with an intervention supporting two schools and 12 learning centres. Support includes the distribution of school bags, stationery, books, furniture and equipment as well as transportation and educational volunteers. This scheme has reached 5,627 students.

5,627 STUDENTS SUPPORTED



KIDNEY DIALYSIS

We are supporting a project in north Lebanon to construct a specialist kidney dialysis centre. The construction of the centre (including demolition of an old building on the site) is ongoing and provision of the equipment was part of the project.



We have donated an ambulance to a local charity working in Mount Lebanon to bolster their outreach work.

PROVIDING AMBULANCES



AREEJ - SUPPORTED BY ISLAMIC RELIEF



Areej during treatment session

In Lebanon, according to government and international NGO estimates, there are more than one million Syrian refugees, and there is an urgent need to meet the needs of patients with disabilities who require continuous medical follow ups, medication and medical supplies. The personal challenges and circumstances vary from one person to another and may include infectious diseases, nursing care or physiotherapy. If no rapid intervention is made, circumstances can quickly deteriorate.

Areej now lives alone with her mother. Her father and four brothers are missing due to the conflict. The family was displaced from Syria three years ago. Areej and her mother are currently living in Saida (south Lebanon) in a rental room. Areej was hit by a car three years ago causing a multiple trauma with head injuries, a semi-coma, complex fractures

in her legs and right shoulder, and tracheostomy, leaving her in need of complete bed rest. She now needs regular medical consultations with medical treatment, nursing care and consultation visits from the ambulance service every two weeks .

She has had many operations in the past and is currently using a wheelchair.

A local NGO and the Hamshari Hospital were helping with physiotherapy sessions for a short period, however Areej was not receiving help to afford medication, medical supplies (gauze, betadine, normal saline and plasters). She also could not receive this assistance from UNHCR in Lebanon as they do not cover the treatment of her diseases as they are chronic and require periodic follow-up.

In Lebanon Islamic Relief has started a medical project to support Syrian refugees, Palestinian Syrians and host community members through the provision of an emergency mobile primary health care service in the south of the city.

Areej

is one of the patients accessing this project. Following an assessment of her needs by Areej has been provided with ongoing consultations on a monthly basis, and her supply of needed medications and medical supplies (gauze, betadine, normal saline, and plasters) has been secured.

JORDAN



EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN CHILDREN

Several projects have been implemented to strengthen education provision for Syrian children with the key aim of preventing child labour among out-of-school children. The interventions assist Syrian students in different areas of Jordan by providing remedial classes, education kits and stationery, as well as supporting with cash assistance. The projects were implemented in Mafraq and Ramtha reaching 167 girls and boys.

167 CHILDREN SUPPORTED

HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Syrian refugees have been supported in the health sector by providing primary, secondary and tertiary health care in Amman, Mafraq, Irbid, Jarash, Zarqa, Karak, and Ramtha for 373 individuals in addition to medical consultations for around 70 individuals.

Health and hygiene awareness sessions have been rolled out for 1,008 patients and critical kidney dialysis treatment has been supplied to 11 patients.

1,008 PATIENTS SUPPORTED





FOOD SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Food assistance has been provided for Syrian refugees in Mafraq, Ramtha, Aqaba, Tafeileh, Karak, Amman and Ma'an reaching 12,980 beneficiaries.

12,980 BENEFICIARIES

SHELTER ASSISTANCE FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

We are helping Syrian refugees by providing cash assistance for rent for about 4,135 beneficiaries.

4,135 BENEFICIARIES



NON-FOOD SUPPORT

Winterisation items such as blankets, gas heaters, roof repair, health kits, hygiene kits, hygiene vouchers, clothes vouchers, gas cylinders and refill vouchers have been provided. This assistance reached 423,285 beneficiaries in Irbid, Ramtha, Mafraq and Karak.

423,285 BENEFICIARIES

HOPE STILL EXISTS



Mohammad, two, from Dara

Islamic Relief is providing primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare to displaced Syrian refugees in Jordan and members of the host community who are struggling to pay for medical costs.

Mohammad, a two-year-old Syrian child, left Dara with his family in 2012 seeking a safe place to live after a bomb flattened their neighbourhood.

He was born with a cleft lip and cleft palate¹, in addition to a congenital heart defect². His medical conditions require ongoing care, medical check-ups, and multiple surgeries.

Islamic Relief responded to Mohammad's medical needs by referring him to a hospital in his area to be diagnosed and treated by one of the specialist doctors.

Mohammad was admitted to the hospital for an operation on his cleft palate, all required laboratory tests and scans were done, and the surgery went as planned.

Mohammad's mother is now happy and at ease, and is enjoying her son's childhood as she never did before.

She said: "Before the surgery, Mohammad couldn't speak, eat or breathe normally. I used to have to practise a special procedure for feeding him, and put him in a special position for sleeping, as well as treating the multiple infections and diseases he had. Food would always stick in the palate holes that can lead to bad smells, infection and pain. Islamic Relief covered all the medical expenses and the team visited my house and responded directly to my son's condition. Without the help Islamic Relief offered many things would still be going in the wrong direction. Again, thank you."

¹Cleft lip and cleft palate are facial and oral malformations that occur very early in pregnancy. Cleft results when there is not enough tissue in the mouth or lip area, and the tissue that is available does not join together properly. This separation often extends beyond the base of the nose and includes the bones of the upper jaw and/or upper gum.²the heart, the valves of the heart, and the arteries and veins near the heart. It disrupts the normal flow of blood through the heart. The blood flow can slow down, go in the wrong direction or to the wrong place, or be blocked completely.

IRAQ



WINTERISATION SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Helping Syrian refugees in Iraq by providing winterisation items such as blankets, stoves, mattresses, pillows, and shoes for children for 676 families (3036 beneficiaries) in Basrma Camp (Erbil).

2,935 BENEFICIARIES



FOOD VOUCHERS FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES IN IRAQ THROUGH WFP PARTNERSHIP

To provide food assistance we are using the World Food Programme (WFP) system of e-vouchers, enabling beneficiaries to choose and buy their goods. Previously paper vouchers were being used, but based on a project evaluation

in coordination with WFP in first half of 2016, we have changed the modality to use e-vouchers. Around 20,629 families have received support through WFP (103,146 individuals).

Positive feedback was received from beneficiaries on the use of e-vouchers instead of paper vouchers. E-vouchers give beneficiaries greater flexibility in buying food products and negate the need to attend distributions, the card is recharged (topped up) monthly. The beneficiaries were able to spend the balance of their e-voucher

in multiple visits, unlike paper vouchers which must be spent at one time. The use of e-vouchers has also helped to return some normalcy to people's lives.

Beneficiaries can select their preferred food items to meet their individual needs. This is especially important for children, the elderly and those with specific dietary needs. Vouchers also ensure that beneficiaries had better access to a more diverse range of foods with greater nutritional value, including dairy products, meat, chicken and fish. E-Vouchers increased women's control within households in coordinating and meeting food needs, as they are fully involved in the selection of food for their families.

103,146 BENEFICIARIES



“Life has become extremely difficult”



Faisal, 60, from Syria, lives in Basirma camp for Syrian refugees (in the Kurdistan region of Iraq) with his 10 family members. Faisal was displaced from Qamishli in 2013. Due to intense fighting, Faisal and his family were living under huge security threats. Faisal lost his legs when two armed men opened gunfire after entering his house. Despite three surgeries his medical condition did not improve.

The family had to flee from Syria in search of safety and security. They arrived in Iraq with 700 others. Initially Faisal stayed in a school and later shifted to Basirma camp with his family.

“Life has become extremely difficult,” he said, “I had a home and good means of livelihood in Syria. We were living happily with our relatives and I was earning enough to have a decent life. The long and dangerous journey from Syria to Iraq is still fresh in my mind. The Kurdistan Government is supporting Syrian refugees. However, long years of

displacement have made it difficult to cover the basic needs. As Syrian refugees, we are not allowed to be employed, hence the nominal income that my son earns from seasonal employment. This income is not enough to meet the basic needs

(food, water, health and education) of the entire family.

Winter was a big worry for my family. As warm clothes and heating were required to keep us protected. Islamic Relief visited the camp and paid special attention to my family because of my health condition. They provided us with blanket, pillow, mattress, children’s clothes, children’s boots and a stove.

The money we saved can now be used for my treatment. I am thankful for the assistance provided.”