

**Jordan, Syria and Lebanon**

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SITUATION

The Syrian crisis is in entering its tenth year of protracted conflict causing a UN declared level three humanitarian emergency. The past and present hostilities compounded with the continued massive displacement of populations, remain the main drivers of humanitarian needs. As such the Syrian crisis remains the largest displacement crisis in the world, with over 5.6 million registered refugees and over 6 million people displaced within Syria¹.

The DG ECHO's Integrated Analysis Framework² for 2020 identifies the needs for humanitarian assistance to remain in extreme level. According to the most recent figures from the Humanitarian Response Plan Monitoring Report, the scale, severity, and complexity of needs across Syria remain overwhelming. As of December 2018, Jordan hosts 671,074 registered Syrian refugees. Lebanon hosts 1.5 million Syrian refugees along with 31,502 Palestine Refugees from Syria, and a pre-existing population of more than 175,000 Palestine Refugees³. With this Lebanon is on street demonstration for over that 55 days demanding change in the government, which put the country on hold, with negative affect of the Lebanese population in general and more specific on the refugees mainly affected quality of life, purchase power, disrupted of social cohesion as well as economic investment, devaluation of local currency and ongoing sanction that affect food and health supply.

North East Syria recent developments also worsen the situation, as the number of people living in camps in the northeast has almost tripled in 2019.

Therefore, SYR201 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. ACT JSL members are well-informed and prepared to continue their humanitarian response in key priority areas (shelter/NFI, cash assistance, health and nutrition, food security, livelihoods, WASH, protection/psychosocial and education).

NEEDS

The 2019 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) findings estimated 11 million people will require humanitarian assistance in 2020, with of more than 5 million refugees in acute need from Syria and vulnerable host community members in refugee-hosting, neighbouring countries.

Coordination amongst UN agencies, INGOs and sector specific cluster groups - in which ACT JSL is active in, highlights that most refugee families fall below the poverty line and struggle to meet their basic needs, such as shelter and food, the national poverty rate in Syria is at 38.9% and in light of the severe impact of the crisis, unemployment has risen to 55%⁴.

Immediate humanitarian needs also include health and protection services, the lack of income-generation opportunities and quality education, as 2.1 million children in Syria are out of school, and a further 1.3 million are at risk of dropping out⁵. There are also considerable needs related to access to basic services and restoration of infrastructure with livelihood interventions and repairs/rehabilitation of infrastructure/housing remaining extremely underserved in out of camp areas.

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 the affected population to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

1 3RP in response to the Syria Crisis: <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/syria>

2 DG ECHO Humanitarian Implementation Plan (HIP) Syria Regional Crisis Year 2020

3 Syrian Arab Republic: 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan Monitoring Report (January - May 2019)

4 Syria Humanitarian Response Plan 2019:

5 Syria Humanitarian Needs Overview 2019

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	The governments of Jordan represented by Jordan Hashemite Welfare association and Lebanon and Syria are overseeing the response in coordination with UN agencies, NGOs, member churches in Syria, 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	INGO members of Act participate in the coordination with local and national NGOs for better implementation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	ACT members coordinate with Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement for better implementation on ground.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	As applicable national ACT members participate in coordination with national NGOs and coordinate over capacity building, advocacy and project implementation to increase impact of intervention and to be more efficient.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Faith based organizations in the region in general and inside Syria in specific are playing a major role to respond and has grown to adapt to the increasing needs.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Host communities in Jordan and Lebanon remain the primary responders to the crisis, while being directly affected by the crisis at the economic and security level, with closed borders for exports and increased labor market competition and reduced resources provided under a number of sectors such as health and education.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	The whole of Syria 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. ACT members consult with affected communities through the project cycle to assess, design and implement projects that are most relevant to their needs. Capacity building is also designed to empower local communities to be more active.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by JSL Forum requesting members (MECC, DSPR, FCA, and LWF). To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance has been working in Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan since 2011, now helping/planning to help people affected by the Syria crisis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the Syria regional humanitarian crisis, 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, livelihood among

	others and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The ACT JSL forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide Food Security, WASH, Education, Protection/Psycho-social, Livelihood/Early Recovery, Health/Nutrition, and capacity building and development to ensure that the affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to shelter/NFI, Food Security, WASH, Education, Protection/Psycho-social, Livelihood/Early Recovery, Health/Nutrition, and capacity building within CHS commitments.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing Shelter rental assistance, food parcels and vouchers, education kits, PSS sessions, SGBV workshops, soft skills trainings, community and civic awareness, PWD training, recreational activities for children and youth and English sessions for youth and women, nutritional awareness sessions, hygiene and dignity kits as well as baby kits, medical assistance and cancer treatment cycles, access to safe water to 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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