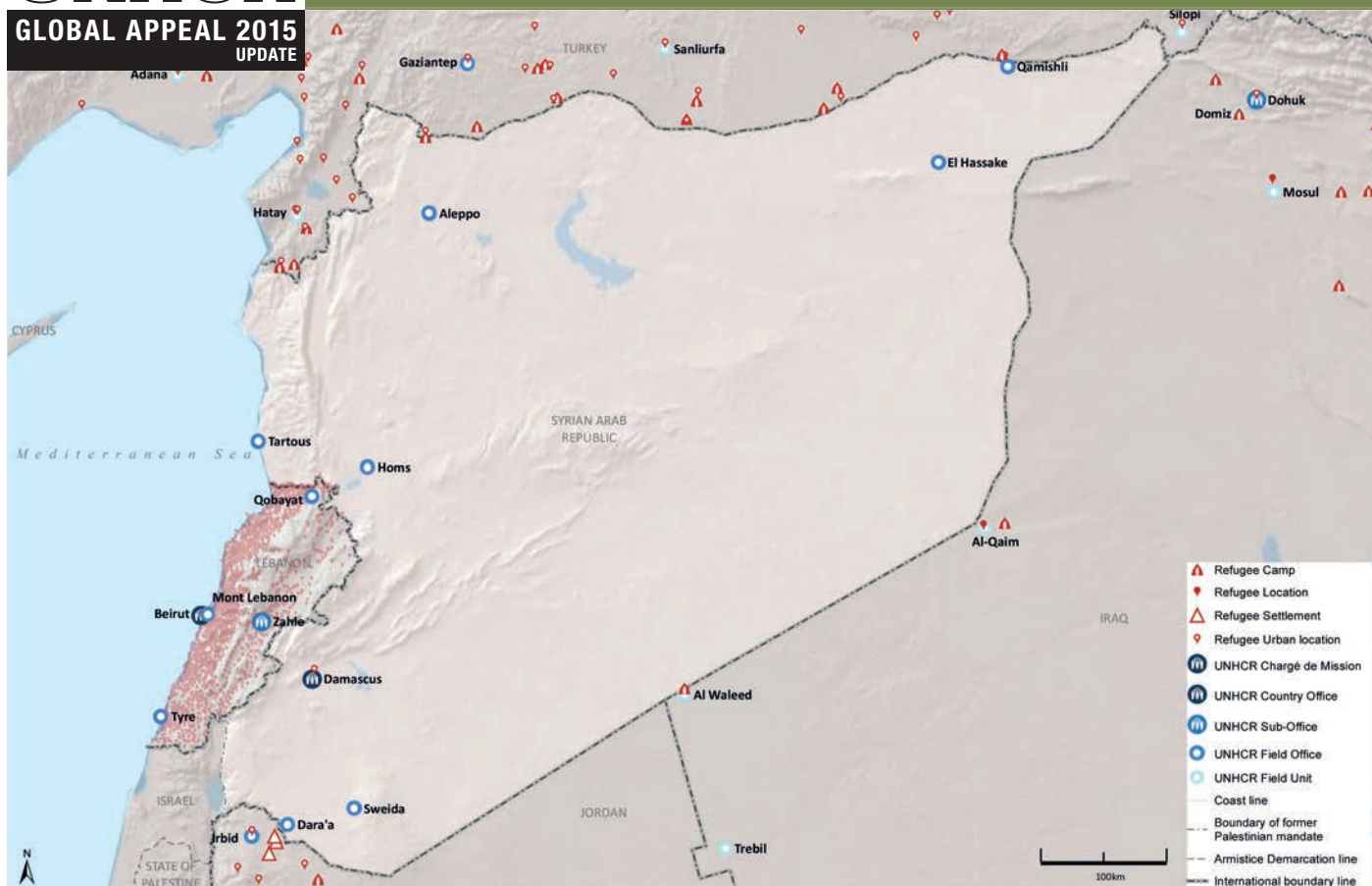




**UNHCR**

**GLOBAL APPEAL 2015 UPDATE**

# SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC



## Planned presence

<b>Number of offices</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total personnel</b>	<b>274</b>
International staff	52
National staff	69
JPOs	1
Others	152

## 2015 plan at a glance\*

<b>10.8 million</b>	OCHA estimation (mid-2014) of overall number of people affected by the conflict, including 6.5 million internally displaced
<b>USD 362.5 million</b>	Overall funding requirements
<b>4 million</b>	People of concern (PoC)* targeted to receive core relief items
<b>750,000</b>	PoC targeted to have access to primary health care and life-saving emergency interventions
<b>26,000</b>	Refugees and asylum-seekers targeted for assistance
<b>130,000</b>	IDPs targeted to benefit from shelter responses

\* All PoC figures refer to projected 2015 end-year information at time of planning (mid-2014)

## | Overview |

### Working environment

- With no political solution in sight and military confrontation continuing, the number of people affected by internal conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria) is likely to increase in 2015.
- The likely ongoing destruction of infrastructure, along with shifting conflict lines and high levels of insecurity and violence, continue to restrict humanitarian access. The delivery of basic services in many parts of the country has also been affected, reducing or severely damaging Syrians' livelihoods. The scale of destruction of homes and livelihoods presents a major obstacle to return and reintegration efforts.
- Under the inter-agency framework of the Syrian Humanitarian

Assistance Response Plan (SHARP), UNHCR will strive to deliver its programmes to people of concern irrespective of their location, including through cross-line and cross-border activities. It will take a lead role in the protection, shelter and non-food item (NFI) sectors, also using its experience and expertise in the health, education and livelihoods sectors.

- The deteriorating humanitarian situation in neighbouring Iraq prompted an influx of Iraqi refugees into north-eastern Syria in 2014. UNHCR will pursue its overall protection and assistance programme for refugees in Syria, with the addition of a refugee camp in the governorate of Hassakeh.

- As UN Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014) and 2165 (2014) aim to improve access to affected populations, the

Office will continue expanding its outreach capacity, including through more national partners. To this end, UNHCR will

maintain its eight field offices, to ensure a presence and access to the IDPs, as well as to maintain response and monitoring capacity.

## People of concern

By mid-2014, OCHA estimated that 10.8 million of Syria's 22 million population was affected by the conflict and in need of humanitarian assistance, including 6.5 million internally displaced, often multiple times – 50 per cent more than in 2013. If a comprehensive political solution is not reached, the number affected is expected to grow in 2015.

Syria is hosting more than 33,000 asylum-seekers and refugees mainly from Iraq, with smaller numbers coming from Afghanistan and Somalia. Though a significant decrease from previous years, this trend may be reversed in 2015 if there are any new arrivals of Iraqi refugees. In August 2014, approximately 95,000 people displaced by violence in Iraq entered the north-eastern Hassakeh governorate, although the majority proceeded onwards to the Kurdistan region to seek safety.

### Planning figures<sup>1</sup>

Type of population	Origin	Jan 2015		Dec 2015	
		Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR
<b>Refugees</b>	Afghanistan	1,200	1,200	1,000	1,000
	Iraq <sup>2</sup>	126,580	24,500	113,670	22,000
	Somalia	900	900	800	800
	Various	600	600	500	500
<b>Asylum-seekers</b>	Afghanistan	120	120	80	80
	Iraq	850	850	740	740
	Sudan	400	400	290	290
	Various	740	740	590	590
<b>Internally displaced</b>	Syrian Arab Rep.	6,500,000	3,500,000	6,500,000	4,000,000
<b>Stateless</b>	Stateless	150,000	-	140,000	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,781,380</b>	<b>3,529,300</b>	<b>6,757,670</b>	<b>4,026,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> PoC planning figures in the table above are based on trends and registration data from early 2014. In light of the evolving situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq, updated projections will be presented in any forthcoming appeals for supplementary requirements in 2015 for the Syria and Iraq situations, including the 2015 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP).

<sup>2</sup> Refugee figure for Iraqis is a Government estimate.

## | Response |

### Needs and strategies

With the conflict anticipated to continue in 2015, life-saving humanitarian interventions are at the core of UNHCR's strategy in Syria. Building on its long-term presence there, the field-based office structure was expanded in 2014 to improve access to people of concern, including across conflict lines and borders.

To support IDPs, UNHCR will continue its inter-agency coordination role in protection and community services, as well as CCCM, shelter and NFI sectors, providing essential humanitarian assistance for extremely vulnerable individuals and families. UNHCR will also

use its experience and expertise to provide life-saving health assistance and cover gaps.

Ensuring basic protection for asylum-seekers and refugees in Syria, providing monthly cash grants to urban refugees, and adopting a multi-sector approach in the north-eastern camp(s), will also be priorities in 2015. UNHCR will maintain its resettlement programme, at a relatively low scale, as a key element of its durable solutions strategy for those in a protracted refugee situation.

## Main objectives and targets for 2015

The following matrix contains examples of some of the main activities planned in 2015.

Using a selection of objectives from UNHCR's programme plans for the 2014-2015 biennium, it is designed to illustrate:

- what - under the global needs assessment planning and prioritization process - has been planned (**Planned activities**) for particular groups of people of concern (**People of concern**);
- the identified needs that can be covered if full and flexible funding is made available (**2015 comprehensive target**); and
- the needs that may not be met if funding falls short of the ExCom-approved budget (**Potential gap**). The estimation of a potential gap is based on the country operation's own assessment of the likely impact of a global funding shortfall. Calculations are based on various criteria, including the particular context,

strategic priorities and experience of resource availability for the respective area of activity in previous years.

Activities under objectives on child protection (including best interest determination), education and prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) are core areas which are given priority in the allocation of funding (priority area). In order to ensure the necessary flexibility in the allocation of funds, UNHCR relies on unrestricted contributions from its donors.

It should be understood that in some cases, targets for activities or delivery of services may not be reached for reasons other than a funding shortfall, e.g. lack of access to people of concern, cases not reported, changing circumstances, security problems, insufficient capacity to implement all programmes planned, etc. In the Global Report 2015, an explanation of why any target may not have been reached will be provided.

Planned activities	People of concern (PoC)	2015 comprehensive target	Potential gap
<b>BASIC NEEDS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES</b>			
<b>Population has sufficient basic and domestic items</b>			
Many of the millions who have been displaced have left behind their assets and belongings, increasing their reliance on host communities and humanitarian aid to survive. The provision of core relief items (CRIs) will remain a core component of UNHCR's IDP response. Available data analysis shows that the majority of people in need of CRIs are women and children.			
Number of households receiving CRIs	IDPs and affected populations	800,000	600,000
<b>Services for people with specific needs strengthened</b>			
UNHCR aims to support people with specific needs through a network of 20 community centres in 10 governorates. The centres will provide social services, such as job orientation and physiological support, and will have a referral system for those who cannot be supported in situ.			
UNHCR's financial assistance programme aims to provide targeted protective support to vulnerable individuals and families. The amount will be determined by specific needs and vulnerabilities, as well as the cost of living by the end of 2014.			
Number of PoC receiving cash grants	IDPs and affected populations	110,000	60,000
Number of PoC with specific needs receiving support (non-cash)	IDPs and affected populations	200,000	100,000
<b>Shelter and infrastructure established, improved and maintained</b>			
In 2015, the shelter strategy foresees the rehabilitation of 100 collective shelters, the upgrade of 10,000 private shelters, the provision of 200 transitional structures and a self-help based cash and voucher programme for 6,000 families.			
Number of emergency shelters provided	IDPs and affected populations	10,000	5,750
Number of PoC receiving emergency shelter	IDPs and affected populations	110,000	71,500

Planned activities	People of concern (PoC)	2015 comprehensive target	Potential gap
<b>SECURITY FROM VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION</b>			
<b>Risk of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is reduced and quality of response improved</b>			
<p>UNHCR's SGBV interventions will focus on mainstreaming awareness and response through all partnerships at different levels.</p> <p>The organization will strengthen community participation in preventing and responding to SGBV by empowering and building the capacity of partners' outreach volunteers, as well as introducing basic psychological and social services and legal aid to community centres.</p> <p>UNHCR will ensure IDPs can access existing safe houses and will support a local NGO-run safe house that provides comprehensive services and reintegration programmes for survivors.</p>			
<b>Number of reported SGBV incidents for which survivors receive legal assistance</b>	<b>IDPs and affected populations</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>priority area</b>
<b>Number of awareness-raising campaigns on SGBV prevention and response conducted</b>	<b>IDPs and affected populations</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>priority area</b>
<b>DURABLE SOLUTIONS</b>			
<b>Potential for resettlement realized</b>			
<p>In 2015, it is estimated that 7,600 refugees of all nationalities will need resettlement. UNHCR will continue: providing resettlement opportunities; maintaining innovative ways to process refugees' interviews, including with video conference facilities; transferring refugees to emergency transit facilities; and, possibly, facilitating departures via neighbouring countries.</p>			
<b>Number of people for whom UNHCR made interventions to facilitate their departures</b>	<b>Refugees and asylum-seekers</b>	<b>4,193</b>	<b>0 gap</b>
<b>Number of resettlement registration forms submitted</b>	<b>Refugees and asylum-seekers</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>0 gap</b>

## | Implementation |

### Coordination

UNHCR will continue to be the lead agency for protection, camp coordination and camp management, NFIs and shelter, in Syria. The Office will continue to coordinate with key ministries involved in humanitarian work in Syria. The Syrian Arab Red Crescent will remain

a key partner in the delivery of CRIs, while UNHCR will continue to identify and strengthen other national partners in order to broaden its community outreach capacity.

## Partners

### Implementing partners

#### Government agencies:

Governorate of Hassakeh, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Local Administration and Environment

#### NGOs:

*Al Batoul*, *Al Nada* Development, *Al Ta'aluf*, *Al Tamayouz* Cooperative Society, Danish Refugee Council, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate for Antioch and All the East, International Medical Corps, *Première Urgence – Aide Médicale Internationale*, *Secours Islamique France*, the Syrian Society for Social Development, The Syria Trust for Development

#### Others:

Syrian Arab Red Crescent, UNOPS

### Operational partners

#### Government agencies:

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Affairs

#### NGOs:

*Al Aoun* Charitable Society, *Al Birr*, Child Care Association

#### Others:

ICRC, UNICEF, WFP, WHO

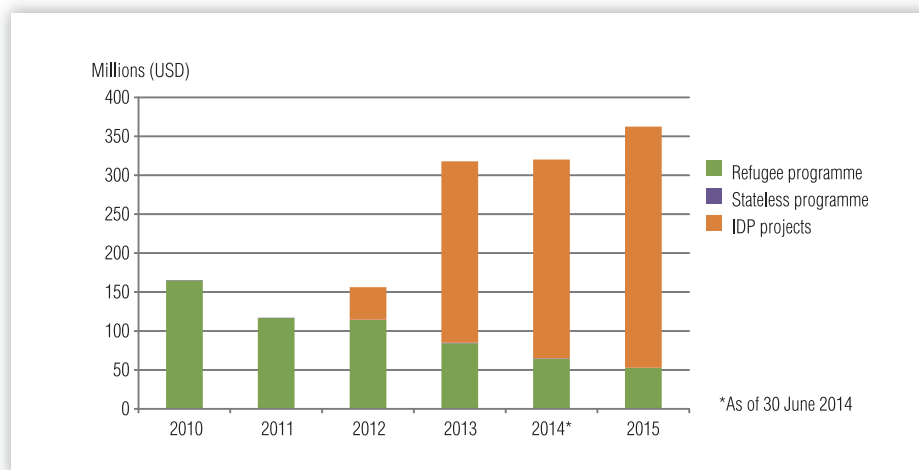
## | Financial information |

UNHCR's financial requirements for Syria increased from USD 116.9 million in 2011 to USD 320.2 million in 2014. While the refugee programme budget fell from USD 114 million to USD 64.3 million and IDP projects started in 2012 with USD 41.7 million budget to USD 309.8 million by mid of 2014.

As the scale and needs of Syria's IDP population will require substantial funding, UNHCR has set its 2015 financial requirements at USD 362.5 million. Any shortfall will affect a wide range of activities directly contributing to the welfare of those of concern.

In light of the evolving situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and in Iraq, any changes in requirements for the IDP response will be presented in the 2015 Syria Strategic Response Plan and in a supplementary appeal for the Iraq situation regarding the refugee response.

### Budgets for the Syrian Arab Republic | 2010–2015



## 2015 budget for the Syrian Arab Republic | USD

Budget breakdown	PILLAR 1 Refugee programme	PILLAR 2 Stateless programme	PILLAR 4 IDP projects	Total
<b>2014 revised budget (as of 30 June 2014)</b>	<b>64,340,792</b>	<b>578,338</b>	<b>255,304,352</b>	<b>320,223,482</b>
<b>Favourable protection environment</b>				
Law and policy	339,812	0	0	<b>339,812</b>
Access to legal assistance and remedies	249,812	0	2,110,569	<b>2,360,382</b>
Access to territory and <i>refoulement</i> risk reduced	119,906	0	0	<b>119,906</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>709,531</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,110,569</b>	<b>2,820,100</b>
<b>Fair protection processes and documentation</b>				
Reception conditions	204,812	0	0	<b>204,812</b>
Registration and profiling	388,718	0	0	<b>388,718</b>
Status determination procedures	304,812	0	0	<b>304,812</b>
Individual documentation	154,906	0	0	<b>154,906</b>
Civil registration and status documentation	119,906	0	0	<b>119,906</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,173,155</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,173,155</b>
<b>Security from violence and exploitation</b>				
Protection from effects of armed conflict	0	0	2,708,524	<b>2,708,524</b>
Prevention and response to SGBV	574,625	0	3,910,950	<b>4,485,574</b>
Freedom of movement and detention risk reduced	234,812	0	0	<b>234,812</b>
Protection of children	1,988,047	0	3,014,070	<b>5,002,117</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,797,484</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,633,544</b>	<b>12,431,028</b>
<b>Basic needs and essential services</b>				
Health	7,847,031	0	16,930,679	<b>24,777,710</b>
Shelter and infrastructure	0	0	30,030,679	<b>30,030,679</b>
Basic and domestic items	12,861,016	0	200,476,893	<b>213,337,909</b>
Services for people with specific needs	14,886,478	0	11,478,679	<b>26,365,157</b>
Education	3,883,047	0	9,645,963	<b>13,529,010</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>39,477,572</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>268,562,892</b>	<b>308,040,464</b>
<b>Community empowerment and self-reliance</b>				
Community mobilization	684,718	0	4,855,679	<b>5,540,397</b>
Self-reliance and livelihood activities	2,672,031	0	5,003,786	<b>7,675,817</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,356,750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,859,464</b>	<b>13,216,214</b>
<b>Durable solutions</b>				
Voluntary return	909,718	0	0	<b>909,718</b>
Resettlement	754,718	0	0	<b>754,718</b>
Reduction of statelessness	0	179,730	0	<b>179,730</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,664,437</b>	<b>179,730</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,844,167</b>
<b>Leadership, coordination and partnerships</b>				
Donor relations and resource mobilization	207,031	0	1,447,178	<b>1,654,209</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>207,031</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,447,178</b>	<b>1,654,209</b>
<b>Logistics and operations support</b>				
Logistics and supply	0	0	13,187,856	<b>13,187,856</b>
Operations management, coordination and support	3,172,031	0	4,976,893	<b>8,148,924</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,172,031</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,164,749</b>	<b>21,336,780</b>
<b>2015 total budget</b>	<b>52,557,990</b>	<b>179,730</b>	<b>309,778,397</b>	<b>362,516,117</b>