



SITUATION
<p>By 31 October 2018, the Syria crisis remains the largest refugee crisis with 5,631,309 registered refugees by UNHCR in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt. While UN agencies reports on Syria reflect that amidst an intensification of hostilities in multiple locations notably Idleb, Afrin, East Ghouta, southern Damascus, northern rural Homs and parts of north east Syria, the first six months of 2018 witnessed 1.2 million population displaced as civilians sought to escape to avoid the effects of conflict. (HNO 2018) Some 6.1 million people remained long-term displaced across Syria. As UNOCHA stated in the midyear HRP report for 2018: "the overall scale, scope and complexity of humanitarian needs of people in Syria remain staggering in terms of magnitude and severity with an estimated 13 million people in need across the country, of whom 5.6million are in areas of acute need". (UNHCR 2017, OCHA 2017) The pace of displacement remains relentless, with hundreds and thousands of families displaced internally for the second or third time. While according to the (regional) 3RP 2018 mid-year report, as the conflict in Syria entered its eighth year, neighbouring countries continue to contend with mounting demographic, economic, political, security and social pressures. Across the region, borders and admission practices remained closely managed, affecting the displacement ability of many individuals. Despite the exceptional generosity of host governments, the conditions of refugee families across the region remain extremely challenging and many refugee families have become increasingly vulnerable with each passing year of displacement: poverty rates exceed 60 per cent in some host countries and some 35 per cent of Syrian refugee children are out-of-school. (HNO 2018) Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees who are affected by the Syrian crisis continue to face particular vulnerabilities. It's worth mentioning that the appeals and the response plans set by UN agencies and the host communities remain less than 50% funded. (3RP June 2018) Therefore, SYR191 appeal remains a high priority for ACT members who are active in the region to be able to support refugees, internally displaced people as well as the host communities impacted by the crisis.</p>
NEEDS
<p>The 2018 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) findings highlight the persistent needs of more than five million refugees from Syria and vulnerable host community members in refugee-hosting, neighbouring countries. Coordination amongst UN agencies, INGOs and sector specific cluster and working groups - in which the ACT Alliance Jordan Syria Lebanon forum is active – allows focus of particular attention to people in need. This is especially targeted at the following sectors: protection for refugee populations, education, health, food security, livelihoods, and water and sanitation services. Most refugee families fall below the poverty line and struggle to meet their basic livelihood needs, as well as shelter and food. Despite the continuous humanitarian response, internally displaced Syrians and refugees' needs and challenges increase and change with every passing year in displacement. Particular attention is given to concerns regarding the lack of income-generation opportunities and quality education. As of December 2017, 1.7 million refugee school-age children remain out of school and 200,000 others have missed-out on basic immunization and polio (UNICEF, 2017). Financial support remains the key to the protection and support of the refugees, as there is a shift from meeting immediate humanitarian needs to boosting livelihood services.</p> <p>The dire situation is further compounded for the conflict/crisis affected people with most vulnerable segments of the population, specifically women, children, youth and adolescents, people in hard to-reach areas, people with disabilities; (refugees, host communities, vulnerable people). There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.</p>
STAKEHOLDERS
<p>The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:</p>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	The governments of Jordan represented by Jordan Hashemite Welfare association and Lebanon are overseeing the response in coordination with UN agencies, NGOs and donors.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	UNHCR, UNICEF, as main UN agencies lead, in addition to other agencies such as WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNRWA and others
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	Present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	ACT members participate in coordination with a number of national NGOs and coordinate on capacity building, advocacy and project implementation to increase impact of intervention and to be more efficient.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Present. Faith based organizations in the region in general and inside Syria in specific are playing a major role to respond and has grown exceptionally to adapt to the scalable needs.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	Present
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Present. Host communities in Jordan and Lebanon remain the primary responders to the crisis, while being directly affected by the crisis at all levels; socially, economically, politically and etc.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Present. The whole of Syrian communities is affected by the crisis either with entire communities displaced or receiving displaced people, in addition to the deteriorating living conditions and lack of security.

The ACT Alliance emergency response is currently being coordinated by Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon ACT Forum. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (at cluster levels such as WASH, Food Security, Health, Protection, Shelter, and Logistics) as well as working groups (such as UN-led working groups),) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

ACT Alliance

<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance has been working in Syria and in the host neighbouring countries namely Jordan and Lebanon since the start of the crisis in 2011, now helping people affected by the Syria crisis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the conflict in Syria , and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in a number of key sectors such as health, education, protection, food security, WASH and livelihood

	and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The ACT forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide shelter/NFI, Food Security, WASH, Education, Protection/Psycho-social, Livelihood/Early Recovery, Health/Nutrition, and capacity building within CHS program to ensure that the conflict-affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to shelter/NFI, Food Security, WASH, Education, Protection/Psycho-social support, Livelihood/Early Recovery, Health/Nutrition, and capacity building within CHS program .
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing Shelter rental assistance, food parcels and vouchers, education kits, protection and PS support, soft skills trainings, community and civic awareness, PWD training, recreational activities for children and youth educational services, nutritional awareness sessions, hygiene and dignity kits as well as baby kits, medical assistance and cancer treatment coverage , and ensure access to safe water for 132,174 affected persons in the coming months.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the drought are amplified.

Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel (Line.Hempel@actalliance.org)

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