SYRIA CRISIS

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Overview of Crisis

As the Syria crisis enters its 8th year, civilians continue to bear the brunt of a conflict marked by unparalleled suffering, destruction and disregard for human life. 13.1 million people require humanitarian assistance, including close to 3 million people in need trapped in besieged and hard-to-reach areas.

As of November 2018, there are close to 952,562 refugees in Lebanon and 673,414 in Jordan[1].

Due to the crisis, and despite ongoing relief efforts, millions of Syrians face mounting difficulties in meeting their basic needs. A growing number of Syrians are forced to make increasingly negative and risky choices to cope, including spending savings, running up debts buying on credit, depleting household assets, reducing food consumption and depleting productive assets.

Overview of WV humanitarian response

In 2018, World Vision is impacting about 20,400 – 30,000 people affected by the crisis, in particular, children in refugee camps and besieged areas.

In Jordan, a school feeding project in Azraq camp was started to create a nurturing, healthy and active school environment for Syrian children and youth in those camps. The project aimed to expand the provision of healthy school meals to a network of schools in refugee camps hosting Syrian refugees.

- **Healthy meals** high in protein were provided to close to **30,000 young refugee children** through 6 kitchens over the year
- Children **in 32 formal schools** in Za'atari Camp and **11 schools** in Azraq Camp benefited from this project
- **Nutritious fortified date bars** were also provided to young refugee students in formal schools

Preparation of healthy meals for children

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[1] *UNHCR in WVI Sit Rep #80*

In Lebanon, young refugee children aged 3-5 were supported with early childhood care and education classes in the Bekaa Valley. Here, about 57% of refugees are children.

- **Early childhood care** was provided to **550 refugee preschoolers** 4 days a week
- **Psychosocial care and support** was provided to 550 refugee preschoolers
- **Daily transportation and snacks** were provided to refugee preschoolers in these schools
- Early childhood care and education centres were equipped with **learning resources and materials**
- **300 parents** of preschoolers were also equipped with learning materials to guide their children at home
- About **219 parents** were trained to provide better early childhood care and in better understanding of **physical and cognitive development needs** of their children
- World Vision facilitators also conducted **home visits to support parents and encourage children's attendance**

Pre-schoolers accessing education and care in World Vision supported learning centres

In Syria, World Vision provided emergency healthcare to trapped or affected families and their children

- **One and a half months** of mobile health clinic services were provided to children and women in besieged areas
    o Services included consultations by trained medical practitioners, medication and screenings

Mobile health clinic providing a family with consultation

Emergency paediatric and essential maternal health services provided to about **2,000 beneficiaries a month** at a hospital

    o Running of a paediatric clinic and an obstetrics clinic
    o Provision of emergency services like blood transfusion and operations
    o Receives women and children 24/7
    o Provision of free medication for patients

Moving forward

We thank you for coming alongside us to serve children and families affected by this disaster. World Vision continues to be a frontrunner in the humanitarian response space, and we treasure your partnership which allows us to help those in greatest need.

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