

# FACTSHEET

## Syria Regional Crisis July 2014



People in need of assistance: **9.3 million**



Refugees: **more than 2.6 million**

Internally displaced people: **6.5 million**



Expected number of refugees by December 2014: **4.1 million**

Women and children: **75%**



People fleeing Syria each day in 2013:  
**almost 5,000**

**Deaths** (March 2011-September 2013):

more than **100,000**

(UN stopped updating the death toll)



Every 13 seconds a Syrian becomes a refugee.

More than half of Syria's population is displaced or in need of assistance.

Zaatari refugee camp, with a population of some 80,000 people, is now the world's second largest refugee camp. Azraq refugee camp opened in April 2014 with a capacity to host up to 130,000 refugees. So far, more than 10,000 Syrians have sought shelter and safety in Azraq camp

In Lebanon, refugees account for more than a quarter of the population. In Jordan, the Syrian refugees make up for more than 10 percent of the population.

Most of the refugees in Jordan and Lebanon live in rented apartments or informal tented settlements in border towns or in the cities.



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### FUNDING

On Monday, 16 December 2013, the United Nations announced a new appeal for Syria – the largest ever to date, with total requirements reaching US\$6.5 billion for 2014. The UN has, in fact, revised its two main appeals upwards, the Syria Humanitarian Assistance Response Plan (SHARP) for people inside the country, and the Syria Regional Response Plan (RRP) for refugees in the region.

Funding requirements met for SHARP: **26%**

Funding requirements met for RRP: **27%**

CARE has secured less than 25% of the anticipated US\$200 million funding that we minimally need for our response.



### CARE URGES ALL PARTIES TO:

- seek a peaceful resolution to the conflict
- ensure the protection of civilians
- facilitate the delivery of lifesaving assistance to all those in need in Syria and the region
- ensure sufficient levels of aid funding to meet the mammoth needs of refugees and internally displaced people

CARE is aware that in all conflicts, women and girls are particularly vulnerable. Women and children account for more than three quarters of the refugees who have fled Syria. We call on all parties to ensure the protection of women.

CARE is working to scale up its response to help those most affected by the conflict.

We are collaborating with host country governments, the United Nations, and international and local organisations to help refugees and host communities meet their most urgent needs and protect their dignity (for more information on our response, please turn to page 2.)

# HOW WE RESPOND TO THE SYRIA CRISIS

CARE is providing life-saving services to Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt and to people affected by the crisis in Syria. Our support to families affected by the crisis in Syria is based on humanitarian needs alone, no matter which religion, political affiliation or ethnicity people belong to.

## JORDAN REGISTERED REFUGEES: 600,000+

CARE set up refugee centres in East Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, Azraq and Mafraq, as well as providing community services in the Azraq refugee camp. CARE volunteers, who are refugees themselves, assist in organizing and preparing distributions of relief supplies. We provide cash assistance to pay for basic living costs, including rent, food and essential household items. CARE also assists with vital information on how refugees can access further health, legal and social support. In addition, we are providing psychosocial assistance to women, men and children helping them to cope with their experience of violence, flight and loss of family and friends.

CARE has helped families in Jordan to cope during the cold winter, distributing cash to buy heaters, blankets and fuel refills to refugees. As host communities have also been severely impacted by increased accommodation and living costs, CARE works with most vulnerable host families to address their needs.

CARE Jordan focuses on supporting refugees in urban areas of Jordan. In addition, CARE has partnered with the UNHCR and other agencies to provide vital services at the Azraq refugee camp. CARE is responsible for providing necessary information to refugees as they arrive in the camp, run community centres with a variety of activities for women, men and children, as well as access to internet. CARE will provide psychosocial support and be a point of contact where refugees can come with any problem. CARE also identifies community leaders and organizes refugee committees so that they have a voice in camp decision making.



## LEBANON REGISTERED REFUGEES: 1,200,000+

In Lebanon, CARE meets refugees' most basic and pressing needs, mainly providing water, sanitation, shelter and cash assistance in Beirut and in the areas of Mount Lebanon and Tripoli.

This includes the improvement of drainage systems, distribution of sanitary items, and the provision of health education sessions. CARE also works with municipalities to improve water supply and sanitation infrastructure for refugees as well as for host communities.

In the winter, CARE helped families in the Mount Lebanon region and in the area around Tripoli to prepare for and cope with the cold winter, distributing cash, heaters, fuel vouchers, blankets and floor mats.



## EGYPT REGISTERED REFUGEES: 150,000+

CARE raises awareness among the refugees of sexual exploitation and other forms of gender-based violence to protect them from any form of abuse.

In collaboration with different partners and specialists, CARE empowers family members to oppose harmful practises.

CARE also assists refugees coping with their trauma through psychosocial programs and phone helplines for women and men who have faced gender based violence.

