



Syrian Arab Republic Crisis Response Plan 2020

2020

Funding Required

\$95,152,112

People In Need

11,000,000

Target Beneficiaries

1,370,000

IOM Vision

Building on IOM's expertise providing life-saving assistance to those most affected by conflict, and recognizing the dynamic context within Syria, IOM will address humanitarian and protection needs and support efforts towards resolving displacement. IOM mainstreams protection, accountability to affected populations, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse and risk mitigation while strengthening the capacity of NGO partners.

Context Analysis

Syria remains one of the largest and most complex humanitarian emergencies in the world. An estimated 11.06 million women, men and children will need humanitarian assistance in Syria in 2020, with 4.65 million in acute need. Of those in acute need, 45% are located in Idlib (1.18 million) and Aleppo (0.9 million) Governorates. The significant re-escalation in military operations since December 2019 have increased displacements and humanitarian needs are likely even higher. According to the Humanitarian Needs Assessment Programme (HNAP January 2020), there are over 2.4 million IDPs in north-west Syria, with over 300,000 displaced since the start of December 2019 alone. Many IDP households have experienced multiple displacements, adding to their underlying vulnerabilities and increasing the risks of adopting negative coping mechanisms. Existing housing stock and hosting arrangements are under extreme pressure, resulting in higher numbers of IDPs residing in informal settlements.

Approximately 25% of all IDPs in north-west Syria are now living in camps or camp-like settings, highlighting the importance of camp coordination and camp management. Whilst shelter, non-food items, and food assistance are often the highest priority needs for the newly displaced, those who have been displaced for longer periods typically require income-generating/livelihoods opportunities and access to basic services. In this challenging context, protection mainstreaming and protection from sexual abuse and exploitation remain key priorities. Whilst levels of spontaneous voluntary returns remain low (from within Syria and from outside the country), IOM continues to provide information management support to humanitarian partners, including tracking of return movements and assessing the needs of returnees.

For all regional activities related to the Syria crisis, please see IOM's [Syria Regional Refugee & Resilience Plan 2020](#).

Coordination

IOM's cross-border humanitarian activities are implemented in line with the annual Humanitarian Response Plan, and are closely coordinated with Clusters, Technical Working Groups, and OCHA coordination fora. IOM plays an important role in the cross-border Shelter-NFI, CCCM, Protection and Early Recovery Clusters. In the cross-border context, IOM works through Syrian NGO partners, requiring intensive coordination to ensure quality and accountability of project activities. IOM undertakes regular capacity building initiatives with its partners, to increase technical knowledge and strengthen overall performance and sustainability of the response. All shipments of humanitarian relief items from Turkey into northern Syria are coordinated through the established UN mechanisms. IOM is a key actor in the Humanitarian Liaison Group and Inter-Cluster Coordination Group in Gaziantep, whilst at the regional level, IOM is an active member of the Whole of Syria Strategic Steering Group (SSG). With regards to returns, IOM is an active member of the regional and country-based Durable Solutions Working Group led by UNHCR.

IOM Capacity

Given the Level 3 designation for the Syria crisis, the response, which also includes IOM's regional response operations, is overseen by a dedicated coordinator at Headquarters. The IOM Syria team has significant expertise and experience in camp coordination and camp management, shelter and non-food items, WASH, protection, and early recovery, as well as displacement tracking and other cross-cutting issues such as protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA). The unique situation in Syria has enabled IOM to establish expertise in remote management, strong monitoring and evaluation systems, and innovative processes to ensure accountability to affected populations and risk mitigation.

Objective

Saving lives and protecting people on the move

\$89,612,101

Funding Required

1,345,000

Target Beneficiaries

Target beneficiaries, including internally displaced persons and affected communities, will be selected based on assessed vulnerabilities. Vulnerability criteria will ensure that assistance reaches individuals and households with particular vulnerabilities, including newly displaced, female- and child-headed households, and those with disabilities. Planning, prioritization and targeting will be based on the Humanitarian Needs Overview, and the sectoral and inter-sectoral severity ranking.

Shelter and settlements

Funding Required

\$63,418,613

In order to meet the shelter and non-food item needs of the affected population, IOM plans to:

- Distribute emergency non-food items to newly displaced and the most vulnerable households;
- Repair and rehabilitate housing units and upgrade collective centres;
- Procure and distribute family tents for the newly displaced and the most vulnerable households;
- Provide tent insulation activities (winterization response);
- Conduct basic IDP site upgrade works.

Camp coordination and camp management

Funding Required

\$5,708,907

As part of IOM's Camp Coordination and Camp Management activities, IOM plans to:

- Set-up a new planned IDP camp;
- Manage three reception centres for newly displaced persons and one planned camp;
- Provide site management support services;
- Provide site monitoring activities;
- Organize IDP site care and maintenance support for camp committees.

Provision of water, sanitation and hygiene in emergencies

Funding Required

\$3,267,000

In order to address the water, sanitation and hygiene needs of the displaced population, IOM plans to:

- Provide emergency WASH activities in IDP sites (including the provision and maintenance of latrines, water trucking etc.);

- Carry out basic infrastructure improvements in IDP sites to improve sanitation and reduce flood risks.

Protection

Funding Required

\$3,707,581

In order to address the significant protection needs of the affected population IOM plans to:

- Provide integrated protection services;
- Support community centres, including through outreach teams;
- Provide dignity kits to newly displaced persons;
- Operate mobile protection teams targeting informal IDP sites;
- Provide training on housing, land and property issues, and legal awareness-raising clinics.

Basic needs, including food and multi-purpose cash assistance

Funding Required

\$5,890,000

In order to address the immediate food needs of the affected population, IOM plans to:

- Provide monthly food baskets to the most vulnerable households;
- Provide ready-to-eat rations for newly displaced households.

Support Services for Humanitarian Partners

Funding Required

\$7,620,000

In order to support the collective humanitarian response, IOM will provide information management services benefiting the humanitarian community, and will support the Whole-of-Syria Protection on the Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (PSEA) initiative. In particular, IOM will support the entire Syrian humanitarian response (across all response hubs) to coordinate the implementation of international commitments on PSEA. This will include:

- Support to inter-agency PSEA networks in all hubs;
- Training and awareness-raising amongst humanitarian workers and decision-makers on PSEA and SEA investigations;
- The continued roll-out of inter-agency community-based complaints mechanisms (CBCMs).

Multi-sectoral support

Funding Required

\$0

Includes funding which supports multi-sectoral interventions or cannot be attributed to a specific activity area.

Objective

Driving solutions to displacement

\$5,540,011

Funding Required

25,000

Target Beneficiaries

Internally displaced persons and affected communities will be selected based on assessed vulnerabilities. Vulnerability criteria will ensure that assistance reaches individuals and households with particular vulnerabilities, including newly displaced, female- and child-headed households, and those with disabilities. Planning, prioritization and targeting will be based on the Humanitarian Needs Overview, and the sectoral and inter-sectoral severity ranking.

Durable Solutions

Funding Required

\$5,540,011

In order to promote durable solutions for the affected Syrian population, IOM plans to:

- Support early recovery and livelihood through business development support to small and medium enterprises, vocational and agricultural trainings;
- Increasing income generation for vulnerable households through cash for work opportunities;
- Enhance community participation and social cohesion through cash-for-work and improved basic services.

These interventions fall under IOM's Progressive Resolution of Displacement Situations Framework (PRDS), particularly the pillar of "Access to sustainable livelihoods and employment".

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE

30

International staff and affiliated work force

185

National staff and affiliated work force

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IOM Field Offices