GRAVE VIOLATIONS AGAINST CHILDREN IN SYRIA

- Children Killed: 6,409
- Children Injured: 5,503
- Children used or recruited into the fighting: 5,737
- Attacks on education facilities and personnel: 723
- Attacks on medical facilities and personnel: 640

Nearly 12,000 children verified killed and injured during the last 10 years.
CHILDREN BORN INTO WAR

Nearly 6 million children were born since the start of the war in Syria in 2011:

- 4.8 million children inside Syria
- 1 million children in neighbouring countries

CHILDREN IN NEED

Over 8.5 million children:

- 6.1 million children inside Syria
- 2.5 million child refugees in neighbouring countries

2.6 MILLION CHILDREN internally displaced

In the northwest of Syria, a total of 566,000 children remain displaced since December 2019:

- 1.2 m in 2012
- 3 m in 2013
- 3.5 m in 2014
- 2.8 m in 2015
- 2.4 m in 2016
- 2.8 m in 2017
- 2.6 m in 2018
- 2.6 m in 2019
- 2.6 m in 2020

2.5 MILLION CHILDREN from Syria registered as refugees

84% of all Syrian refugees around the world live in neighbouring countries:

- 2.5 million children

NUMBER OF REFUGEE CHILDREN in neighbouring countries

Over 2.5 million children

- Turkey: 1.6 million
- Lebanon: over 481,000
- Iraq: over 104,000
- Jordan: over 323,000
- Egypt: over 52,000
- North Africa: over 14,000

More than 13 million people in Syria need humanitarian assistance, 20% increase in the past year alone.

Over 2.6 million children in need inside Syria.

Nearly 6 million children were born since the start of the war in Syria in 2011.

Over 2.5 million children from Syria registered as refugees.
**EXTREME SURVIVAL MEASURES**

**FOOD INSECURITY, MENTAL HEALTH, EARLY MARRIAGE, AND CHILD LABOUR**

**INSIDE SYRIA**

Nearly **80%** of people live in poverty

- **65%** of Syrians report they are unable to meet basic needs of their household
- The price of the average food basket increased by **236%** in December 2020 compared to December 2019
- **9.3 million** people are food insecure, **2 million** more people at risk of food insecurity, an increase of **42%** during 2020
- **78%** of the value of the Syrian currency dropped in 2020
- Hyperinflation and deepening poverty are forcing families to adopt harmful coping mechanisms. Families are sending their children to work, and girls especially are at the risk of early or forced marriage
- More than **1/4** of households report that children show signs of psychological distress in 2020, almost double the previous figure

**IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES**

- **The COVID-19 pandemic and other crises have resulted in a loss of eight to 15 percentage points in real GDP.** This places more people at the risk of poverty, particularly informal sector workers
- Nutrition has been a growing need in Lebanon with the percentage of households with poor or borderline food consumption doubling in 2020
- Overall, the region’s 2020 GDP growth has been downgraded by **7.4%** on average
- **35%** of Syrians and more than **17%** of Jordanians have permanently lost their jobs. Over 92 per cent of Syrian households reported a decrease in their income.
EDUCATION

3.2 million children out of school

**INSIDE SYRIA**

- 2.45 million children are out of school
- 40% are girls
- 1 in 3 schools cannot be used because they have been destroyed, damaged, shelter displaced families, or are being used for military purposes
- 15% of school aged children have disabilities

**IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES**

Nearly 750,000 Syrian refugee children are out of school, approximately one out of three Syrian refugee school-age children

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

**INSIDE SYRIA**

- HALF A MILLION children are chronically malnourished
- 137,000 children under the age of five are suffering from acute malnutrition
- HALF of the hospitals and primary health care centres are functional

**IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES**

Since COVID-19 started in Iraq, 60% of Syrian refugee households reported needing access to health services and hospitals

In Lebanon, around 60% of Syrian refugee families reported shortage of medicine as one of the main problems, they are facing in relation to COVID-19
Endnotes
1 Reports of the SRSG CAAC for Syria, and UNICEF MENA 2021.
3 3RPs – Regional Refugees and Resilience Plan, 2019.
6 UNHCR Data Portal February 2021
7 OCHA 2021.
8 OCHA 2021.
9 OCHA 2021.
10 WFP 2021.
11 WFP December 2020.
12 UNICEF Whole of Syria Year-End Sitrep 2020.
13 OCHA 2021
14 3RP Regional Needs Overview 2021.
15 3RP Regional Needs Overview 2021
16 3RP Regional Needs Overview.
17 Impact of COVID19- on Syrian refugees and host communities in Jordan and Lebanon- May 2020
19 OCHA 2021.
22 OCHA 2021.
23 3RP Regional Needs Overview 2021.
24 3RP Regional Needs Overview 2021.
25 UNICEF Syria Crisis Jan-Dec 2020 Humanitarian results, and Whole of Syria Year-End 2020 Humanitarian results.

For more information:

Juliette Touma | Regional Chief of Communications | Tel: + 962-79-867-4628 | Email: jtouma@unicef.org
Hasan Nabulsi | Communication Officer | Tel: +962-79-1368405 | Email: hnbulsi@unicef.org
Salim Oweis | Communication Officer | Tel: +962-79-936-5212 | Email: soweis@unicef.org

Follow UNICEF on


https://www.linkedin.com/company/unicef-mena  https://www.youtube.com/user/unicefmena

United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa
15 Abdel Qader Al-Abed Street | P. O. Box 1551
Amman 11821 Jordan | Tel: +962-550-2400
www.unicef.org/mena | menaro_info@unicef.org