



THE SYRIA CRISIS

TEN YEARS ON

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A DECADE LATER

As Syrians prepare for a challenging year, UNFPA is appealing for a total of **\$132.1 million** to fund its regional response.

A DIFFICULT YEAR AHEAD

In 2021, Syria faces an unprecedented crisis. Years of instability, a worsening economic situation, funding shortfalls, and the COVID-19 pandemic have converged to place **lives at risk**, with **women and girls** continuing to bear the brunt of these challenges. The situation is a stark reminder that **the international community must continue to support the needs** with tailored programmes.

KEY FACTS

- **Gender-based violence** – particularly intimate partner violence – **has increased** in Syria and in host communities throughout the region. **COVID-19 restrictions** have also exacerbated the risks of **violence against women and girls**.
- **Harassment, family violence, child and forced marriages** and subsequent pregnancies, and **sexual violence and exploitation** are consistently reported. **New trends are also emerging**, such as forced puberty of adolescent girls to marry them off earlier.
- Up to **30 percent** of antenatal care and delivery services are being **accessed by adolescent girls**, highlighting the severity of the issues impacting them.
- With **60 percent** of the Syrian population food insecure, there has been **an increase of malnutrition among pregnant/lactating women** – up to **20 percent** from 6 percent in 2019.
- In 2020, UNFPA delivered SRH services to nearly **2 million people**, while almost **1.2 million** were reached with GBV programmes and over 800,000 with family planning services.

NEEDS INSIDE SYRIA*



13.4 MILLION

ESTIMATED PEOPLE IN NEED THROUGHOUT SYRIA



3.6 MILLION

WOMEN AND GIRLS OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE IN NEED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY



6.7 MILLION

PEOPLE INTERNALLY DISPLACED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY



12.4 MILLION

PEOPLE CURRENTLY FOOD INSECURE DUE TO WORSENING ECONOMIC CRISIS



300,000

LIVELIHOODS PERMANENTLY LOST SINCE COVID-19



2.7 MILLION

PEOPLE REMAIN DISPLACED IN NORTHWESTERN SYRIA, WITH NEEDS INCREASING AT A RAPID PACE

NEEDS IN THE REGION*



10.5 MILLION

ESTIMATED PEOPLE IN NEED THROUGHOUT THE REGION (INCLUDING HOST COMMUNITIES)



5.6 MILLION

REFUGEES CURRENTLY LIVING ACROSS TURKEY, LEBANON, JORDAN, IRAQ, AND EGYPT



4.8 MILLION

IMPACTED HOST COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED OF SERVICES



7 MILLION

WOMEN AND GIRLS OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE IMPACTED THROUGHOUT THE REGION



1 IN 3

SYRIAN WOMEN IN EGYPT, JORDAN, AND IRAQ REPORT FEELING UNSAFE IN THEIR HOMES



UP TO 42%

OF WOMEN INFORMALLY EMPLOYED AND WITHOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

*FIGURES ACQUIRED FROM UNFPA PROGRAMME DATA, UN OCHA, WFP, AND THE REGIONAL REFUGEE AND RESILIENCE PLAN (3RP).

2020 ACHIEVEMENTS



133

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES



112

WOMEN AND GIRLS SAFE SPACES



17

YOUTH CENTRES



125

FUNCTIONAL MOBILE CLINICS



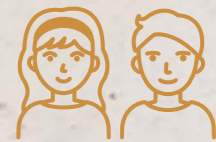
2 MILLION

REACHED WITH SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES



1.2 MILLION

REACHED WITH GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PROGRAMMES



109,000+

YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED



53,000+

SAFE DELIVERIES



8,600+

PEOPLE TRAINED ON VARIOUS TOPICS

2021 REGIONAL FUNDING NEEDS

	REFUGEE/ HUMANITARIAN	RESILIENCE	TOTAL
WHOLE OF SYRIA	\$80,900,000	\$ 783,000	\$ 81,683,000
TURKEY	\$4,965,724	\$2,293,134	\$7,259,000
LEBANON	\$11,650,000	\$5,350,000	\$17,000,000
JORDAN	\$11,897,680	\$5,654,320	\$17,552,000
IRAQ	\$4,150,000	\$1,800,000	\$5,950,000
EGYPT	\$2,132,000	\$518,000	\$2,650,000
TOTAL	\$115,695,404	\$16,398,454	\$132,094,000

PERCENTAGE FUNDED  39%

*FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE REGULARLY UPDATED AND PUBLISHED ON [THIS DASHBOARD](#).

2021 PRIORITIES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH / GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE SERVICES

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNFPA has continually adjusted its programmes to ensure that people in need have access to quality SRH and GBV services. This has entailed reinforcing infection prevention and control (IPC) measures in all facilities and transitioning a portion of consultation services online. These efforts will continue in 2021 to minimise the fallout of the pandemic and other restrictions.

CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE

In 2021, UNFPA will continue to pilot new cash and voucher assistance programmes (and to scale up existing ones) where possible to help ensure that the most urgent needs are met, particularly among women and girls. The process involves working with local partners and authorities including women's networks, health clinics, health workers, and GBV case managers. In Jordan, UNFPA is piloting cash in GBV case management, and in Egypt, UNFPA is complementing UNHCR's cash assistance to refugees by expanding coverage to include women and older girls at risk and survivors of GBV.

UNFPA Syria has reached over 75,000 pregnant and lactating women with cash and voucher assistance in January 2021 alone. In northwest Syria, UNFPA has reached 14,000 people with one-off individual protection assistance to date.

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

UNFPA continues to adjust its programmes and services to make them more accessible to those most at risk. In 2021, UNFPA will focus on increasing accessibility to more marginalised and at-risk population groups, including **adolescent girls, people with disabilities, the elderly, and LGBTQI+ individuals**.

“It took me many years to realise that I simply cannot stay silent about the abuse I was experiencing at home. While I had a lot of trauma to deal with, the sessions at the centre helped me to process what I was feeling while still remaining calm and collected.

— AHAD, a survivor of domestic violence from Qamishli, Syria, who received support services at a UNFPA-supported safe space in Egypt.

ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

- [UNFPA Regional Situation Report for the Syria Crisis, January 2021](#)
- [UNFPA Overview of Funding Needs within the Regional Syria Crisis Response, 2021](#)
- [Overview of Gender-Based Violence in Syria, 2021](#)
- [UNFPA Commitments to Scaling up Cash and Voucher Assistance](#)
- [Women at the Centre: Joint cash-based assistance for women's food security, nutrition, health and protection in Syria](#)
- [UNFPA Case Study on Cash and Voucher Assistance in Northwestern Syria](#)
- [UNFPA Impact Assessment Report, 2021](#)

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