

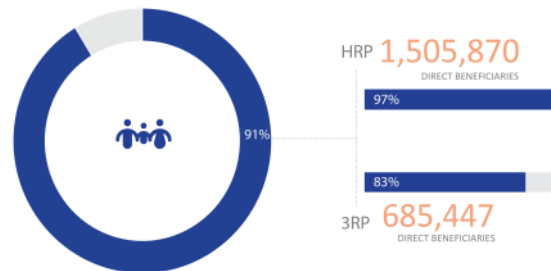
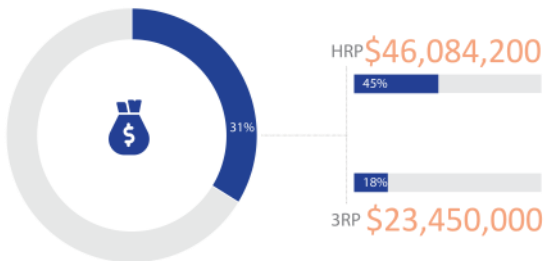


Fatima is learning sewing and knitting skills during IOM recreational activities organized for children in Northwest Syria camps ©IOM Türkiye.

People Assisted

\$69.5 M funding received from \$223.7 M target

2.1 M individuals assisted from 2.3 M target



After almost 12 years, the crisis in Syria continues to affect the lives of millions. According to UN estimates, there are more than 15.3 million people in dire need of humanitarian assistance (Humanitarian Needs Overview 2023), 6.6 million people are internally displaced country wide (Humanitarian Needs Assessment Programme 2022), while 5.3 million Syrians are registered as refugees in neighboring countries (UNHCR 2023). Affected populations face mounting challenges due to prolonged and protracted displacement, poor living conditions, restricted economic opportunities, and limited humanitarian access.

In 2022, IOM appealed for more than \$233 million to support the most vulnerable individuals in Syria and neighboring countries; Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. With \$69,534,200 million raised through donors across the world, IOM and its partners were able to provide support to more than 2.1 million individuals affected by the Syria crisis.

Support ranged from the provision of lifesaving assistance such as shelter, food, water, and healthcare, to increasing access to basic services, livelihoods, education, legal aid, psychosocial support, and social cohesion.

PEOPLE REACHED PER COUNTRY

Syria	1,505,870
Türkiye	403,966
Lebanon	160,373
Jordan	121,108
Total	2.1 M

In Syria

Humanitarian needs across Syria remain widespread. In Northwest Syria (NWS) alone, more than 4.1 million people continue to need humanitarian assistance, 97 per cent of the population lives in extreme poverty and over 80 per cent is food insecure (Humanitarian Needs Overview). Displaced persons continue to endure extremely difficult living conditions, with limited access to basic needs, livelihood, health, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities.

Throughout 2022, IOM and its partners on the ground in NWS supported 787,355 individuals with direct assistance. Life-saving assistance has included tents, blankets, and plastic sheets, soap and sanitary pads, food and non-food items (NFIs) and multi-purposes cash assistance. IOM also improved health care access for vulnerable individuals through supporting primary and mobile health care facilities. The provided care services included basic trauma and injury care, sexual and reproductive health, child health, basic nutrition services, basic mental health, and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services. Additionally, IOM provided 11 ventilators to assigned COVID-19 hospitals in the Azaz district and supported 100 mobile vaccination teams with non-medical equipment.

IOM, through its implementing partners, provided shelter and non-food items (NFIs) to 77,768 vulnerable households both in the form of cash assistance and in-kind distributions. IOM also supported 7,000 individuals with business skills training and business grants to establish or expand their independent businesses, provided vocational training in key sectors and enrolled beneficiaries in short-term income-generating opportunities via Cash for Work (CfW) activities to increase their access to livelihoods opportunities.

IOM reached 349,393 individuals with WASH activities, including through water trucking, cleaning, desludging, solid waste management, hygiene promotion, maintenance of WASH facilities. IOM constructed roads and drainage systems to improve informal sites access to flood mitigation mechanisms.

To protect the most vulnerable individuals inside Syria, IOM activities also included gender-based violence prevention and response services, child protection services, legal counselling, individual protection assistance, and mental health and psychosocial support. IOM also continued to maintain the interagency Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network, through outreach and coordination activities and the establishment of a network of 128 new focal points. Throughout the year, 15 trainings on Gender in Humanitarian Action, Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), and PSEAH were carried out for humanitarian practitioners in Syria.

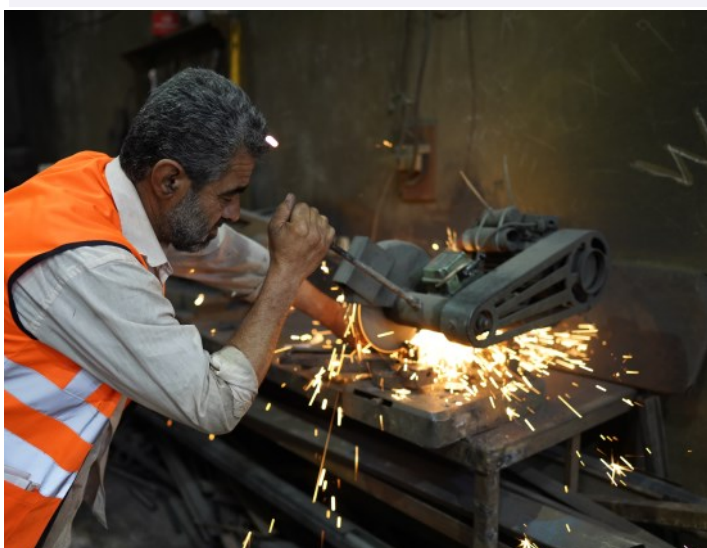
77,768 PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH SHELTER

171,802 PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH CCCM ASSISTANCE

349,393 PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH WATER, HYGIENE & SANITATION SERVICES

8,344 PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH DIRECT SERVICE PROVISION

7,123 PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH EARLY RECOVERY ASSISTANCE



Abu Abdo is temporarily employed as part of IOM's cash-for-work project in northwest Syria ©IOM Türkiye.



A woman with her child is seeing doctors at an IOM-supported clinic in northwest Syria camp ©IOM Türkiye.

Voices from Northwest Syria

"I don't even worry about my wheelchair because I can drive it easily now".

Ahmed was one from among many of the internally displaced persons in northwest Syria who benefitted from the IOM- Qatar Fund for Development flood response project in Northwest Syria. With the newly-constructed roads and drainage system, Ahmed now uses his wheelchair without any barriers – he can leave his tent and move around the camp without drowning in the mud after heavy rains and snowstorms.

Happiness could be seen on the faces of IDPs in the camp as they watched the humanitarian workers during the implementation of the flood response project and looked forward to its completion.

"In the coming winter, we hope that the situation will get better, as the roads were graveled, the drainage system was established, and our tents will not be flooded with rainwater after raising the ground of the tents," Nour said. "I hope that my children will be able to complete their education and go to school without obstacles", he added.

With the generous funding from the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), IOM implemented a flood response project 'Life-saving flood response in Northwest Syria'. The overall aim of the project was to improve the living conditions for IDPs living in informal sites through flood response intervention that reduces the impact of harsh weather conditions and flood incidents. The intervention targeted 13 sites with improved essential infrastructure that will benefit over 24,000 people.



Ahmed now uses his wheelchair without any barriers after IOM-QFFD Flood Response Project in Northwest Syria Camps ©IOM Türkiye.

Across the Region



Turkish and Syrian women learn the art of creating mosaics at IOM workshop ©IOM Türkiye.

91,583 PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH PROTECTION SERVICES

239,166 PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH HEALTH ASSISTANCE

31,239 PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH EDUCATION AND LIVELIHOOD SERVICES

Across the region, there are more than 5.3 million registered Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries (UNHCR). Türkiye continues to host the majority of Syrian refugees followed by Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt. Both refugees and host communities continue to face challenges accessing sustainable livelihoods and basic services.

In 2022, IOM provided humanitarian assistance to more than 685,000 Syrian refugees and vulnerable host community members. Programmes were coordinated with the communities they served and aimed to address urgent needs while supporting longer-term resilience.

In Türkiye, IOM supported 293,831 vulnerable individuals with cash assistance, non-food items and hygiene kits to meet their basic needs. Moreover, IOM provided more than 80,000 refugees with a wide range of services to improve their access to case management services, mental health and psychosocial support and legal information. To enhance refugees and host community members' privacy and protection, IOM rehabilitated 430 shelters in various provinces. IOM also organized language courses, vocational trainings, and business start-up cash grants to strengthen refugees' integration into their host communities.

In Lebanon, IOM provided over 120,000 individuals with health care services and tailored hygiene kits in response to the recent Cholera outbreak. Also, IOM conducted livelihood activities such as the cash for work activities and business grants for more than 2,000 refugees and host communities' members. Moreover, IOM supported the resettlement of almost 10,000 refugees from Lebanon to 20 different countries in coordination with UNHCR, with providing pre-departure orientation and other necessary pre-departure services.

In Jordan, IOM provided monthly multi-purpose and winterization cash assistance to help more than 4,000 individuals to cover their basic needs. Protection assistance, through both case management and emergency cash assistance for Gender Based Violence survivors, assisted more than 250 cases in 2022. Moreover, IOM provided more than 116,000 vulnerable refugees with health care services and continued to raise awareness on COVID-19 and provided crucial Tuberculosis (TB) and HIV interventions. Acknowledging the need for sustainable livelihood solutions, IOM supported Syrian refugees and Jordanian women with business grants and entrepreneurship trainings. For family reunification purposes, IOM provided transportation assistance for 132 Syrian refugees between refugees' camps.

In Iraq, IOM conducted information gathering on cross-border movements to track and monitor population displacement. The gathered information helps to disseminate a wide array of information products that facilitate a better understanding of the evolving needs of displaced persons.

Voices from Across the Region

In 2012, Bara'ah and her family moved to Jordan after the Syria crisis. They tried to reopen their business, but it was very hard as they could barely maintain their household basic needs.

Nevertheless, things started to change once Bara'ah participated in one of IOM livelihood projects. In Jordan, IOM has implemented a pilot economic empowerment and resilience project funded by the Government of Kuwait to address the economic hardships faced by Syrian refugees. Throughout the project, IOM provided cash grants to 32 Syrian beneficiaries, a grant worth USD 2,000 to grow their business, in addition to the monthly cash assistance to cover their basic needs, based on the viability of their business plan, and their capacity to implement it.

As the economic collapse continues to impoverish communities throughout Lebanon, Syrian refugees and Lebanese struggle to cope with unemployment depression.

Malek is one of 400 Syrians and Lebanese who joined IOM's Cash-for-Work programme (CfW) which enables people to generate temporary income through restoring public spaces while at the same time it strengthens social cohesion between Lebanese and Syrians in the northern parts of Lebanon.

The Cash for Work programme is one of the three main components of the Japanese-funded project "Enhancing Community Stability, Livelihood Provision and Health Assistance to Vulnerable Communities". It also provides health care assistance to vulnerable individuals and community support.



Promoting economic empowerment and resilience among refugees in Jordan ©IOM Jordan.



Syrians and Lebanese individuals join IOM's Cash-for-Work programme to generate temporary income ©IOM Lebanon.

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