

Syria Response Situation Report

World Vision Syria Response | July to September 2022

World Vision Syria Response managed

Syria: **USD 3,822,767.00** → **9 donors, 18 projects**
 Jordan: **USD 1,563,345.00** → **5 donors, 10 projects**
 Türkiye: **USD 97,199.00** → **1 donor, 1 project**
Total: USD 5,483,311.00

2022 July to September Expenses

*Donors include private non-sponsorship funds



World Vision Syria Response reached

292,431 beneficiaries
Women 65,284 **Girls 74,771**
Men 77,863 **Boys 74,513**

287,535 beneficiaries
Women 64,598 **Girls 72,826**
Men 77,444 **Boys 72,667**

JORDAN
4,113 beneficiaries
Women 399 **Girls 1,750**
Men 307 **Boys 1,657**

TÜRKIYE
783 beneficiaries
Women 287 **Girls 195**
Men 112 **Boys 189**

Latest figures across the Syria Response

SYRIA
 IDPs across Syria: **6.9 million** people. IDPs in Northwest Syria: **2.8 million** people
 People in need inside Syria: **14.6 million** people, over **6.5 million** children
At least 2.5 million children in Syria are out of school but the numbers are believed to be much higher
 Since 2011, around **21,250** grave violations against children have been monitored, reported and verified by the UN.
4.8M children born in Syria have known nothing but war, displacement and acute lack of basic services.

JORDAN
 Jordan is home to approximately **1.5 million** Syrians, half of whom are registered as refugees with UNHCR
761,229 registered refugees in Jordan, **46%** are children
82.6% of Syrian refugees live outside camps in urban areas
44,617 Syrian refugees registered and living in Azraq Refugee Camp, **18%** are under five years old
80,434 Syrian refugees registered and living in Zaatari Refugee Camp, **18.4%** are under five years old

TÜRKIYE
3,655,489 registered Syrian refugees in Türkiye, **45.6%** are children.
42% of female-headed households reported being entirely dependent on humanitarian aid.
1.8 million Syrians under temporary protection, international protection applicants and status holders are living under the poverty line in Türkiye, including 280,000 living in extreme poverty.
10,584 Refugees have been submitted for resettlement consideration to 13 countries in 2022 so far.
 Over **5,144** refugees departed for resettlement to 14 countries, 79% of whom were Syrian.

Global Hunger Response

World Vision Syria Response notes that the WASH and health needs in Northwest Syria are growing with over 2 million people without access to full WASH services and hospitals and first cases of cholera outbreak have been reported in August 2022. Medication, support for case management, and equipping health facilities are the most urgent priorities for the response. Education needs are also skyrocketing as funding has been significantly cut and SCHF is not "willing" to cover the continuously increasing needs affecting 2.5M Syrian children out of school.

800,000 malnourished girls and boys are most at risk of infection and possible death if treatment is not immediately made available, and with the very first cases of this highly contagious disease being reported as early as August 25. Living in overcrowded sites, and unable to afford clean drinkable water,

children and their families must be protected before the disease spreads any further.

Given the climate change worsening conditions reflected in low levels of the Euphrates River and drought, child labor is expected to increase as families cope with the lack of livelihoods. Child labour has a greater impact on boys (28.9% report rate) than girls (17.5% report rate) yet in the so-called widow camps there is no gender disparity identified. Interlinked with the economic situation, there have been reports of increased gender-based violence and related suicides furthering the negative impact on family units and children. The mental health conditions of women and children are worsening, and reports confirm 75% of Syrians suffering from PTSD while World Vision report confirmed that 95% of adult women living in NWS' widow camps, suffer from depression.

Situational overview for Northwest Syria, Jordan and Türkiye

SYRIA:



On 12th July 2022, the UN Security Council renewed the cross-border mechanism for six months to deliver humanitarian assistance to Northwest Syria through the Bab Al Hawa Border crossing until 10th January 2023. This resolution allowed the continuation of humanitarian assistance through the UN cross-border mechanism while increasing the risk of those affected to harsh conditions experienced in winter, as witnessed last year. Any following resolution re-authorizing access should be of a minimum 12 months.

During this reporting period, preparations for the expected military operation by Turkish forces in Northwestern Syria continued, supported by political statements by the Turkish leadership. However, a decrease in the pace of preparations for the new Türkiye offensive in Northwest Syria was observed during the month of September 2022, with the possibility of Turkish forces carrying out this operation during the short-medium period. The situation however, remains tense, which suggests the present stability will be significantly altered in the near future. An increase in the conflict activities, artillery shelling frequently occurred throughout the period of July – September 2022, and renewed airstrikes activity by all parties to the conflict have further added to the situation's complexity.

The financial situation remains dominated by high inflation rates, lack of livelihoods, increased pressure on essential services in general, and food insecurity is also evident. Meanwhile, the Cholera Outbreak was declared on the 10th of September by the Ministry of Health, and WASH and health actors present on the ground have immediately responded to the needs, particularly affecting Northeast Syria. World Vision has also been leading the response in Northwest Syria, where the first case was confirmed on the 19th September.

JORDAN:



According to the UNHCR there are more than [760,000 Syrian refugees registered](#) but the numbers are actually much higher, in a context where funding has significantly decreased. Aid agencies have alerted over the summer of the immense risks that governments under-funding and deprioritization of the Syria crisis means for Jordan. Due to the deteriorating economic conditions globally, and also in the Middle East region, directly impacting livelihood opportunities for both Jordanian communities and refugees, UNHCR has appealed to the donor community for [USD34M](#) to implement basic health and cash programs until the end of this year. If this is not provided, aid agencies think Jordan is at risk of losing the progress achieved so far in keeping displaced people safe. As noted in the Regional Refugee Response Plan 2022, nearly [20.6 million people, including almost 5.8 million children](#), need urgent assistance across the five countries, including Jordan. These children are the same ones telling aid actors – including World Vision and UNICEF – that they lost hope, and that a [transition to employment opportunities](#) should be the main priority of donors in the years to come for the young generation.

TÜRKIYE:



Türkiye continues to host the largest number of refugees worldwide, as the number of people forcibly displaced across the world due to conflict, violence, and persecution hit record levels. Türkiye currently hosts some 3.6 million registered Syrian refugees along with close to 320,000 persons of concern from other nationalities. The resident child population inside the country dipped to 22.75 million (27.2% of the total) by end-2020, of whom 1.7 million are children under Temporary Protection. The COVID-19 secondary impacts have significantly affected the economic market, and the rapid lira depreciation and surging inflation 79% in June) clouded economic prospects for the rest of the year, and severely eroded the purchasing power of the most vulnerable groups. This, coupled with unemployment and youth employment rates - 11.7% and 22.1%, respectively – have severely impacted the parents' and caregivers' coping mechanisms, increasing child labor cases and school drop-outs. As the situation continues to worsen, there are indicators suggesting the deepening politicization of the Syrian refugee issue in the country. In a complex geo-political context, and due to the latest announcement of a potential Turkish military offensive in Syria, the insecurity of those displaced has reached alarming levels both inside Syria and in Türkiye.



Feras on the roof of his home after returning to his village. © Humanitarian Relief Organisation, World Vision's implementing partner

Feras* Rebuilds a Life in Syria After Years of Estrangement in Türkiye

When the Syrian war broke, Feras and his family of eight joined [3.5 million](#) other Syrians in Türkiye. The move only reinforced his hope of returning when the situation calmed down. Little did he know, he will be spending eight years there.

Feras "felt a lot of pressure [trying to provide for the family], we could only rely on the monthly humanitarian support" he tells. As a result, the same hope that drove Feras to Türkiye encouraged him to risk going back to Syria. In 2018, Feras and his family arrived in their hometown. He saw his home and immediately felt fortunate. But this isn't the [reality for most Syrians](#) whose homes are destroyed leaving millions without a proper shelter. Once this feeling wore off, he witnessed the drastic condition of his home and later began repairing it with the little money he had.

Unfortunately, burdened by the [rising living expenses](#) in Syria, the father started noticing that affording water is becoming a luxury as well. "The water tank costs approx 2.51 dollars and I need four tanks monthly," he shares. This left him thinking about ways to secure water. Thankfully, a water-trucking project was being implemented and funded by BHA benefiting 65,200 people like Feras and his family. Its main focus was the provision of clean water to vulnerable communities in Syria.

After years of water scarcity, he shares "we hadn't seen this amount of water for four years. The water even reaches the tank which is on the third floor!"

World Vision Syria Response Q4 Highlights

During the month of July, the UN Security Council Resolution on the cross-border access into Northwest Syria, where World Vision operates, was extended after months of negotiations and two vetoed resolutions. This led to the extension of the access for 6 months only, since 2014 when the resolution was first put forward. This aid delivery modality is the only way the humanitarian community can reach more than 5.5M people in Syria dependent on WFP's food assistance. One million children are also at risk of hunger, in Northwest Syria alone as inflation is expected to reach new highs by end of this year and climate change and conflict decimate Syria's crops pushing people into hunger. The collapse of the Syrian pound has also driven up the price of good quality fertilizers, seeds and fuel needed to power water pumps. To respond to these worsening gaps and needs, the Syria Humanitarian Fund (SHF) allocated \$30 million to address critical needs in Syria. With the limited extension of the cross-border access and the surging WASH and health needs in Northwest Syria - over 2 million people without access to full WASH services and hospitals -the first cases of cholera outbreak have been reported in August 2022. The new disease has already affected thousands and is putting hundreds of thousands other children at risk of infection, or worse - dying.

- World Vision has also immediately reacted to the UNSC voting on the cross-border resolution allowing access into Northwest Syria only for 6 months - [here](#) and [here](#).
- World Vision Syria Response has immediately declared a National CATII Cholera Emergency mobilizing funds and support to procure medication, provide support for case management, and equipping health facilities. These are the most urgent priorities for the response.
- World Vision Syria Response has also released a [press release](#) raising the alarm on the current outbreak and potential risks to children's well-being.
- World Vision has also continued advocating in coordination with education actors in Northwest Syria for the prioritization of SCHF allocation reserve fund for education activities during the forthcoming winterization response.
- World Vision Syria Response has also published the [Annual Report](#) of its engagement as co-lead of the No Lost Generation initiative.



Response highlights

Strategic Objective 1: Protect the most vulnerable girls, boys, women, men; and create an empowering environment for all, regardless of gender, ability or social status.



2,118

children aged 4-14 supported with educational and psycho-social activities in CFSs Disaggregated by age and gender and source - Recurring attendance



930

men and women attending GBV sessions (Recurring attendance internal)



277

beneficiaries benefited from Young Mothers' Clubs (YMCs) activities and family planning sessions



1,521

beneficiaries who have experienced, or are at risk of any form of SGBV that received structured awareness raising regarding SGBV and legal issues



742

women that access the safe spaces and psycho-social support - Recurring attendance



5,903

households reached by the mobile team disaggregated by service type, age and sex



376

women that access the safe spaces and psycho-social support - First attendance



168

beneficiaries benefited from awareness raising sessions on protection including CP, GBV and parenting (unstructured) (Unique) (Awareness on CP)



376

women that access the safe spaces and psycho-social support - First attendance



1,000

beneficiaries benefited from structured PSS and life-skills activities (Unique) -PPS

Strategic Objective 2: Assure access to appropriate, resilient water and sanitation facilities.



237,808

people directly utilizing improved water services provided.



144,359

people received improved service quality from solid waste management.



97,785

people directly benefited from sanitation services.



5,791

beneficiaries received hygiene kits.



11,008

individuals receiving hygiene promotion (excluding mass media campaigns).

Response highlights

Strategic Objective 3: Ensure girls and boys access to education opportunities.



2,133

children supported and enrolled in educational services in formal settings



599

children supported and enrolled in non-formal education services



348

pre-school-aged children benefiting from music and arts labs



13

school buildings and school tents supported with operational costs.

Strategic Objective 4: Support partners to provide critical, lifesaving health and nutrition services for vulnerable communities.



25,501

primary health care consultations were provided



16,829

beneficiaries were reached by primary health care services through PHCU, MMUs and PHC medical staff



24

suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases supported



107

livebirths attended by skilled health personnel- Normal deliveries



81

hospitalizations – Total indicator beneficiaries



4,115

beneficiaries provided with tailored counseling on IYCF provided



238

beneficiaries provided with maternal and child health awareness messages through SMS

Meeting the inspiring team behind the World Vision-supported COVID-19 isolation facility in Northwest Syria

Ahmad*, 28, is a care technician at a COVID-19 isolation facility in Northwest Syria, which cares for affected displaced Syrians. Ahmad was himself displaced from his hometown close to Damascus, four years ago. He currently resides in a city in the Northwest and shares a house with his parents and beloved little brother. The young technician is very grateful to have had the opportunity to work at the hospital, which has improved his financial condition after being displaced and losing all of his possessions due to the war. He is currently working on improving himself and developing

his personal and professional skills further so that he can one day be ready for this lifelong commitment.

“After being displaced with my family in 2018, my life changed when I began working at the hospital’s isolation facility two years later. There, I gained hands-on experience throughout my work journey, which also increased my practical knowledge” said Ahmad.

The head of the infection control team at the hospital, describes Ahmad as “a person with great ambition who maintains very good relations with all the hospital staff.” This particular facility, which hosts Ahmad and his colleagues, is one of the few hospitals in Northwest Syria that is still receiving COVID-19 patients. It is also the third hospital designated for this purpose and supported by World Vision through its local implementing partner:



Ahmad making sure the ventilators are ready to be used. © The Syrian American Medical Society, World Vision’s partner.

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