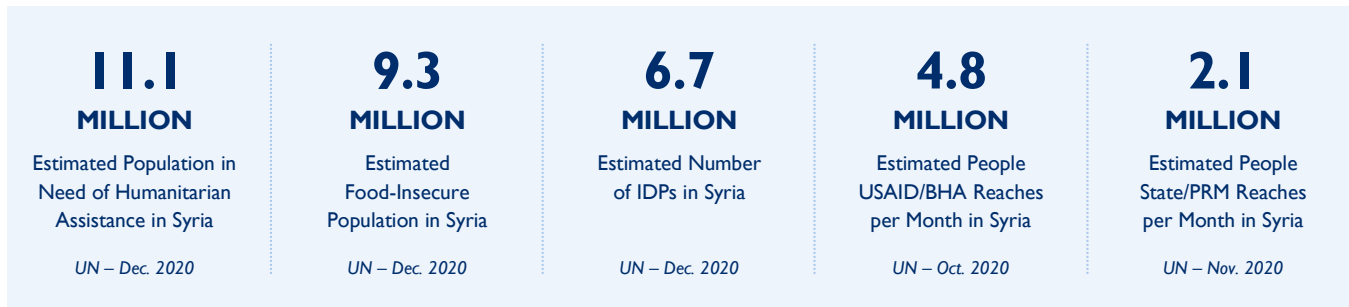


Syria – Complex Emergency

JANUARY 29, 2021

SITUATION AT A GLANCE



- Rainfall and flooding affect more than 121,000 people in northwest Syria during January; relief actors continue to provide winterization assistance countrywide.
- Food security crisis continues across Syria as food prices reach levels 236 percent higher than December 2019, triggering increase in number of food-insecure households.
- USAID/BHA and State/PRM partners continue to provide life-saving food, health, nutrition, protection, shelter, and WASH assistance, as well as critical winterization support, to IDPs and vulnerable host community members.



TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING For the Syria Response in FYs 2012–2020	USAID/BHA ^{1,2}	\$6,153,700,050
	State/PRM ³	\$6,050,511,437
Total		\$12,204,211,487⁴

For complete funding breakdown with partners, see detailed chart on page 6

¹ USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA)

² Total USAID/BHA funding includes non-food humanitarian assistance from the former Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and emergency food assistance from the former Office of Food for Peace.

³ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

⁴ Total includes \$140,827,684 supplemental FY 2020 funding through USAID/BHA and State/PRM for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) preparedness and response activities.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Heavy Rainfall and Flooding Affect 121,000 People in Northwest Syria, Countrywide Winterization Assistance Continues

From January 14 to 20, heavy rainfall and resultant flooding affected more than 121,000 people across Aleppo and Idlib governorates, according to the UN. The flooding caused the death of one child and injuries to at least three other people, damaged more than 300 internally displaced person (IDP) sites, damaged or destroyed approximately 21,700 tents, and destroyed food and household items. In addition, the flooding blocked or damaged numerous roadways near IDP camps, impeding humanitarian access to the sites. The UN also reported the flooding temporarily displaced thousands of people, many requiring immediate and long-term food, shelter, and relief commodity assistance.

The rainfall and low temperatures highlight the need for continued support to vulnerable populations throughout Syria during the winter season, including food, heating fuel, winter blankets and clothes, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) assistance. As of early January, more than 30 percent of IDPs countrywide resided in inadequate shelter conditions—including damaged or unfinished buildings, public buildings such as schools, and other non-residential buildings—according to the Shelter and Non-Food Item (SNFI) Cluster, the coordinating body for humanitarian SNFI activities, comprising UN agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other stakeholders. Inadequate shelter conditions are most prevalent in IDP camps in northeast and northwest Syria, including Aleppo, Idlib, Rif Damascus, and Ar Raqqa governorates, the SNFI Cluster reports. In addition, nearly 4 million people resided in areas of high elevation, snowfall, and extreme winter weather. As of January 1, relief actors—including USAID/BHA and State/PRM partners—had reached more than 1.6 million people across Syria with winterization support, according to the SNFI Cluster.

Food Security Crisis Continues As Food Prices Rise Across Syria

Food security conditions across Syria continued to deteriorate in December 2020, driven primarily by the economic crisis and resulting steep food prices countrywide. Food prices increased by 13 percent during December, reaching a level 236 percent higher than December 2019 and 29 times higher than the pre-crisis average, USAID/BHA partner the UN World Food Program (WFP) reports. During the month, 44 percent of households reported poor and borderline levels of food consumption, representing a 38 percent increase in food-insecure households compared to December 2019. Female-headed households accounted for the highest levels of inadequate food consumption, according to WFP. As a result, households countrywide increasingly rely on negative coping strategies—such as borrowing money, purchasing smaller quantities of food, and skipping meals—to meet essential food needs. During December, approximately 50 percent of surveyed households countrywide reduced the number of meals eaten per day and more than 40 percent of households restricted the food consumption of adults to prioritize their children's needs, WFP reports.

Cross-Border Operations Maintain Critical Assistance in Northwest Syria

During 2020, more than 12,000 trucks transported approximately 264,000 metric tons of UN humanitarian commodities from Turkey into northwest Syria, with 87 percent of shipments passing through Bab al-Hawa crossing and 13 percent through Bab al-Salama crossing, according to the Logistics Cluster, the coordinating body for humanitarian logistics activities, comprising UN agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders. Nearly 70 percent of trucks crossed into Syria during the first half of 2020, prior to UN Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2533 in mid-July, which removed UN authorization for cross-border operations through Bab al-Salama. The loss of the border crossing into Aleppo strained

humanitarian access in the second half of the year, presenting logistical and financial challenges that complicated humanitarian deliveries and required UN agencies to deliver aid from Turkey into Syria exclusively through Bab al-Hawa.

Approximately 9,300 trucks—or more than 75 percent of all 2020 deliveries—transported WFP food commodities into northwest Syria, highlighting the continued importance of food assistance in the region as food insecurity increases. According to a late September Global Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster assessment, 4.3 million people in northwest Syria—the region’s approximate total population—required food security and livelihoods assistance, an increase of 1 million people compared to 2019. UN agencies also provided nearly 2.1 million people with critical shelter support through cross-border deliveries, and reached nearly 1.2 million people with essential non-food items during 2020.

COVID-19 Cases Exceed 43,100 Countrywide

As of January 26, health actors had identified more than 43,100 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including more than 1,560 deaths, throughout Syria. The total figure includes nearly 21,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 380 deaths in opposition-held areas of northwest Syria, more than 8,400 confirmed cases and 289 fatalities in northeast Syria, and approximately 13,800 confirmed cases and 895 deaths in Syrian Arab Republic Government-held areas. Relief agencies continue to warn that actual caseloads are likely far higher than official estimates due to lack of testing capacity, contact tracing challenges, community stigma, and reluctance to seek care in hospitals.

In northwest Syria, health actors recently operationalized three additional hospitals to treat COVID-19 patients, bringing the total to 12 COVID-19 referral hospitals in the region. Notably, the UN reports higher occupancy rates in intensive care units compared to regular hospital ward admissions across northwest Syria in late 2020.

Jordan Begins COVID-19 Vaccinations for Refugees

On January 14, Jordan became one of the world's first countries to vaccinate refugees registered by State/PRM partner the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). As of early 2021, Jordan continued to host nearly 663,000 registered Syrian refugees; the country hosts the third-highest amount of Syrian refugees in the region, after Turkey and Lebanon, respectively. Through an online platform created by the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (GoHKJ), refugees and asylum seekers of all nationalities are eligible to register for a vaccination. The GoHKJ Ministry of Health (MoH) is administering the vaccinations at 23 vaccination points located throughout the country for urban refugees and Jordanian nationals, with plans to expand to Zaatari and Azraq refugee camps in the coming weeks. Until the camp vaccination centers open, UNHCR is coordinating transportation for refugees to the vaccine distribution center in Jordan’s Mafraq city. In addition, the GoHKJ MoH recently granted six-month medical licenses to 26 refugees, including Syrian refugees, to support the ongoing health response in Jordan.

KEY FIGURES



5.9 Million

Number of people USAID/BHA reaches with monthly food assistance in Syria and neighboring countries



5 Million

Number of people reached by USAID/BHA-supported health assistance during FY 2020



14

Number of USAID/BHA partners providing critical WASH assistance in Syria

U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

USAID/BHA supports the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF), WFP, and 15 NGOs to provide emergency food and nutrition assistance within Syria and to Syrian refugees in neighboring countries. In Syria, USAID/BHA partners provide monthly food rations; wheat flour and yeast to bakeries; food vouchers; cash for food; and emergency nutritional products. USAID/BHA-funded assistance also supports the provision of food vouchers and cash transfers for Syrian refugees. WFP and USAID/BHA-funded NGO partners provide monthly food assistance to more than 5.9 million Syrians, including more than 4.8 million people inside Syria and 1.1 million refugees across Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey.

HEALTH

USAID/BHA funds 11 partners, including UNICEF, to provide life-saving health assistance in Syria. USAID/BHA-supported activities include community-based health education, direct health care services through mobile medical units, provision of equipment for health care facilities, and training for Syrian medical workers. Additionally, USAID/BHA is supporting UNICEF and three NGOs to bolster COVID-19 health response capacity in Syria by establishing primary health care services in areas with limited health infrastructure, providing equipment to intensive care units and isolation facilities, and promoting effective infection prevention and control practices. USAID/BHA partners have also adapted programming across sectors to incorporate physical distancing and are disseminating public health and prevention messaging as part of COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

State/PRM partner UNHCR provides medical consultations and facilitates community-based health programming at 26 community center clinics and 11 UNHCR-run primary health care facilities in Syria. From January to October 2020, these UNHCR centers provided medical consultations to 188,000 individuals and coordinated community-based health programs for more than 88,000 individuals. As of late December 2020, UNHCR also reached nearly 630,000 people across Syria with COVID-19 prevention and awareness-raising activities and distributed personal protective equipment—including more than 235,000 examination gloves and 283,000 surgical masks—to community centers, health facilities, and outreach volunteers.

WASH

USAID/BHA supports 12 NGO partners, as well as the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNICEF, to provide WASH assistance in Syria. USAID/BHA partners distribute essential hygiene items to vulnerable populations and enhance WASH facilities by rehabilitating small-scale sanitation and water systems—such as handwashing stations and latrines—in displacement camps and informal settlements. In northern Syria, USAID/BHA partners increase access to safe drinking water through

emergency water trucking and the distribution of water storage tanks and water treatment devices. Further, USAID/BHA is supporting UNICEF and four NGOs to bolster COVID-19 response capacity in Syria by increasing water trucking frequency to provide additional water for handwashing and cleaning and distributing additional soap and other WASH commodities to beneficiaries.



1 Million

Number of people reached by State/PRM-supported protection assistance in Syria from January to October 2020

PROTECTION

State/PRM partner UNHCR identifies protection cases, provides referrals to legal aid services, and facilitates community-based protection interventions for conflict-affected and displaced Syrians. With State/PRM support, UNHCR also conducts psychosocial support sessions and awareness-raising sessions on civil status documentation and housing, land, and property issues; legal counseling and assistance; case management; and referrals. UNHCR manages more than 100 community centers countrywide and has trained more than 2,700 outreach volunteers on protection issues. From March to December 2020, UNHCR received and responded to nearly 145,000 calls through its hotlines on issues related to child protection, gender-based violence (GBV), legal matters, health, and mental health and psychosocial support.

USAID/BHA's 14 protection partners, including UNICEF, provide psychosocial support, learning and recreational opportunities, and case management and referral services for children at high risk of exploitation and abuse. USAID/BHA also supports safe spaces for women and girls, as well as medical supplies and specialized training for health staff to provide appropriate care for survivors of GBV, throughout Syria.



820,000

Number of people in northwest Syria reached by State/PRM-supported shelter assistance from January to October 2020

SHELTER AND RELIEF COMMODITIES

USAID/BHA supports 14 partners, including IOM, to distribute shelter materials and basic household items and conduct shelter rehabilitation activities in Syria. In advance of and during the winter season, USAID/BHA partners distribute emergency shelter and relief items, such as blankets, fuel, kitchen sets, plastic sheeting, sleeping mats, tents, and winter clothing. Additionally, in northern Syria, USAID/BHA partners establish and maintain IDP camps, rehabilitate existing IDP camps and collective centers, and distribute emergency shelter items.

Further, State/PRM support to UNHCR facilitates the distribution of relief commodities, hygiene kits, and tents to IDPs and host community members in Syria. From January to October 2020, UNHCR reached 998,000 people with relief commodities and 135,000 with shelter assistance from within Syria. From January to November 2020, UNHCR's cross-border assistance has also reached approximately 170,000 people with core relief items and more than 890,000 people with shelter support. Additionally, UNHCR has reached more than 199,000 people across Syria with winterization assistance and will continue to deliver assistance through the upcoming months.

CONTEXT IN BRIEF

- Following the commencement of peaceful demonstrations against the Syrian Arab Republic Government (SARG) in March 2011, SARG President Bashar al-Assad pledged legislative reforms. However, reforms failed to materialize, and SARG forces loyal to President al-Assad responded to demonstrations with violence, leading armed opposition groups to retaliate. The escalation in conflict has led to widespread displacement and a humanitarian crisis within Syria and the region. Hostilities continue to date, as shifting frontlines and areas of control force IDPs into smaller and more congested areas, exacerbating humanitarian needs.
- At a November 2012 meeting in Doha, Qatar, Syrian opposition factions formed an umbrella organization—the National Coalition for Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces, also known as the Syrian Coalition. The USG recognized the coalition as the legitimate representative of the Syrian people on December 11, 2012. On March 19, 2013, the Syrian Coalition established the Syrian Interim Government, which opposes the SARG and is based in decentralized locations throughout opposition-held areas of Syria. During 2014, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) captured significant areas of Syria, adding additional complexity to the multi-actor conflict. In March 2019, the Syrian Democratic Forces announced the capture of the last ISIS strongholds in Syria.
- On July 11, 2020, the UNSC adopted UNSC Resolution 2533, authorizing UN cross-border and cross-line delivery of humanitarian aid to conflict-affected populations in Syria. The resolution permits the UN’s use of Turkey’s Bab al-Hawa crossing for the delivery of humanitarian assistance into Syria for one year, expiring in July 2021. The resolution is a partial renewal of previous cross-border aid resolutions, beginning with UNSC Resolution 2165 on July 14, 2014, which had authorized four border crossings from Turkey, Jordan, and Iraq.

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA CRISIS RESPONSE IN FY 2020¹

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Syria			
USAID/BHA			
Implementing Partners	Agriculture and Food Security; Cash Transfers for Food; Complementary Services; Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS); Food Vouchers; Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management (HCIM); Health; Humanitarian Policy, Studies, Analysis, or Applications; Local, Regional, and International Procurement (LRIP); Monitoring/Evaluation; Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA); Nutrition; Protection; Shelter and Settlements; WASH	Syria	\$388,012,589
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Syria	\$19,000,000

UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	HCIM	Syria	\$4,000,000
UNICEF	HCIM, Health, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Syria	\$12,251,803
WFP	Complementary Services, Food Vouchers, LRIP, Nutrition	Syria	\$235,000,000
WHO	Health	Syria	\$18,000,000
Program Support		Syria	\$1,010,552
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN SYRIA			\$677,274,944
STATE/PRM			
Implementing Partners	Capacity Building, Cash-Based Programming, Education, Emergency Food Assistance, Health, Livelihoods, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Syria	\$37,200,000
UNHCR	Camp Coordination and Camp Management, Health, Livelihoods, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Syria	\$104,910,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN SYRIA			\$142,110,000
TOTAL USG FUNDING IN SYRIA IN FY 2020			\$819,384,944

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR SYRIAN REFUGEE-HOSTING COUNTRIES IN FY 2020

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Egypt			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Cash Transfers for Food, Food Vouchers	Egypt	\$20,500,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN EGYPT			\$20,500,000
STATE/PRM			
Implementing Partners	Child Protection, Education, Health, Livelihoods, Mental Health, Protection, Psychosocial Assistance	Egypt	\$1,772,905
UNHCR	Cash-Based Programming, Education, Health, Livelihoods, Mental Health, Protection, Relief Commodities	Egypt	\$12,410,000
UNICEF	Cash-Based Programming, Child Protection, Education, Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Health, Nutrition, Youth Programs	Egypt	\$2,000,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN EGYPT			\$16,182,905
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN EGYPT IN FY 2020			\$36,682,905
Iraq			
USAID/BHA			

WFP	Cash Transfers for Food	Iraq	\$9,452,496
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN IRAQ			\$9,452,496
STATE/PRM			
Implementing Partners	Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Health, Livelihoods, Mental Health, Protection, Psychosocial Assistance, WASH	Iraq	\$11,914,051
IOM	Durable Solutions, Education, Information Coordination, Livelihoods, Social Cohesion	Iraq	\$1,838,609
UNHCR	Camp Coordination and Camp Management, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements	Iraq	\$35,810,000
UNICEF	Child Protection, Education, Nutrition, WASH	Iraq	\$1,600,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN IRAQ			\$51,162,660
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN IRAQ IN FY 2020			\$60,615,156
Jordan			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Cash Transfers for Food, Food Vouchers	Jordan	\$63,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN JORDAN			\$63,000,000
STATE/PRM			
Implementing Partners	Capacity Building, Cash-Based Programming, Health, Livelihoods, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Jordan	\$24,454,419
International Labor Organization (ILO)	Livelihoods	Jordan	\$2,491,223
IOM	Cash-Based Programming, Transportation	Jordan	\$3,500,000
UNHCR	Camp Coordination and Camp Management, Cash-Based Programming, Education, Health, Livelihoods, Mental Health, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Jordan	\$66,080,000
UNICEF	Cash-Based Programming, Child Protection, Education, Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Health, Nutrition, WASH, Youth Programs	Jordan	\$25,540,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN JORDAN			\$122,065,642
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN JORDAN IN FY 2020			\$185,065,642
Lebanon			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Cash Transfers for Food, Food Vouchers	Lebanon	\$80,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN LEBANON			\$80,000,000
STATE/PRM			

Implementing Partners	Cash-Based Programming, Education, Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Health, Livelihoods, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Lebanon	\$31,713,855
UNHCR	Cash-Based Programming, Education, Health, Livelihoods, Mental Health, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Lebanon	\$117,700,000
UNICEF	Cash-Based Programming, Child Protection, Education, Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Health, Nutrition, WASH, Youth Programs	Lebanon	\$78,100,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN LEBANON			\$227,513,855
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN LEBANON IN FY 2020			\$307,513,855
Turkey			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Food Vouchers	Turkey	\$8,000,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN TURKEY			\$8,000,000
STATE/PRM			
Implementing Partners	Capacity Building, Education, Health, Livelihoods, Mental Health, Protection, Psychosocial Assistance, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements	Turkey	\$29,982,393
ILO	Livelihoods	Turkey	\$9,345,508
IOM	Capacity Building, Cash-Based Programming, Education, Health, Livelihoods, Protection, Psychosocial Support, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements	Turkey	\$11,200,000
UNHCR	Capacity Building, Cash-Based Programming, Education, Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Health, Livelihoods, Mental Health, Protection, Relief Commodities, WASH	Turkey	\$55,620,000
UNICEF	Cash-Based Programming, Child Protection, Education, Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Health, Nutrition, WASH, Youth Programs	Turkey	\$39,530,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN TURKEY			\$145,677,901
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN TURKEY IN FY 2020			\$153,677,901
Regional			
STATE/PRM			
UNHCR	Cash-Based Programming, Education, Health, Livelihoods, Protection	Regional	\$1,500,000
TOTAL REGIONAL STATE/PRM FUNDING			\$1,500,000
TOTAL REGIONAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE IN FY 2020			\$1,500,000

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE IN FY 2020²

TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2020	\$858,227,440
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2020	\$706,212,963
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE IN FY 2020	\$1,564,440,403

FUNDING FOR SYRIA REGIONAL COVID-19 OUTBREAK PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE³

USAID/BHA			
NGOs	ERMS, HCIM, Health, MPCA, WASH	Syria	\$19,091,985
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Syria	\$5,900,000
WFP	Cash Transfers for Food, LRIP	Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon	\$32,350,000
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING			\$57,341,985
STATE/PRM			
Implementing Partner	Health, WASH	Jordan, Syria	\$6,730,000
NGOs	Cash-Based Programming, Livelihoods, Mental Health, Protection, Psychosocial Assistance, Relief Commodities	Lebanon, Turkey	\$1,287,699
IOM	Cash-Based Programming, Health, Logistics, Protection	Iraq, Jordan, Turkey	\$5,185,000
UNHCR	Cash-Based Programming, Health, Protection, Relief Commodities, WASH	Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey	\$47,163,000
UNICEF	Education, Health, Protection, Relief Commodities, WASH	Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey	\$23,120,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING			\$83,485,699
TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR COVID-19 OUTBREAK PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE FOR SYRIANS IN FY 2020			\$140,827,684

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE IN FYs 2012–2020⁴

TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FYs 2012–2020	\$6,153,700,050
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FYs 2012–2020	\$6,050,511,437
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE IN FYs 2012–2020	\$12,204,211,487

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of September 30, 2020.

² This total does not include supplemental FY 2020 funding for COVID-19 preparedness and response activities.

³ Figures represent supplemental International Disaster Assistance (IDA) and Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA) funding committed for COVID-19 preparedness and response activities as of September 30, 2020.

⁴ This total includes supplemental FY 2020 funding for COVID-19 preparedness and response activities.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at [interaction.org](https://www.interaction.org).

- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: cidi.org
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at reliefweb.int.

USAID/BHA bulletins appear on the USAID website at [usaid.gov/humanitarian-assistance/where-we-work](https://www.usaid.gov/humanitarian-assistance/where-we-work)