

# Syria – Complex Emergency

SEPTEMBER 30, 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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- On September 29, the UN requested approximately \$34.2 million to reach 137,000 people at risk for cholera with assistance, as well as control and prevent the spread of the outbreak.
- WASH actors detect contaminated drinking water sources amid persistent water shortages in northeast Syria.
- Prices of key food items in Syria remained 85 percent higher in August 2022 compared to the previous year.



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	State/PRM <sup>2</sup>	\$7,791,400,271
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$15,858,329,400</b>

*For complete funding breakdown with partners, see detailed chart on page 5*

<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

### UN Releases Response Plan for Escalating Cholera Outbreak

Since the Syrian Arab Republic Government (SARG) Ministry of Health declared a cholera outbreak in Aleppo Governorate following laboratory confirmation of the disease on September 10, the outbreak continued to spread to other areas of Syria in the subsequent weeks. Between August 25 and September 23, health actors recorded nearly 6,000 cases of acute watery diarrhea (AWD) and 36 related deaths in nine of Syria's 14 governorates, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports. As of September 23, laboratory testing had confirmed 98 total cholera cases across Aleppo, Ar Raqqa, and Dayr Az Zawr governorates. The UN uses AWD as an indicator for the likely presence of cholera in areas where a cholera outbreak has been declared or is suspected. Laboratory testing to confirm suspected cases is a significant constraint in Syria, as not all governorates have capable microbiology labs to conduct tests, according to the UN World Health Organization (WHO). The UN agency suspects the outbreak is linked to untreated drinking water from the Euphrates River and consumption of food irrigated with contaminated water.

On September 29, OCHA released a Whole of Syria (WoS) AWD and Cholera Response Plan, outlining how humanitarian organizations will provide health, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and risk communication and community engagement assistance to populations in need for an initial 90-day period. The plan appeals for approximately \$34.2 million from international donors to reach 137,000 of the 162,000 people estimated to be at risk of AWD and cholera. The response includes planned assistance for more than 40,000 people, or approximately 25 percent of the anticipated caseload, who are projected to develop symptoms from cholera requiring hospitalization, including severe dehydration. Additionally, humanitarian organizations plan to reach up to 5 million people—of approximately 8 million people in need—with WASH services to control and mitigate the further spread of the disease. Overall, response activities focus on disease surveillance and detection; humanitarian coordination; vaccination against cholera; procurement and logistics of critical health and WASH supplies; and risk communication about the disease to vulnerable communities.

### Water Shortages Across Northeast Syria Drive Communities to Rely on Unsafe Drinking Water

Water shortages remain a persistent issue across northeast Syria. Approximately 460,000 people—as well as critical health facilities—in Al Hasakah Governorate rely on the Alouk water station near Ras al Ain town as their primary source of safe drinking water, while an additional 500,000 people rely on water trucking services, according to an August WHO report. The station is frequently out of service due to electricity interruptions and tensions between parties to the conflict in northeast Syria, the UN reports. From January to August, the station was shut down for at least four extended periods and only operates at limited capacity while active. As a result, many communities in northeast Syria must resort to purchasing privately sold water at high risk of contamination. Water shortages and resultant reliance on unsafe water sources present serious public health risks, including outbreaks of water- and vector-borne illnesses such as diarrhea, hepatitis, and leishmaniasis, which further challenge northeast Syria's already deteriorated health care system.

In August, WASH organizations found approximately 7 percent of water samples collected from water points in 11 internally displaced person (IDP) camps in northeast Syria to be contaminated. Similarly, more than 8 percent of samples collected from 41 drinking water stations in rural areas of Dayr Az Zawr—upon which nearly 650,000 people rely—were contaminated. In response to the ongoing water shortage and risks of drinking water contamination, 10 humanitarian organizations distributed more than

2.2 million water purification tablets from January to August, sufficient to provide safe drinking water for more than 1 million people, WHO reports.

## Food Prices Remain Elevated Amid Ongoing Global Market Effects of GoRF Invasion of Ukraine

The average price of the minimum food basket in Syria—a group of essential food commodities including bread, lentils, oil, rice, and sugar—was 85 percent higher in August 2022 compared to August 2021, according to the UN World Food Program (WFP). Food prices also increased by 36 percent between the beginning of the Government of the Russian Federation (GoRF) invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and August 2022, driven by elevated commodity shipment costs, currency inflation, and international food supply shocks. Although global food prices decreased slightly in August—representing a 2 percent decrease in the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)’s Food Price Index—the weak value of the Syrian pound prevented food prices from decreasing in the country. Additionally, the SARG raised the price of subsidized gasoline by nearly 130 percent during the month, the second formal increase in the price in 2022, WFP reports.

### KEY FIGURES



**6.6 Million**

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



**5 Million**

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

## U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

### FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

USAID/BHA supports the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF), WFP, and 15 non-governmental organizations (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. State/PRM supports UNICEF to monitor, identify, and respond to cases of malnutrition in refugee populations throughout Turkey, as well as support awareness campaigns on breastfeeding and best practices to prevent chronic malnutrition.

### HEALTH

USAID/BHA funds 11 partners, including UNICEF, the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), and 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 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) 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. To date in 2022, approximately 160,000 people received primary health services in UNHCR-supported health facilities. In addition, State/PRM supports UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, 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, one international organization in Jordan and Lebanon, and a third partner in Syria—to provide WASH assistance to Syrian refugees, as well as vulnerable populations inside Syria. With State/PRM support, UNHCR and partners repair WASH networks to improve sanitation services and enable the provision of safe drinking water in northwest Syria.



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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 and nearly 130 community centers and satellite centers throughout Syria to provide psychosocial support (PSS), legal counseling, and case management and referrals. UNHCR also supports community-led initiatives that aim to foster better community relations and support the needs of IDPs, returnees, and host communities. State/PRM also supports IOM, UNICEF, and NGO partners to

provide protection assistance, including legal documentation and case management services, for Syrian refugees in neighboring countries.

USAID/BHA funds 13 protection partners, including IOM and UNFPA, 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 USG 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. State/PRM partner UNHCR supports the replacement of damaged tents for households in IDP camps in northeast Syria. State/PRM also supports IOM, UNHCR, and six NGO partners to provide shelter and relief commodities to refugees in neighboring countries.

### 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 (ERMS); 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	\$478,627,680
IOM	HCIMA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Syria	\$23,781,787
UNFPA	Health, Protection, MPCA		\$10,560,000
UNICEF	Nutrition, Health, Protection, WASH	Syria	\$26,845,596
OCHA	HCIMA	Syria	\$5,000,000
WFP	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers, LRIP, Vouchers; Nutrition	Syria	\$233,500,000
WHO	Health	Syria	\$14,000,000
	Program Support	Syria	\$723,801
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN SYRIA</b>			<b>\$793,038,864</b>
STATE/PRM			
IPs	Education; ERMS; Food Assistance—LRIP, Vouchers; Health; Logistics Support; Protection; Shelter and Settlements; WASH	Syria	\$50,721,135

UNHCR	Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), ERMS, HCIMA, Health, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Settlements, WASH	Syria	\$89,800,000
UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)	Education, ERMS, Food Assistance–LRIP, Health, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Syria	\$51,000,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN SYRIA</b>			<b>\$192,521,135</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING IN SYRIA IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$985,559,999</b>

#### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR SYRIAN REFUGEE-HOSTING COUNTRIES IN FY 2022 <sup>1</sup>

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>EGYPT</b>			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Food Assistance–Cash Transfers	Egypt	\$18,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN EGYPT</b>			<b>\$18,000,000</b>
STATE/PRM			
IPs	Education, ERMS, Health, MPCA, Protection	Egypt	\$2,481,002
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Health, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection	Egypt	\$10,600,000
UNICEF	Education, Health, MPCA, Nutrition, Protection	Egypt	\$1,700,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN EGYPT</b>			<b>\$14,781,002</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN EGYPT IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$32,781,002</b>
<b>IRAQ</b>			
STATE/PRM			
IPs	Agriculture, Education, ERMS, Health, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Iraq	\$10,094,294
IOM	HCIMA, Logistics Support	Iraq	\$125,000
UNFPA	Health, Protection	Iraq	\$495,000
UNHCR	CCCM, Logistics Support, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Iraq	\$33,800,000
UNICEF	Education, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Iraq	\$1,700,000
WHO	Health	Iraq	\$4,000,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN IRAQ</b>			<b>\$50,214,294</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN IRAQ IN FY 2022<sup>2</sup></b>			<b>\$50,214,294</b>
<b>JORDAN</b>			
USAID/BHA			
WFP	Food Assistance–Cash Transfers, Vouchers	Jordan	\$88,552,591
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING IN JORDAN</b>			<b>\$88,552,591</b>
STATE/PRM			
IPs	Education, ERMS, Health, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Jordan	\$28,847,345
ILO	ERMS	Jordan	\$2,300,000
IOM	MPCA, Protection	Jordan	\$3,000,000

UNFPA	Health, Protection	Jordan	\$2,600,000
UNHCR	CCCM, Education, ERMS, HCIMA, Health, Logistics Support, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Jordan	\$79,400,000
UNICEF	Education, ERMS, Health, MPCA, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Jordan	\$38,400,000
UNRWA	Education, ERMS, Health, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Jordan	\$2,900,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN JORDAN</b>			<b>\$157,447,345</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN JORDAN IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$245,999,936</b>
<b>LEBANON</b>			
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	Education, ERMS, Health, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Lebanon	\$34,967,692
IOM	Health, Logistics Support, Protection	Lebanon	\$1,000,000
UN Development Program (UNDP)	ERMS, Shelter and Settlements	Lebanon	\$5,000,000
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Health, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Lebanon	\$125,000,000
UNICEF	Education, Health, MPCA, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Lebanon	\$101,600,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN LEBANON</b>			<b>\$267,567,692</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN LEBANON IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$340,602,692</b>
<b>TURKEY</b>			
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	Education, ERMS, Health, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Turkey	\$21,422,741
ILO	ERMS	Turkey	\$3,348,214
IOM	Education, ERMS, Health, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Turkey	\$19,450,000
UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Health, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, WASH	Turkey	\$56,300,000
UNICEF	Education, Health, MPCA, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Turkey	\$48,100,000
UNFPA	Health, Protection	Turkey	\$1,900,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN TURKEY</b>			<b>\$150,520,955</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN TURKEY IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$158,120,955</b>
<b>REGIONAL</b>			
STATE/PRM			

UNHCR	Education, ERMS, Health, 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>\$980,226,455</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR SYRIA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2022</b>	<b>\$833,252,423</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE SYRIA RESPONSE IN FY 2022</b>	<b>\$1,813,478,878</b>

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<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 September 14, 2022.  
<sup>2</sup> Funding for Iraq is also reported in the Iraq Complex Emergency Fact Sheet #3 dated September 30, 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](http://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](http://cidi.org)
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [reliefweb.int](http://reliefweb.int).

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