

2024 UNHCR SYRIA NEEDS OVERVIEW



Distribution of core relief items in Aleppo Governorate ©UNHCR Syria

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

The protracted crisis in Syria continues to affect millions of lives. The security situation in parts of the country remains unpredictable, and the economic situation is increasingly dire. In Syria, an estimated **90 per cent** of the population lives in poverty, **12.9 million** are food insecure, and **6.8 million** are internally displaced. Having to contend with multi-faceted crises, **16.7 million** people need humanitarian assistance, a 9 per cent increase from the previous year.

The February 2023 earthquakes further exacerbated the situation, killed some 6,000 people, and left nearly 13,000 injured. The infrastructure and economy, which had already deteriorated after 13 years of conflict, were further damaged. Many are in deep poverty and desperation, with 230,000 still displaced and vulnerable.

UNHCR in Syria continues to provide protection services and humanitarian assistance to refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, stateless people, and vulnerable host community members based on identified needs and vulnerabilities.

2024 POPULATIONS IN NEED



16.7 million people need humanitarian assistance



6.8 million people are internally displaced



2 million people live in informal settlements and camps



Over 17,000 refugees and asylum seekers registered with UNHCR

More information on UNHCR's operations in the Syrian Arab Republic, including north-west Syria, is available on [Global Focus](#)

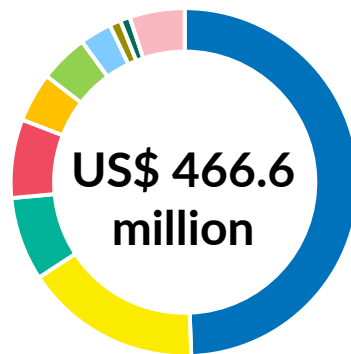
STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2024

- **Maintain emergency preparedness and response capacity:** UNHCR will preserve its readiness to respond to new emergencies, especially those that result in the displacement of people. In addition, the Office will be prepared to scale up cross-line assistance.
- **Enhance refugee protection, inclusion, and solutions:** UNHCR will step up its involvement and engagement on refugee protection, enhance their inclusion into services and assistance provided by other actors (such as livelihoods support) and advocate for solutions.
- **Support solutions:** UNHCR will further enhance its engagement with partners to strengthen the resilience of communities, including IDPs and those who have spontaneously returned.

2024 UNHCR SYRIA'S PROGRAMMES AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

US\$466.6 million

2024 UNHCR Syria's financial requirements



- Well-Being and Basic Needs
- Housing
- Documentation
- Community Engagement
- Health
- Livelihoods
- Education
- Gender-based Violence
- Child Protection
- Others



Protection

US\$ 131 million

UNHCR provides protection services such as **child protection** activities, **psychosocial assistance**, and support to prevent and respond to **gender-based violence**. UNHCR and partners also provide **legal assistance**, for instance to obtain **civil documentation** and register vital events like births and marriages.

The services are provided at the **community centres** based on assessed needs, and they are available for refugees and asylum-seekers, IDPs, returnees (refugees and internally displaced people who have returned to their home areas), and host communities. The community centres are supported by a network of **outreach volunteers** selected from the IDP and affected communities, who are the first responders and assist those in need in a timely manner.



Housing

US\$ 86 million

Shelter interventions by UNHCR Syria range from **emergency shelter response** to **longer-term shelter assistance**.

In camps in north-east Syria, UNHCR distributes **tents and emergency shelter kits** and helps maintain **camp infrastructure**.

In urban and rural areas, UNHCR helps people **repair damaged houses** by providing materials and water and sanitation facilities.

At the community level, UNHCR also **restores basic services**, such as pavements and communal facilities, and installs solar streetlights. UNHCR also removes debris; restores sewage and water networks; and distributes solid waste bins.



Core Relief Items &



Cash Assistance

US\$ 181million

For emergencies, UNHCR provides **core relief items** including blankets, sleeping mats, mattresses, jerry cans, plastic sheets, kitchen sets, and solar lamps to IDPs, returnees, and vulnerable host community members. **Supplementary seasonal items**, such as winter clothing and rechargeable fans, are also distributed to IDPs, returnees, host community members, and asylum-seekers based on needs.

UNHCR **cash-based interventions (CBI)** have been ongoing for refugees since 2007. UNHCR has expanded CBI to include IDPs and returnees to help the most vulnerable displaced people meet their urgent needs, especially in the context of the earthquake emergency.



Livelihoods

US\$ 21 million

UNHCR supports vulnerable people to increase their self-reliance and reduce their dependency on assistance by providing **agricultural support** (seeds and livestock) and assisting people to **start small businesses** through trainings and grants.

UNHCR also occasionally **restores basic services** that are critical to boost local economic activities, such as vocational training centres, collective agricultural irrigation canals, and public bakeries; these lead to job creation, capacity-building and employability while addressing protection issues and benefitting the wider economy.



Health

US\$ 21 million

A range of **health promotion, disease prevention, and referral services** are provided at **health points** run by community health workers in some of the UNHCR-supported community centres. The services include health counselling, health support groups, screening for early detection of health problems, and support of community-led health initiatives.

Trained doctors also provide medical consultations in some health points, such as mental health and psychosocial specialized services. UNHCR focuses on building sustainable health capacity in the communities through **community health outreach volunteers**.



Taghreed and her family had to leave their house in Aleppo in 2014 due to the crisis. During their displacement they struggled. Her husband underwent a surgery on his spine, which limited his ability to work, and her daughter had to drop out of school as they could not afford the school fees.

She received a start-up business grant from UNHCR to establish her own shop. She is now able to cover her family's needs. ©UNHCR Syria

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