



SYRIA

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FAST FACTS
CHILDREN
AND THE SYRIA
REGIONAL CRISIS
11 YEARS ON

MARCH 2022

unicef  | for every child

Grave violations against children in Syria¹



Children killed



Children injured



Children used or recruited into the fighting



Attacks on education facilities and personnel



Attacks on medical facilities and personnel

2021

424

474

1,296

28

17

511

699

813

61

29

2019

903

568

841

155

105

1,189

776

841

124

143

2017

1,184

542

1,185

84

114

940

814

1,037

107

123

2015

877

1,048

539

81

56

519

866

352

79

38

2013

147

116

61

19

18

133

59

64

12

9

2011

6

15

4

1

5

6,833

5,977

7,033

751

657

2020

2018

2016

2014

2012



Children in need²

**OVER 12.3
MILLION CHILDREN**

6.5 million children
inside Syria

5.8 million children
In neighbouring countries*

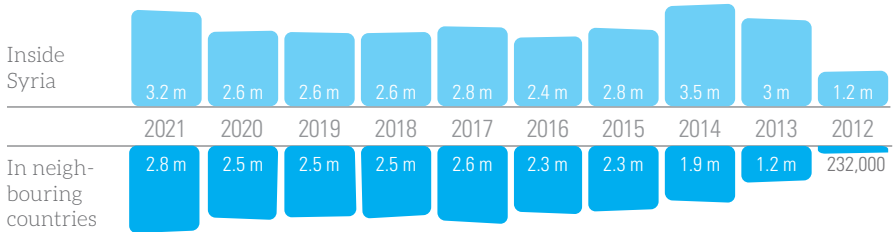
*Number of children in need including from host communities



Displacement

Over 3.2 million children internally **displaced inside Syria**
making up nearly half of displaced people in Syria.

In the northwest of Syria, a total of 2.8 million people, remain displaced³.

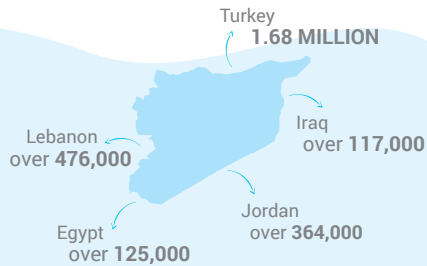


Nearly 2.8 million children from Syria registered as refugees
in neighbouring countries

**Number of refugee
children in neighbouring
countries⁴**



**2,765,447
CHILDREN**



Children born into war

**NEARLY 6
MILLION CHILDREN**
were born since the start of
the crisis in Syria in 2011

4.8 million children
inside Syria⁵

1 million children
In neighbouring countries⁶

Extreme survival measures

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Over **90%** of people in Syria live in poverty.⁷



85% of internally displaced households have taken on more debt to cope with poor living conditions.⁸

The price of the average food basket increased by

97% in December 2021 compared to December 2020.⁹



12 million people (54 per cent of the population) are food insecure. An increase of 51 per cent since 2019.¹⁰

The value of Syrian currency dropped by

36% since September 2020.¹¹



Only **2%** of heads of households

confirmed their ability to meet the basic needs of all members¹²



Deteriorating living conditions are forcing families to adopt harmful coping mechanisms across Syria. Families are sending their children to work instead of school. Girls and boys face the risk of early or forced marriage.

17% of internally displaced households report **one or more out-of-school children** in their household.¹³



1/3 of the households report that children show signs of psychological distress.¹⁴

IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES



In Jordan, the COVID-19 crisis increased poverty by around **38 percentage points** among Jordanians, and by **18 percentage points** among Syrian who were already in a worse situation.¹⁵



The region's GDP recovery in 2021 has been at a slow rate, **with Lebanon still suffering a loss of 8.5 per cent of its GDP.**¹⁶

Health and Nutrition

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20% of children under five years

old are either chronically or acutely malnourished.¹⁸



Intensive Care Units (ICU) at COVID-19 hospitals reached up to

93% of their occupancy rate¹⁹

Only  **Half** of the medical facilities are functioning.¹⁷

IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

In Jordan, only **2%** of refugee households can meet their essential food needs **79%** designated food as their top need, mostly because of a lack of money.²⁰



Over **1 in 5** Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon have disabilities.²¹

Education

OVER 3.2 MILLION SYRIAN CHILDREN

are out of school inside Syria and in the neighbouring countries

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2.45 million children are out of school (40 per cent are girls).²²



15% of school aged children have disabilities.²³

1 in 3

schools cannot be used because they have been destroyed, damaged, are sheltering displaced families, or are being used for military purposes



IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES



Nearly **750,000** Syrian refugee children are out of school. (Approximately one out of three Syrian refugee school-age children)²⁴

Highlights of UNICEF's Response

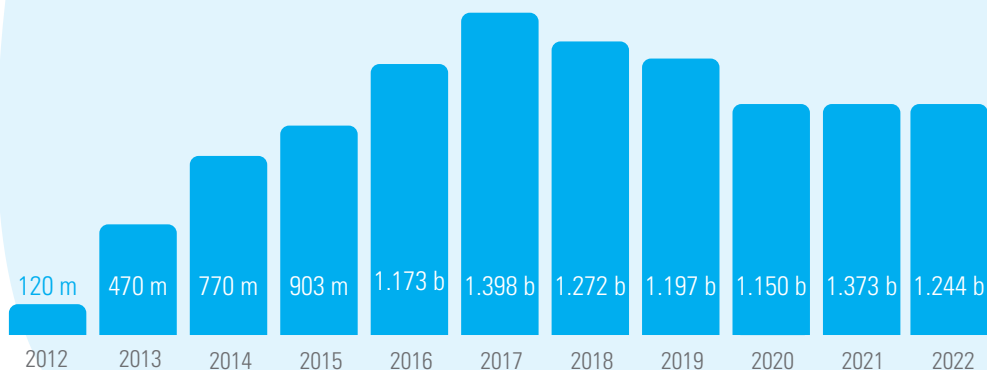
in Syria neighbouring countries in 2021²⁵

- › **Over 20.2 million children** immunized against childhood diseases.
- › **Over 124 million** were reached through Risk Communication and Community Engagement activities and messaging on the prevention of COVID-19.
- › Since the beginning of the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines, UNICEF delivered over **84.6 million doses to Syria and the neighboring countries** through the COVAX facility.
- › **Over 4.5 million people** had safe water through improvements to water supply systems.
- › **Nearly 3.7 million children** received formal and non-formal education.
- › **Over half a million (507,900) children** reached with psychosocial support.












UNICEF's FUNDING Appeals

over the years for Syria and neighbouring countries²⁶



UNICEF's funding requirements for 2022

Sector	US \$
 Education	611.5 million
 Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	243.8 million
 Child Protection, GBVIE and PSEA	130.7 million
 Health and Nutrition	106.4 million
 Adolescents and Youth	74.2 million
 Social Protection and cash transfers	60.7 million
 Cross-Sectoral (HCT, C4D, RCCE and AAP)	7.2 million
 Cluster coordination	7 million
 Basic Needs and winter response	3 million

Total: 1.244 billion US\$



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