

Roya is a seven-year-old Kurdish girl from Syria. She loves to laugh and makes everyone else laugh too. Even though Turkish and Arabic are not her first languages, she's always chatting to everyone around her with a big smile on her face. Roya and her family are from Aleppo. Back in their city, her father worked as a tailor until 2013. When the civil war in Syria worsened and violent clashes reached the family's doorstep, Roya's father decided they should all leave for their safety. Roya, her brother, and their mother all left together. The family made it to Turkey, where Roya's father found manual daily paid work to support the family. The family stayed in a flat they rented for two and a half years and their third child, Zani, was born in Turkey. However, they found it hard to get to know the people around them due to the language barrier. The family decided to move to a Kurdish-speaking area so that they could get to know more people. After some time there, the parents realized that their children were only comfortable speaking Kurdish and worried for their future. They wanted their children to be able to speak Turkish and Arabic too. Their neighbours told Roya's mother Narin about the nearby Ensar Community Centre, where people can practice both Arabic and Turkish and mix with people from all types of background in the neighbourhood – both migrant and host community. Narin decided to take Roya and Jan along to see what the Centre was like. She signed up for adult Turkish classes and put both children into the kindergarten facility.

Today, Roya has a number of different activities lined up. "I come here to play and learn!" Roya says excitedly. "We learnt numbers and played number games. I had a lot of fun and I'm very happy!" A Turkish volunteer asks Roya which sessions are her favourite. She replies in fluent Turkish, listing all of the many activities she takes part in. Wide-eyed, she describes her love of dancing "I love it! Sometimes it's difficult to talk to people in Arabic and Turkish, but when we all start dancing it's so easy to get along with everyone". Roya's little brother is also in her kindergarten class and she takes her role as big sister very seriously. "When I grow up, I want to be a doctor so that I can look after my brother whenever he's sick."



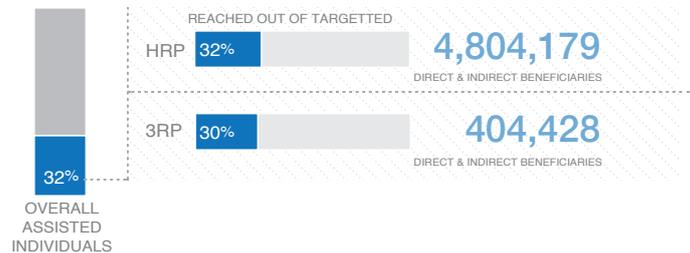
Roya in the child friendly space at Ensar Community Centre.
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USD 28.6 M

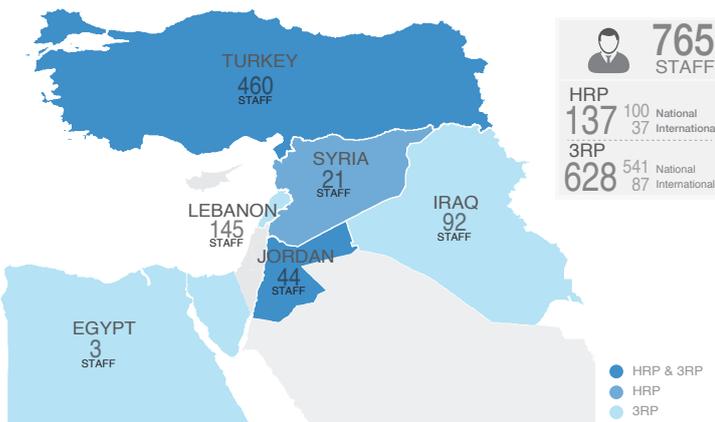
Funding received of USD 193 M required

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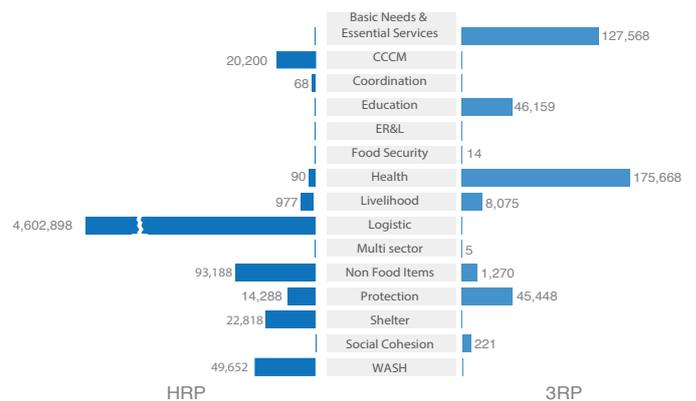
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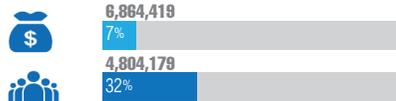


NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & KEY SECTORS OF ASSISTANCE



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

HRP - RESPONSE



NFI Distributions: From 1 to 31 July, IOM supported the distribution of 456 tents and 1,439 NFI kits. The tents were delivered to support the construction of emergency shelters in a camp to be established in coordination with the CCCM Cluster. Furthermore, there are ongoing distributions and monitoring elsewhere in northern Syria. In July, 4,658 newly arrived households were provided with NFI kits, kitchen sets, hygiene items and plastic sheets.

Protection: IOM's protection team and partners continued with the provision of integrated protection services in a number of reception centres inside Syria, reaching a total of 2,855 beneficiaries through Protection monitoring, child protection and psychosocial activities, GBV case management services and awareness sessions, and family tracing and reunification support.

Military operations in southern Syria in July caused the sudden displacement of over 200,000 individuals from Dar'a and Quneitra Governorates. Following the initial displacements nearly 150,000 IDPs returned to their home areas. Nevertheless, there were still nearly 50,000 new IDPs in Dar'a and close to 5,000 IDPs in Quneitra as of the end of July as a result of the military escalations. Furthermore, over 10,000 IDPs mainly from these governorates, were evacuated to northwest Syria.



Raed with his children outside his cousin's house. © IOM 2018

OVERVIEW

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

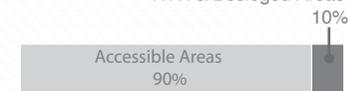


REACH BY SECTOR (DIRECT BENEFICIARIES)



REACH BY ACCESS STATUS

HTR & Besieged Areas



GEOGRAPHICAL REACH



Through Their Eyes

Um Laith is a mother of four, two boys and two girls. She is from Damascus, where she lived with her husband Mohammad and their children before the war. They had a two-bedroom house in a quiet neighbourhood.

In 2012, a siege was imposed on their area. Food slowly became more and more scarce and access to water and electricity was extremely limited. When they had an opportunity to escape, the family decided to leave. With nothing left to their names, they left without any idea of what lay ahead of them. "It was a big risk, but one we just had to take", explained Um Laith.

The family arrived in northern Syria and were provided assistance in a reception centre, which provides shelter, clean water, mental health and MHPSS services, special facilities for children and access to healthcare to newly displaced people like Um Laith and her family.

“It's a relief that my children, husband and I are in a safe place. It is a blessing for me to wake up in the morning and see them around me. I just wish we could live in our own house with the whole of our family. This is what we have missed during this time of war. I hope it will be possible again one day soon.”

SECTOR ICONS



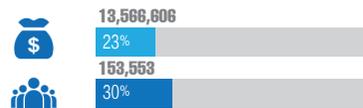
ABBREVIATIONS USED

CCCM - Camp Coordination and Camp Management
ER&L - Early Recovery and Livelihoods
HRP - Humanitarian Response Plan
IBC - International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation
IDP - Internally Displaced Persons

MHPSS - Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
NFI - Non-Food Items
WASH - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
3RP - Regional Refugee Response Plan

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

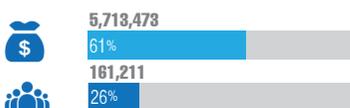
TURKEY



School Transportation Service: Summer schools transportation services (from refugees' homes to the summer schools) continued in Adana, Mersin, Sakarya and Hatay city. Nearly 5,000 students benefitted from the school transportation service between 1 and 31 July.

Social Support Services: Efforts to improve access to information for services available to refugees, increase overall wellbeing and building capacities of both refugee and host communities in the District of Sultanbeyli, Istanbul are on-going. During the reporting period, IBC implemented regular project activities including provision of essential information to Syrian refugees through a call centre located in Multeciler Association/Sultanbeyli Municipality premises; 125 people from Syrian refugees have benefitted from the service. Additionally, IBC provided Turkish and English Language courses to 45 Syrian refugees (16 females, 29 males) improving access to non-formal education for children, youth and parents in the IBC community centre. In July 2018, 1,300 beneficiaries were reached by IBC through services such as non-formal education services/vocational trainings, MHPSS, and legal assistance and information dissemination.

JORDAN



Transportation Assistance: During the reporting period, 293 Syrian refugees were provided with transportation assistance from Raba'a AlSarhan Transit Centre to Azraq (274) and Zadari (19) camps. As of 31 July 2018, IOM has transported 504,402 Syrian refugees from Raba'a AlSarhan Transit Centre to camps since transport operations began in July 2012.

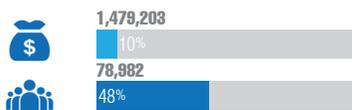
Border Management: IOM aims to support the Government of Jordan in enhancing the management of its north-eastern border through conducting tailored capacity building activities to improve border management knowledge of the Jordanian authorities. Support will also include the construction of office and accommodation spaces at approximately nine towers, as well as providing relevant equipment which will improve the living conditions of border officers deployed to the north-eastern border with Syria. Moreover, IOM will also enhance emergency health care preparedness of the Jordanian border authorities and provide equipment for the Royal Medical Services.

IRAQ



Health Awareness Sessions: IOM's emergency health team continues to conduct health awareness-raising sessions for Syrian refugees. Topics discussed include general personal hygiene, as well as signs and symptoms of communicable diseases, modes of transmission, treatment and preventive measures. Community leaders and focal points are also selected to relay key health messages to camp populations. Between 1 and 31 July, IOM's health team reached 81 individuals (48 females and 33 males) in Ninewa (Akre and areas close to Syrian refugees' schools) and Dohuk (Domiz camp and surrounding areas).

LEBANON

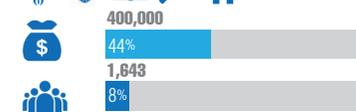


Promoting Peace and Stability in Northern Lebanon: With funds from the Canadian government, IOM has been implementing community stabilization interventions in Akkar, Tripoli, and Koura. These interventions aim to enhance targeted local communities' resilience, as well as reinforcing

local government and civil society's capacity to respond to priority needs. They also seek to mitigate tensions and avoid the escalation of conflicts mainly among the Lebanese and Syrian communities. Activities are implemented in partnership with multiple local NGOs, ranging from road rehabilitation, to neighbourhood upgrade, clean-up campaigns, and installation of security cameras. The project is ongoing and will be expanding to further regions in the North in the coming few months.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support: During this reporting period, IOM's MHPSS team conducted several activities with children, to strengthen their positive behaviours, and improve the way they deal with and communicate with others. The main activities involved various arts and crafts activities, sports events, and playing games. A total of 392 children participated

EGYPT



Health awareness activity in Domiz camp, Ninewa.
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