



## SYRIA

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**SITUATION**

In the afternoon of Friday the 11 March 2011, the city of Dara in the south of Syria, witnessed the break out of the Syria crises which has already entered its tenth year, civilians continue to bear the brunt of the conflict with an estimated 6.1 million internally displaced person and 1.4 million returnees. 11.06 million people in need of humanitarian assistance including 4.65 million people in acute need<sup>1</sup>. Moreover, more than 90 % of the Syrian people live below the poverty line<sup>2</sup>. WFP estimates that 9.3 million Syrians are now food insecure – with an increase of 1.4 million in the last six months alone. WFP estimates that an additional 2.2 million people are at risk of food insecurity. Approximately 4.6 million Syrians were in need of nutrition assistance, 74% were under the age of five<sup>3</sup>.

The Syrian pound has lost almost 97 % of its value over a decade of war<sup>4</sup>. The fighting has caused tens of billions of dollars' worth of damage, disrupted agriculture, devastated industry and wiped out foreign currency flows from tourism and oil exports. Inflation is rampant and many Syrians are struggling to afford even basics such as food and power. The impact of the conflict is also large and growing pushed millions of people into unemployment and poverty. The job market lost 3.7 million jobs, which led to an increase in the unemployment rate to reach more than 50 %, up from 15 percent in 2010. During March and April 2020 alone the economic losses affected by Covid-19 estimated at two trillion SYP<sup>5</sup>. The international sanctions especially the Caesar Act that took effect on 17 June 2020 are tightening the stranglehold on Syria's economy and increasing the suffering among the Syrian people first and foremost and making the plight of ordinary Syrians even more desperate.

**NEEDS**

The conflict has put the county in a state of crisis. The conflict affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to: Food and Nutrition as 9.3M are now food insecure, while another 2.2 M are in need of urgent food assistance, WASH facilities have impacted the safe and regular access of about 15.7 M persons. More than 12 million people are in need of health care services in 2020<sup>6</sup> including 1M children are in need to primary health care assistance<sup>7</sup> and 3.7M people with disability. COVID-19 pandemic has aggravated the situation further in light of the easing of the precautionary measures. Protection issues are a grave concern, with increasing reports of gender-based violence such as early marriages, short-term marriages, forced abortions and domestic violence. 8.7 M need early recovery and livelihoods support.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	sufficient food
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe shelter and basic non-food items
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	basic health services and facilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	livelihood activities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	protection services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	adequate nutrition

The dire situation is further compounded for the conflict affected people with vulnerabilities; more specifically for woman and girls, IDPs, returnees and host communities. 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.

1 OCHA .org

2 FAO, Syrian crisis

3 Save The children, 28 Sep 2020

4 Center for Operational Analysis and Research, The Syrian economy at war, 30 Sep 2020

5 Enabbaladi, Poverty and bankruptcy outweigh Coronavirus, 02 May2020

6 Health sector Syria, Sep 2020

7 UNICEF , Whole of Syria, Humanitarian Situation Report, August 2020

### **STAKEHOLDERS**

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National government	Through different ministries, municipalities and directorates.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	UNHCR, UNDP. UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, IOM. UNOCHA have different clusters under the lead of different UN agencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INGOs	Implement different programs to meet the needs of existing vulnerable people whether be IDPs, returnees or host communities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Supporting local and international actors on the ground as well as coordinating activities in some places.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	In all areas under the control of the Syrian governments as well as the presence of non-Syrian military forces in SWS and NWS.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	Implement different programs to meet the needs of existing vulnerable people whether be IDPs, returnees or host communities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Implement different programs to meet the needs of existing vulnerable people whether be IDPs, returnees or host communities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Implement different programs to meet the needs of existing vulnerable people whether be IDPs, returnees or host communities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Philanthropy groups	Existing in all churches and mosques and organize many activities to collect donations to support the poor.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	Hosting IDPs and some new returnees.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities	Existed as all Syrians are considered affected today.

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by UNHCR, UNDP, UNICEF, OCHA, WFP according to different clusters . To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT Syria forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders and UN 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance has been working in Syria since 2003 , now helping/planning to help people affected by the conflict
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the conflict, 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 basic needs, PSS, health, education, livelihood, capacity building and WACH including the response to COVID-19 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 assistance to ensure that the conflict affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to food and hygiene parcels, WASH activities through Cash for work , health assistance to cancer patients, PSS to children and cancer patients ,education support to keep children in schools, supporting churches in reactivating their diaconal and social services and provide livelihood opportunities to youth , headed women families and vulnerable HHS. PWDS will be part of all targeted beneficiaries .

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing food and hygiene parcels, WASH activities through Cash for work, health assistance to cancer patients, PSS to children and cancer patient, education support to keep children in schools, supporting churches in reactivating their diaconal and social services and provide livelihood opportunities to youth, headed women families and vulnerable HHS. PWDS will be part of all targeted beneficiaries to 11,500 direct beneficiaries and 57,500 indirect 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 conflict are amplified.

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