

# Syria – Complex Emergency

JULY 13, 2022

## SITUATION AT A GLANCE

<p><b>14.6</b> MILLION</p> <p>Estimated Population in Need of Humanitarian Assistance in Syria</p> <p><i>UN – February 2022</i></p>	<p><b>12</b> MILLION</p> <p>Estimated Food-Insecure Population in Syria</p> <p><i>UN – February 2022</i></p>	<p><b>6.7</b> MILLION</p> <p>Estimated Number of IDPs in Syria</p> <p><i>UN – March 2022</i></p>	<p><b>5.5</b> MILLION</p> <p>Estimated People USAID/BHA Reaches per Month in Syria</p> <p><i>USAID/BHA – March 2022</i></p>	<p><b>2.1</b> MILLION</p> <p>Estimated People State/PRM Reaches per Month in Syria</p> <p><i>State/PRM – Sept 2021</i></p>
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- The UN Security Council adopted Resolution 2642 on July 12, renewing UN authorization to provide cross-border humanitarian assistance into northwest Syria for six months.
- Violence in northeast Syria’s Al Hol camp resulted in the deaths of 21 individuals from April to June, according to SCF.
- Approximately half of pregnant and lactating women and 30 percent of children are experiencing undernutrition in northwest Syria amid deteriorating economic conditions, the UN reports. Meanwhile, food prices in Syria increased for the eighth consecutive month in April.



<p><b>TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>For the Syria Response in FYs 2012–2022</p>	USAID/BHA <sup>1</sup>	\$7,605,721,571
	State/PRM <sup>2</sup>	\$7,333,796,062
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$14,939,517,633</b>

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

<sup>1</sup>USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA)  
<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

## **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

### **UNSC Renews Authorization for UN Cross-Border Assistance into Syria for Six Months**

The UN Security Council (UNSC) adopted Resolution 2642 on July 12, renewing UN authorization to provide cross-border humanitarian assistance into northwest Syria via Turkey's Bab al-Hawa border crossing until January 10, 2023, a six-month period. The resolution allows for a renewal in January for an additional six months—until July 10, 2023—subject to the issuance of a UN Secretary-General report detailing humanitarian needs in Syria and adoption of a new UNSC resolution. Resolution 2642 enables UN humanitarian assistance delivery into northwest Syria to continue, providing millions of Syrians with critical relief commodities, such as coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccines, food assistance, and medical, protection, shelter, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) supplies until January 2023. Bab al-Hawa is the only remaining crossing authorized for UN cross-border assistance into Syria, following the expiration of UN authorization to access Iraq's Al Yaroubia crossing into northeast Syria's Al Hasakah Governorate and Turkey's Bab al-Salama crossing into northwest Syria's Aleppo Governorate in January 2020 and July 2020, respectively.

### **Violence in Al Hol Camp Results in 21 Deaths from May to June**

Increased violence in Al Hasakah Governorate's Al Hol camp—housing an estimated 57,000 individuals, primarily Syrian and Iraqi nationals, and including nearly 29,000 children—has exacerbated protection risks faced by camp residents in recent weeks, relief actors report. From April to June, violence in the camp resulted in the deaths of 21 people, including 17 women, with violence in June alone resulting in the deaths of eight women, according to reports from non-governmental organization (NGO) Save the Children Federation (SCF). The number of violent fatalities during the period represents a 250 percent increase compared to the number of violence-related deaths recorded from January to March 2022. Overall, gender-based violence and violent incidents affecting children remain a significant protection concern in the camp, according to SCF. As a result of exposure to violence, SCF reports that many children in the camp exhibit symptoms of psychological trauma, including behavioral issues, loss of appetite, nightmares, and vomiting. In response to increased protection risks, relief actors, including SCF, continue to advocate for additional protection services in Al Hol, as well as the dignified, safe, and voluntary return of camp residents to their countries and areas of origin. In response to heightened humanitarian needs in displacement camps such as Al Hol, U.S. Government (USG) partners are providing multi-sector assistance to camp residents, including food, health care, WASH, and protection services, such as psychosocial support services (PSS), safe spaces for women and girls, and recreation and learning activities for children.

### **Nutrition Conditions Deteriorate Among Children, PLW in Northwest Syria**

Nutrition conditions are deteriorating in northwest Syria, where rising food prices and reduced household purchasing power have driven individuals to resort to negative coping mechanisms, such as reducing the size of meals or consuming less expensive and nutritious foods, the UN reports. An estimated 3.1 million people residing in northwest Syria are food insecure and approximately 30 percent of children ages five years and younger and 50 percent of pregnant and lactating women (PLW) are experiencing undernutrition, according to the UN. Additionally, nearly 250,000 children in the region are experiencing stunted growth and approximately half of all PLW and children are experiencing anemia, a condition that contributes to stunting. Stunting prevalence among children is particularly high in Aleppo Governorate's Afrin and Jebel Saman districts and Idlib Governorate's Harim and Jisr-Ash-Shugur districts, where approximately 30 percent of all children were experiencing stunting as of April,

according to a survey by the Northwest Syria Nutrition Cluster—the coordinating body for humanitarian nutrition activities, comprising UN agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders in the region.

The UN warns that inadequate funding for nutrition services threatens to further compromise nutrition conditions in northwest Syria in the coming year. Notably, between January and June, funding constraints prompted relief organizations to suspend operations of more than 100 nutrition rapid response teams (RRTs), which provide life-saving nutrition services to vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities in Syria. Absent the reactivation of the suspended RRTs, more than 1 million children and 260,000 PLW will lack access to nutrition services in 2022, likely driving increases in nutrition-related fatalities and the rate of individuals affected by the long-term effects of malnutrition, including disability and impaired cognitive ability, the UN reports. In response to increased nutrition needs in northwest Syria, USAID/BHA partners are providing affected populations with cash transfers for food, emergency nutritional products, food vouchers, and monthly in-kind food rations.

### **Syria's Food Prices Increase for Eighth Consecutive Month Amid Ongoing Global Market Effects of the Ukraine Complex Emergency**

In April, the average national price for the average minimum food basket—a group of essential food commodities including bread, lentils, rice, sugar, and oil—in Syria reached a record high for the eighth consecutive month since the UN World Food Program (WFP) began commodity tracking in 2013. In April, the national average price of the minimum food basket was approximately \$128, an increase of 8 percent compared with the average price recorded in March and an 84 percent increase compared with the average price recorded in April 2021. The price of the average minimum food basket rose in all of Syria's 14 governorates in April, with Latakia Governorate reporting the highest monthly price for the average minimum food basket at approximately \$142.

Increased food commodity prices in Syria are due, in part, to global market effects of the ongoing Ukraine complex emergency, including increased energy and transportation costs, rising global inflation, and supply chain issues, WFP reports. As of April, the cost of key imported commodities, such as lentils, rice, and vegetable oil, had increased by approximately 36, 20, and 62 percent, respectively, since the start of the invasion of Ukraine in late February. Elevated commodity prices on the global market have also increased humanitarian actors' operational costs, prompting WFP to reduce the size of food rations in all areas of Syria to approximately 1,200 calories per individual—just over half of the recommended daily caloric intake—due to funding constraints, according to the UN agency.

#### **KEY FIGURES**



**6.6 Million**

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

#### **U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

##### **FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

USAID/BHA supports the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), WFP, and 13 NGOs providing emergency food and nutrition assistance within Syria and to Syrian refugees in neighboring countries. In Syria, USAID/BHA partners provide vulnerable populations with cash transfers for food, emergency nutritional products, food vouchers, and monthly in-kind food rations while also distributing wheat flour and yeast to bakeries. USAID/BHA assistance also supports the provision of cash transfers for food and food vouchers for Syrian refugees. WFP and USAID/BHA-funded NGO partners provide monthly food assistance to more than 6.6 million Syrians, including more than 5.5 million people inside Syria and 1.1 million refugees across Egypt,

Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey.



**5 Million**

Number of people  
USAID/BHA reached  
with health assistance in  
FY 2021

## HEALTH

USAID/BHA funds 11 partners, including UNICEF, the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), and the UN World Health Organization (WHO), to provide critical health assistance in Syria, cumulatively supporting approximately 480 health facilities. USAID/BHA-supported activities include community-based health education, direct health services through mobile medical units, reproductive health services, the provision of equipment for health facilities, and training for Syrian medical workers. USAID/BHA is supporting additional 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 and isolation facilities, and promoting effective infection prevention and control practices.

State/PRM partner the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) provides medical consultations and facilitates community-based health programming through community clinics and health points in UNHCR-supported community centers in areas of Syria with minimally accessible health services. The UN agency also distributes masks and sanitation supplies to community centers throughout the country to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In May, UNHCR supported approximately 25,000 people with primary health care services at 13 primary health care clinics in 6 governorates across Syria. In addition, State/PRM supports UNHCR, UNICEF, and nine NGO partners to provide health assistance, including medical consultations, specialized health services, and vaccinations, for refugees in neighboring countries.



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

## WASH

USAID/BHA supports 13 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. Furthermore, USAID/BHA is supporting NGOs to bolster COVID-19 response capacity in Syria by increasing water trucking frequency to communities and IDP sites, providing additional water for handwashing and cleaning, and distributing soap and other WASH commodities. State/PRM also supports partners—including one NGO in Iraq and Lebanon, one international organization in Jordan, and a third partner in Syria—to provide WASH assistance to Syrian refugees as well as vulnerable populations inside Syria.



**242**

Number of centers through which State/PRM provides protection assistance in Syria

## PROTECTION

State/PRM partner UNHCR provides comprehensive protection services—including identifying protection cases, facilitating community-based protection interventions, providing referrals to legal aid services, and providing educational services for parents and children—for conflict-affected and displaced Syrians in both Syria and neighboring countries. With State/PRM funding, UNHCR engages 2,800 community outreach volunteers and supports approximately 120 mobile units, 90 community centers, and 30 satellite centers throughout Syria to provide PSS, legal counseling, and case management and referrals. State/PRM also supports IOM, UNICEF, and 30 NGO partners to provide protection assistance, including legal documentation and case management services, for Syrian refugees in neighboring countries.

USAID/BHA funds 15 protection partners, including IOM, UNFPA, and UNICEF, to provide PSS, 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 gender-based violence survivors throughout Syria.



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Number of State/PRM partners providing shelter and relief commodities in Syria and neighboring countries

## SHELTER AND RELIEF COMMODITIES

USAID/BHA supports 11 partners, including IOM, to distribute shelter materials and basic household items and conduct shelter rehabilitation activities in Syria. In northern Syria, USAID/BHA partners establish and maintain IDP camps, rehabilitate existing IDP camps and collective centers, and distribute emergency shelter items. Further, with State/PRM support, UNHCR facilitates the distribution of core relief items, including kitchen sets, mattresses, plastic sheets, sleeping mats, solar lamps, thermal blankets, and water containers. To date in 2022, UNHCR has assisted 6,400 households in 12 governorates with core relief items. State/PRM also supports IOM, UNHCR, and NGO partners to provide shelter and relief commodities to refugees in neighboring countries.

## 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 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 (SDF) announced the capture of the last ISIS strongholds in Syria.
- On July 12, 2022, the UNSC adopted UNSC Resolution 2642, authorizing UN cross-border 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 6 months, with a potential renewal in January for an additional six months—until July 10, 2023—subject to the issuance of a UN Secretary-General report detailing humanitarian needs in Syria and adoption of a new UNSC resolution. The resolution is a partial renewal of previous cross-border aid resolutions, beginning with UNSC Resolution 2165 on July 14, 2014, which authorized four border crossings from Iraq, Jordan, and Turkey.

### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA CRISIS RESPONSE IN FY 2022<sup>1</sup>

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>SYRIA</b>			
USAID/BHA			
Implementing Partners (IPs)	Agriculture; Economic Recovery and Market Systems; Food Assistance—Cash Transfers; Local, Regional, and International Procurement (LRIP); Vouchers; Health; Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management, and Assessments (HCIMA); Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA); Nutrition; Protection; Shelter and Settlements; WASH	Syria	\$141,322,244
IOM	HCIMA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Syria	\$21,281,787
UNICEF	Nutrition, Health, Protection, WASH	Syria	\$19,345,596
UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	HCIMA	Syria	\$3,000,000

WFP	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers, LRIP, Vouchers; Nutrition	Syria	\$171,500,000
	Program Support	Syria	\$381,679
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN SYRIA</b>			<b>\$356,831,306</b>
STATE/PRM			
IPs	Education; Food Assistance—LRIP, Vouchers; Health; Livelihoods; Protection; Relief Commodities; Shelter and Settlements; WASH	Syria	\$27,600,000
UNHCR	Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), HCIMA, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Syria	\$57,100,000
UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNWRA)	Education, Food Assistance—LRIP, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements	Syria	\$12,000,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN SYRIA</b>			<b>\$96,700,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING IN SYRIA IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$453,531,306</b>

#### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR SYRIAN REFUGEE-HOSTING COUNTRIES IN FY 2022

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>EGYPT</b>			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers	Egypt	\$15,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN EGYPT</b>			<b>\$15,000,000</b>
STATE/PRM			
UNHCR	Education, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Relief Commodities	Egypt	\$6,600,000
UNICEF	Education, Health, MPCA, Nutrition, Protection	Egypt	\$900,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN EGYPT</b>			<b>\$7,500,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN EGYPT IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$22,500,000</b>
<b>IRAQ</b>			
STATE/PRM			
UNHCR	CCCM, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements	Iraq	\$15,400,000
UNICEF	Education, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Iraq	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN IRAQ</b>			<b>\$16,400,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN IRAQ IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$16,400,000</b>
<b>JORDAN</b>			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers, Vouchers	Jordan	\$66,552,591
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN JORDAN</b>			<b>\$66,552,591</b>

STATE/PRM			
IPs	Education, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Jordan	\$3,400,000
UNHCR	CCCM, Education, HCIMA, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Jordan	\$47,200,000
UNICEF	Education, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Jordan	\$15,600,000
UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	Education, Health, Livelihoods, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Jordan	\$2,000,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN JORDAN</b>			<b>\$68,200,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN JORDAN IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$134,752,591</b>
LEBANON			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers, LRIP, Vouchers	Lebanon	\$73,000,000
	Program Support		\$35,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN LEBANON</b>			<b>\$73,035,000</b>
STATE/PRM			
IPs	Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, WASH	Lebanon	\$7,400,000
UNHCR	Education, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Lebanon	\$67,500,000
UNICEF	Education, Health, MPCA, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Lebanon	\$36,200,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN LEBANON</b>			<b>\$111,100,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN LEBANON IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$184,135,000</b>
TURKEY			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Food Assistance—Vouchers	Turkey	\$7,600,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN TURKEY</b>			<b>\$7,600,000</b>
STATE/PRM			
IPs	Health, Livelihoods, Protection	Turkey	\$4,148,214
IOM	Education, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements	Turkey	\$8,500,000
UNHCR	Education, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Relief Commodities, WASH	Turkey	\$42,300,000
UNICEF	Education, Health, MPCA, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Turkey	\$19,600,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN TURKEY</b>			<b>\$74,548,214</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN TURKEY IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$82,148,214</b>



REGIONAL			
STATE/PRM			
UNHCR	Education, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection	Regional	\$1,200,000
<b>TOTAL REGIONAL STATE/PRM FUNDING</b>			<b>\$1,200,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REGIONAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$1,200,000</b>

#### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE IN FY 2022

<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2022</b>	<b>\$519,018,897</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2022</b>	<b>\$375,648,214</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE IN FY 2022</b>	<b>\$894,667,111</b>

#### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE IN FYs 2012–2022

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<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FYs 2012–2022</b>	<b>\$7,333,796,062</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE IN FYs 2012–2022</b>	<b>\$14,939,517,633</b>

<sup>1</sup> Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of May 10, 2022.

## 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://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](https://cidi.org)
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [reliefweb.int](https://reliefweb.int).

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