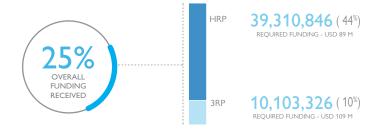


IOM REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SYRIA CRISIS • 2021



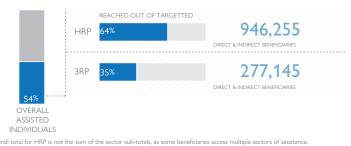
USD 49 M

Funding received of USD 198 M required

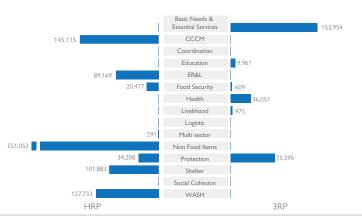


IOM PRESENCE 631 394 STAFE IRAQ LEBANON 40 STAFF JORDAN 48 STAFF EGYPT HRP & 3RP 3RP

1,223,400 Assisted individuals of 2.3 M targeted







SITUATION OVERVIEW

Inside Syria

In June, U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres stated that the humanitarian situation in Syria is now worse than at any previous time since the conflict began, with more than 13.4 million people now in need throughout the country. The situation in the northwest of Syria remains particularly alarming, with 3.4 million of the 4 million people in the region relying on humanitarian assistance for basic livelihoods, and 2.7 million being internally displaced.

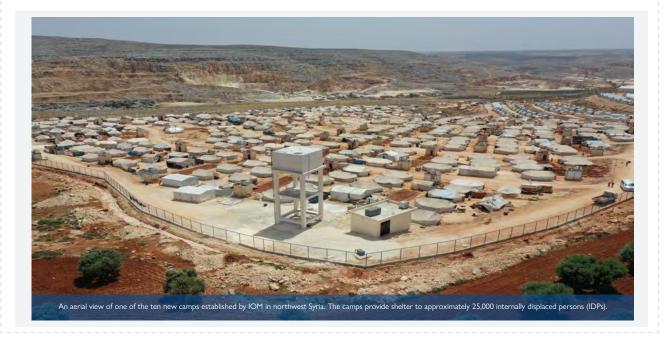
The devasting economic crisis and hostilities continue to impact humanitarian operations. In northern Aleppo Governorate, civilians and humanitarian sites continue to be targeted by deadly attacks. Although the frontlines did not shift in the second quarter of 2021, conflicts as well as economic hardship have led to a wave of newly displaced people seeking safety and life-saving humanitarian aid. Many have returned voluntarily to already overcrowded camps, whose capacity to provide aid to these new arrivals is limited.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further increased the humanitarian needs across the country. In April, Syria received a first batch of vaccines as part of the global COVAX initiative to provide COVID-19 vaccines to countries in need. While COVID-19 cases were lower in Q2 of 2021, concerns over

the delta variant remain high and the socioeconomic consequences of the pandemic continue to be felt throughout the region. As a result, an increasing number of displaced Syrians are unable to achieve durable solutions for their livelihoods and instead are turning to rely on humanitarian aid for their basic necessities.

Exacerbating an already fragile humanitarian context, Syria is suffering a severe draught which is impacting the country's food security and overall nutrition. The World Food Programme (WFP) reports that 12.4 million out of an estimated population of 17.5 million, are now food insecure. Furthermore, low water levels of the Euphrates River, endanger the hydroelectric potential of the Northeast causing power blackouts and a capacity-reduction of water pumping stations further limiting agriculture and food security in the region.

Faced with a dire humanitarian situation in a complex regional environment, IOM continues to provide assistance to vulnerable Syrians, both inside and outside of the country, in order to ensure better access to livelihoods, nutrition, shelter, and mental and physical health services for those most affected by the crisis.



COVID-19: Across the Region

In light of the continuous economic hardship related to the COVID-19 crisis, IOM remains committed to mitigating the negative impact of the pandemic on migrants and host communities. While COVID-19 vaccination rates and the evolution of COVID-19 cases vary across the region, IOM is working to ensure that vulnerable populations have access to basic hygiene, healthcare, and information on how to protect themselves and their families from COVID-19. With the proliferation of the delta variant is drastically increasing the spread of the virus, international support remains crucial to protect vulnerable populations and save lives.

IOM remains proactive throughout the region. Within the framework of the global COVID-19 Response, IOM **Turkey** provided significant amounts of food and hygiene kits in regions with large migrant populations to help ensure basic needs were being met, and supported individuals who had lost their means of livelihood as a result of the pandemic with targeted financial assistance.

In **Jordan**, IOM started the implementation of a project to mainstream the COVID-19 response into Humanitarian Border Management (HBM) in order to improve health and mobility management practices. Furthermore, IOM is supporting vaccination efforts by supporting distribution and procurement, assuring access for refugees and migrants.

In **Iraq**, IOM continued to conduct COVID-19 sensitization and awareness-raising sessions and distributes hygiene kits with the aim to prevent infections. Moreover, Community-Based Surveillance (CBS) activities were conducted in IDP camps to refer suspected COVID-19 cases to health facilities. IOM further continues its support to the national Directorate of Health through the provision of protective equipment and materials, technical guidance and supervision.

In **Lebanon**, IOM is working with migrants to improve the access of vulnerable groups, to the national COVID-19 vaccination system, and improving outcomes for achieving sustainable livelihoods.





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

HRP - RESPONSE



Syria.

5,267 individuals in reception centres ported reception centers and planned rations. (RCs) and to 24,303 Individuals in its 11 camps as well as informal settlements in planned camps. IOM continued to adopt Idleb and Aleppo Governorates. Addition- Protection: IOM supported integrated COVID-19 mitigation measures in all its ally, IOM through its local partners estab-protection kits, checking temperatures and more.

Also, an IOM-supported CCCM Mobile Monitoring and Assessment Team (MAT) Capacity programming. Through the system, MAT shop was to increase the understanding of centre in Afrin district, Aleppo. identified and referred 31 crucial fire and 45 partner staff on how to identify and wind incidents.

repair and rehabilitation. The repair and March 2021. rehabilitation works will target approximents in need of flood mitigation activities and finalized their technical studies. Once businesses, benefit around 50.000 individuals.

needs, reaching almost 57,000 individuals.



946,255 64%

newly established water systems

Development: prioritize persons with disabilities. PSEA: The PSEA Network, with around

revitalize

Between April and June of 2021, IOM WASH: IOM partners reached 80,494 79,000 individuals reside. IOM supported supported the following activities inside individuals with emergency WASH almost 12,000 individuals with monthly cash activities including water trucking, desludg- for food distributions and over 4,000 ing, solid waste management, distribution individuals with one-off cash distributions. **CCCM:** IOM partners provided multi-sec- of hygiene kits, and hygiene awareness IOM through its local partners also assisted toral services and life-saving assistance to sessions. The activities included IOM-sup- over 4,000 individuals with ready-to-eat

interventions including supported sites by sterilizing the rub-halls lished water facilities by drilling boreholes gender-based violence prevention and and social areas with sterilizing sprayers in six planned camps and is currently response services, child protection services, biweekly, distributing COVID-19 hygiene working to provide solar power to these legal counselling and individual protection assistance to 11,174 persons living in IDP sites. To enhance access to direct protec-IOM tion services in the most underserved and identified and assessed 254 different improved the capacity of 11 local imple- hard-to-reach areas of NWS, IOM expandself-settled IDP sites. MAT developed a menting partners by conducting two ed its support for mobile service provision new incident report mechanism and live remote workshops on disability inclusive to Ariha and Jisr Al Shugur districts in Idleb map system for IOM's cross-border programming. The objective of the work- Governorate, and established a community

Furthermore, IOM built the capacity of 93 140 member organizations across three Shelter: During the second quarter of humanitarian workers through an e-learn- hubs, continues to provide technical and 2021, IOM partners identified and ing course on humanitarian in-kind operational support to members to assessed 1,800 housing units in need of distribution, which IOM developed in prevent, prepare for and respond to SEA incidents. Between April-June 2021, PSEA Network member organizations self-remately 10,000 individuals with one year **Transitional Recovery and Food** ported the following: 242 PSEA trainings rent free of safe and dignified shelter units. Security: IOM conducted early recovery, reaching a total of 2,828 humanitarian Additionally, IOM identified 40 IDP settle- community engagement and livelihoods workers and distribution of PSEA awareprogramming activities to restore local ness materials to 173,516 individuals. communities' Additionally, organizations conducted implemented, the project is expected to infrastructure, and support the resilience community consultations, awareness raising of vulnerable populations. In the second sessions with beneficiaries/local communiquarter, IOM partners distributed 78 ties, and implemented prevention and NFI and Cash: IOM through its local business grants to local businesses inside mitigation measures. A total of 80 humanipartners distributed 4,400 NFI kits, 3,200 Syria and provided 126 individuals with tarian staff were trained in Gaziantep tents, and 3,200 cash distributions to short term income generating activities. through three focal point trainings for PSEA address newly displaced persons' basic IOM and its partners also provided Network members and one specialized community support projects to restore training to the Capacity Building Task Force the infrastructure of communities where (CBTF) of the GBV Sub-Cluster.

OVFRVIFW

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2021

501.502

181,467

101.883

REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)

127,733 WASH



SHELTER

89,087

43,186 **PROTECTION**



FOOD SECURITY

some beneficiaries access multiple sectors of assistance.

* Overall total is not the sum of the sector sub-totals, as

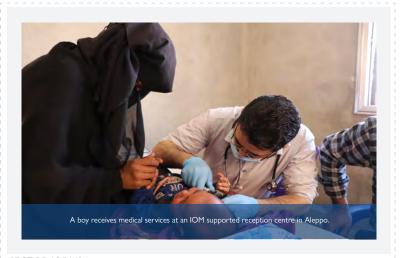
GEOGRAPHICAL REACH











SECTOR ICONS

ABBREVIATIONS USED

GBV - Gender-based Violence HRP - Humanitarian Response Plan

IDP - Internally Displaced Persons





CCCM - Camp Coordination and Camp Management ER&L - Early Recovery and Livelihoods









3RP - Regional Refugee Response Plan









MHPSS - Mental Health and Psychosocial Support SNFI - Shelter and Non-Food Items PSEA- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

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



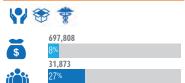


IOM continues to offer assistance to refugees affected by the crisis and the communities who support them. In Turkey. IOM supported the rehabilitation of municipal infrastructure and especially Migrant Centers which offer relevant information and orientation to both refugees and host community members. During the reporting period, IOM has provided guidance and counseling activities towards 17,278 beneficiaries. Moreover, within the framework of the COVID-19 response, local institutions supporting more than 200,000 people were provided personal protective equipment (PPE).

With the aim to strengthen education and business opportunities of members of both host and migrant communities, IOM offers school transportation, special education sessions for children with learning disabilities and entrepreneurship trainings. In the last three months 235 women were trained on modern agriculture farming technologies with the aim to increase livelihoods and self-sufficiency.

IOM also supported 540 migrants in especially difficult situations through Emergency Case Management and 162 shelter rehabilitation. Furthermore, IOM offered psychosocial support to 3,458 beneficiaries.

JORDAN



IOM continued to assist 1,220 vulnerable refugee households in urban areas with monthly multi-purpose cash assistance to help them cover their basic needs.

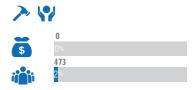
Through a collaboration of 13 members organizations of the gender-based violence (GBV) working group, IOM coordinated the implementation of GBV risk assessments.

Refugee survivors of GBV and refugees at risk of GBV were provided with one-time or short-term emergency cash assistance to address protection needs. Over the reporting period, IOM supported 48 refugees.

Moreover, to address root causes of gender inequality and GBV, promoting the economic empowerment women, IOM through its implementing partner Good Neighbors provided tailored assistance and mentorship to 125 vulnerable refugee and Jordanian women having micro or homebased businesses.

Lastly, IOM provided needs-based transportation assistance for 56 Syrian refugees. IOM also supported the second return transportation since the re-opening of the Jaber border in November 2020, providing logistical assistance to 10 Syrian families following return counselling provided by UNHCR.

IRAQ

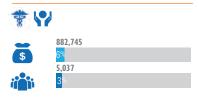


Most COVID-19 restrictions related to movements, curfews, and gatherings have been eased since the last quarterly reporting period. While this has facilitated the resuming of many IOM's operations, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) still suffer under the consequences of the pandemic. Therefore, IOM continues to work towards the overall objective of revitalizing local economies and increasing employment by supporting SMEs.

IOM has scaled up its implementation of activities within the Enterprise Development Fund (EDF) which supports SMEs with the aim to create employment opportunities for Syrian refugees. After launching an outreach campaign for the EDF, IOM awarded an EDF grant to 12 SMEs in Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah who are to create 47 new jobs and maintain 59 current jobs.

In parallel, IOM provides individual livelihoods assistance (ILA) to Syrian refugees. 175 additional beneficiaries have been selected who will receive support in expanding or creating their micro-business. IOM will deliver Business Support Development (BDS) trainings and offer cash-based assistance in the next months.

LEBANON



IOM continued to arrange the resettlement of Syrian refugees in coordination with host governments, including orientation sessions and predeparture health checks. IOM continues to work with UNHCR, to provide pre-departure health support to refugees being resettled through UNHCR.

IOM's focus on community stabilization work continues in the context of rising pressures on host and displaced communities. Through local partners IOM is providing livelihood opportunities through cash for work schemes targeting host and displaced groups equally.

Furthermore, IOM supported the implementation of a data collection exercise designed to strengthen the evidence base on migrants and migration drivers in Lebanon. IOM will use the gathered data to feed into the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment, which will be carried out by OCHA on behalf of the Humanitarian Country Team to assess humanitarian needs in Lebanon, resulting from the current crisis.

Finally, IOM continues to provide community and health support to refugee, migrant, and host communities and works on facilitating access of migrants and refugees to the national COVID-19 vaccination system.

