



SYRIAN CRISIS

ISLAMIC RELIEF USA

TWO YEAR UPDATE

MARCH 2013



2 YEARS, TOO LONG

Two years since the start of the uprising, the people of Syria are in the midst of one of the world's gravest humanitarian crises in recent years. As of March 2013, more than 70,000 people have been killed and more than 1 million people are refugees.

Although these figures increase by the hour, funding for Syrians affected by the war is low, considering the length, scale and level of violence. International opinion on the crisis continues to emphasize the difficulties of taking decisive action rather than emphasize the imperative to act.

Indeed, it is when action is most difficult that help is most needed. The people of Syria need us now more than ever.

“THE SITUATION IN SYRIA IS CATASTROPHIC AND GETTING WORSE BY THE DAY.”
-UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, January 2013

“WE ARE WATCHING A HUMAN TRAGEDY UNFOLD BEFORE OUR EYES ...”
-UN Under-Secretary General of Humanitarian Affairs Valerie Amos



OUR WORK CONTINUES

For two years and counting, Islamic Relief has been working diligently to help relieve the suffering of Syrian men, women and children with the support of our donors, but we still have a lot more work to do. Syrian children have been out of school for two years, women and children have suffered physical, psychological and sexual abuse, and hundreds of families rely solely upon humanitarian aid to survive. Too many sisters and brothers have been killed. We have to keep working.

The situation in Syria is complex, challenging and constantly changing. This report does not presume that finding solutions is easy, but it does identify key initiatives Islamic Relief donors have made possible. These initiatives have helped alleviate Syrians' suffering.



ISLAMIC RELIEF TAKES ACTION FOR SYRIANS

Since the crisis began, Islamic Relief USA has worked diligently with local organizations and Islamic Relief partner offices to deliver life-saving aid to Syrians in need. Together, the Islamic Relief family has been able to provide food, clothing, shelter, medical care and more to Syrians suffering through these tumultuous times.

Getting into Syria remains dangerous, but since December 2012, IRUSA has been helping Syrians inside Syria through partner offices in Turkey. Refugees in neighboring countries also receive similar assistance.

ONGOING OBJECTIVES:

- Provide relief supplies and services**
 - Provide assistance to refugees and host communities
 - Address humanitarian needs of Syrians affected by crisis
 - Advocate for rehabilitation and reconstruction of infrastructure and vital services



NUMBER OF PROJECTS: 54

With the invaluable support and generosity of donors worldwide, Islamic Relief has been able to implement 54 projects for Syrians inside and outside of Syria. The table shown highlights the distribution of these projects.

NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN EACH COUNTRY

Office / Mission	No of Projects
Syria (Inside)	21
Lebanon	15
Iraq	9
Jordan	9
Total	54

INTERVENTION

Islamic Relief's intervention for Syrians varies from country to country, based on regular and ongoing needs assessments. Based on the needs on the ground, the areas Islamic Relief has focused projects in for Syrians are food security, health and shelter. The following tables show the total aid distributed by all Islamic Relief offices and missions in these areas in 2012.

FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Item	Quantity/Unit
Food Parcel	154,209
Bread Pack	30,583
Canned Meat	30,512
Wheat Flour	448 tons
Palm Dates	200 tons

WATER AND SANITATION

Item	Quantity/Unit
Hygiene Kits	27,537
Water Bottle	4,128
Toilet Unit	42
Shower Unit	42

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

Item	Quantity/Unit
Clothes and Shoes	154,209
Blankets	76,116
Baby Kit	30,583
Mattresses	30,512
Kitchen Kit	9,146
Children Toy	8,974
Anti Mosquito Net	4884
Kerosene Jerry Cans	3,607
School Kit	3,360
Stove	1,923
Fan	1,707
Heater	1,689
House Rent	1,000
Pillow	639
Portable Gas	561
Tent	200

HEALTH

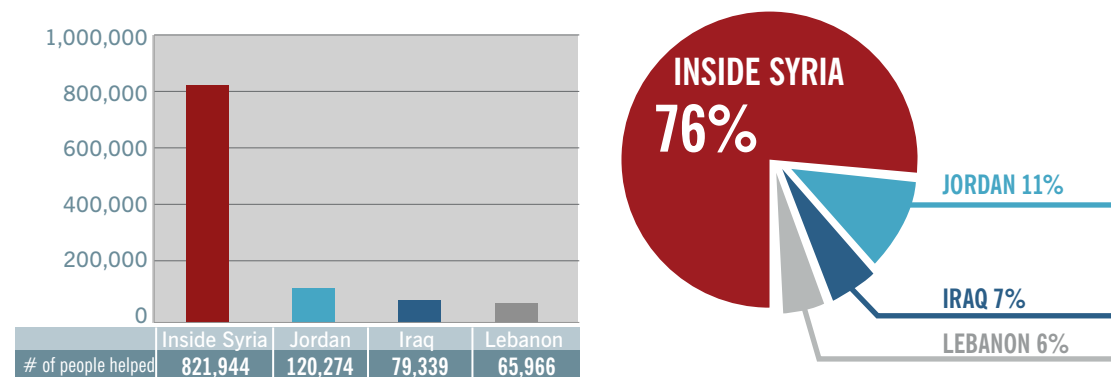
Item	Quantity/Unit
Medicine and Medical Disposables	1,810,903*
Hospitalization	18,141 (case/patient)**
Emergency Medical Bag	2,000
Vehicles/Ambulances	30

* This number represents 98 different types of medical items, which were provided for 30 field hospitals and 60 medical points inside Syria.
 ** This number has been estimated based on number of Syrians who received medical help in 2012.



MORE THAN 1 MILLION SYRIANS HELPED

Islamic Relief's worldwide donors have reached more than 1 million Syrians inside and outside of Syria. The charts below illustrate how many Syrians were helped in each country of operation. Syrians who received aid inside Syria from Islamic Relief USA received this aid through Islamic Relief partner offices in Turkey.



WE ARE HERE



ISLAMIC RELIEF: ONE OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS ON THE GROUND INSIDE SYRIA

Islamic Relief was one of the first humanitarian agencies to provide assistance inside Syria. Islamic Relief continues to expand reach inside Syria, and with donor support, we are helping people in Idlib, Aleppo, Hama and eastern areas.

Islamic Relief's mission is to reach those who are need, wherever they are. With Islamic Relief field offices and missions in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq, we attempt to provide aid to any needy Syrian inside or outside Syria who it is possible to reach. The table and map provided highlight the main areas where Islamic Relief operates.

Country	Areas of intervention
Syria (Inside) via Turkey	Al Karamah IDP Camp, Bab Alhawa IDP Camp, Qah IDP Camp, Atma IDP Camp, Idlib & its suburbs, Ma`arat Al-Nu`man, Aleppo & its suburbs, Hamah suburbs
Jordan	Al Zaatari Refugee Camp, Amman, Irbid, Maan, Almafraq, Alramtha, Jarash, Alzarqa.
Iraq	Domiz refugee camp, Kasak refugee camp, Alqaem refugee camps 1, 2 & 3.
Lebanon	Bekaa Valley, Mountain Lebanon, Saida, Tripoli, Wadi Khaled

IRUSA-SUPPORTED PROJECTS FOR SYRIANS

IRUSA CONTRIBUTIONS IN SYRIA

33,500 PEOPLE ARE RECEIVING LIFE-SAVING AID IN SYRIA

Since December 2012, Islamic Relief USA has been helping Syrians inside Syria through partner offices in Turkey. Syrians in Idlib, Hama, coastal and border regions are getting help.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND MEDICINE for 30 hospitals



FOOD KITS rice, sugar, bulgur, canned beans, lentils, zatar, olive oil, tuna, tahini, and flour



NECESSITIES mattresses and blankets for internally displaced and homeless



2011-2012 ONSET OF THE EMERGENCY

WHEN POLITICAL UNREST IN SYRIA SPARKED VIOLENCE AND TURMOIL, THOUSANDS OF SYRIANS BEGAN TO LEAVE SYRIA IN SEARCH OF SAFETY.



IRUSA IN LEBANON

Islamic Relief USA helped Syrian refugees and host families in Lebanon when the crisis began. A total of 6,000 Syrian refugees and their host families received life-saving assistance as the refugee population taxed the local populations in Lebanon. Resources were scarce and poverty was widespread. With the generous support of our donors, Islamic Relief USA was able to provide items for four emergency distributions including:

1,453 FOOD KITS

775 HYGIENE KITS

375 WATER CONTAINERS (20 LITERS EACH)

375 BREAD PACKETS

40 NEWBORN KITS

31 CLOTHING KITS

1,502 DIAPER PACKAGES

1,200 BLANKETS

IRUSA IN JORDAN

When the crisis began, Islamic Relief USA helped 2,147 Syrian refugee families in Jordan with distributions to help meet their basic needs. Items included:

Food: Rice, sugar, cooking oil, pasta, powdered milk, beans, salt, tomato paste, feta cheese, chicken stock, lentils, canned meat

Hygiene kits: Shampoo, soap, sanitary napkins, bleach, laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, facial tissue, toothpaste, diapers

Winterization items: Fuel for heat and cooking

Subsidized housing rent





**2011-2012
RAMADAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION
QURBANI/UDHIYAH**

RAMADAN FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Just a few months after the crisis began, Ramadan arrived. But instead of being able to break their fasts with nutritious food and water, many Syrian refugees were starving, homeless and struggling to survive—their fasts didn't end at sunset. Islamic Relief USA helped provide staple food packages to needy families including Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon during the holy month of Ramadan.

The Ramadan food distribution is annual, and Islamic Relief USA donors help deliver staple foods to thousands of people in need each year.

QURBANI/UDHIYAH MEAT DISTRIBUTIONS

Meat is a luxury for people in need around the world. For Syrian refugees and even for many Syrians still inside Syria, meat is nearly impossible to get. That means many Syrian children, youth, mothers and fathers are not getting the nutrition they need to stay healthy and strong. Islamic Relief donors help provide meat to needy families each year. In 2011 and 2012, Islamic Relief teams were able to provide meat to Syrians in need including Syrians inside Syria and Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon.

Ramadan 2011

15,000 people received Ramadan food packages in Jordan and 2,500 people received Ramadan food packages in Lebanon, including Syrian refugees.

Ramadan 2012

14,645 people received Ramadan food packages in Jordan and 15,030 people received Ramadan food packages in Lebanon, including Syrian refugees.

Qurbani/Udhiyah 2011

11,044 individuals were helped with meat distributions in Jordan and Lebanon, including Syrian refugees.

Qurbani/Udhiyah 2012

66,694 individuals were helped with meat distributions in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan including Syrians and Syrian refugees.



2012-2013
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JORDAN

LIFE-SAVING SURGERIES & FOOD

HOSPITALIZATION ASSISTANCE

With violence escalating in Syria, many Syrians suffer unimaginable injuries and illnesses. They need treatment fast, some even need surgeries to save their lives, but during such chaotic times in Syria, even basic medical care and medicine can be difficult to find. Islamic Relief USA is helping provide urgent medical care for Syrian refugees in Jordan. Patients include men, women and children who have suffered injuries or illnesses that require emergency medical attention.

Islamic Relief is working with four hospitals in Jordan to help deliver this care including the Specialist Hospital in Amman, the Specialist Hospital in Irbid, the Islamic Hospital in Amman, and the Akila Hospital in Amman.

More than 160 injured or severely ill Syrian men, women and children have been treated.



DISTRIBUTIONS

Islamic Relief USA extended the initial distribution project in Jordan to a second phase. The second phase has helped out 5,000 more Syrians in need.

- 600 FOOD PARCELS
- 600 HYGIENE KITS
- 439 WINTERIZATION ITEMS: HEATERS, PILLOWS, MATTRESSES
- 600 RENT SUBSIDIES
- VITAL MEDICINE FOR SYRIAN PATIENTS

2012-2013
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LEBANON

EMERGENCY FOOD & SUPPLIES

DISTRIBUTIONS

To continue to aid Syrians in Lebanon, Islamic Relief USA is distributing food, hygiene kits, baby kits, water and medicine to 15,000 Syrian refugees in Akkar, Bekaa, Saida, and Mount Lebanon villages.

- 1,688 FOOD KITS
- 825 HYGIENE KITS
- 3,000 PACKAGES OF DIAPERS
- MEDICINE, WATER AND BREAD
- 15,000 SYRIANS WILL BENEFIT



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DISTRIBUTIONS IN ZAATARI CAMP

Zaatari camp is the largest camp in the world for Syrian refugees, and the camp continues to grow in the desert where little else is able to survive.



Duaa is 13, but because of the dust in Zaatari she coughs chronically. Sometimes she coughs so hard she can't breathe. Her eyes are bloodshot and even sitting is difficult for her. They live in a flimsy tent with two mattresses on the ground for her and her brothers and sisters to sleep on, a few loaves of pita bread, and a small lantern. For children like Duaa, delivering basic items could save their lives.



The Zaatari refugee camp hosts more than 73,000 Syrian refugees, and the conditions of the camp are dire.

Islamic Relief USA donated five 40-foot containers of emergency relief supplies to Zaatari camp refugees in Jordan. The containers included items to help relieve the suffering of Syrian refugees through the winter months when evening temperatures dropped below freezing. The containers included:

24,000 POUNDS OF POWDERED MILK

4,480 HYGIENE KITS

9,600 BLANKETS

2,760 PAIRS OF BOOTS

3,240 PAIRS OF SHOES

3,360 SCHOOL KITS

27,760 COATS



IN SUMMARY

In March 2011, thousands of protesters across Syria were met with violent crackdown. Since then, widespread violence and internal civil war have displaced Syrians from their homes and from their country.

THE CONFLICT CONTINUES.



ISLAMIC RELIEF HAS HELPED MORE THAN ONE MILLION SYRIANS



821,944

SYRIA



120,274

JORDAN



79,339

IRAQ

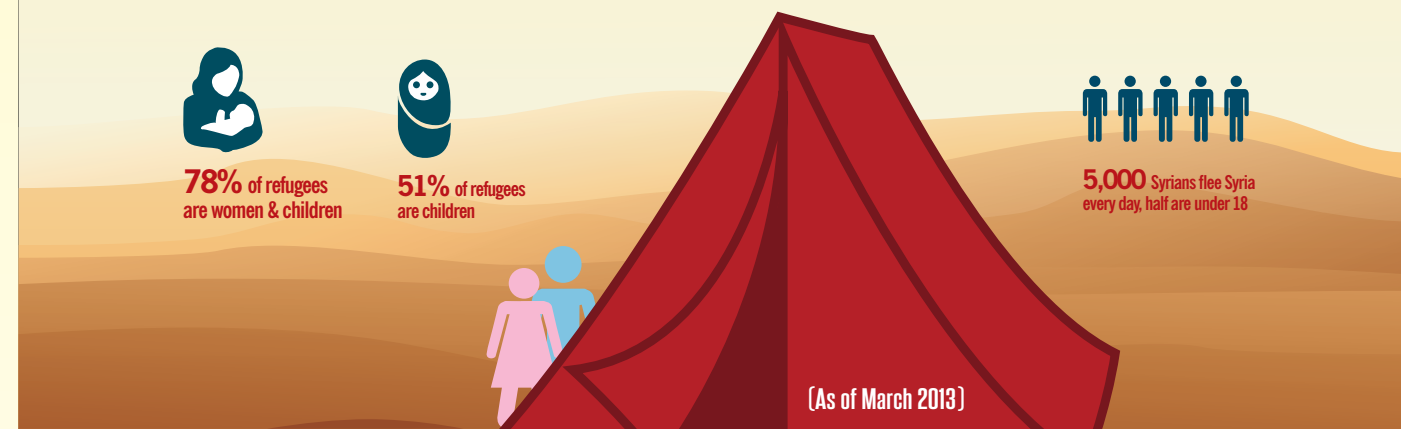


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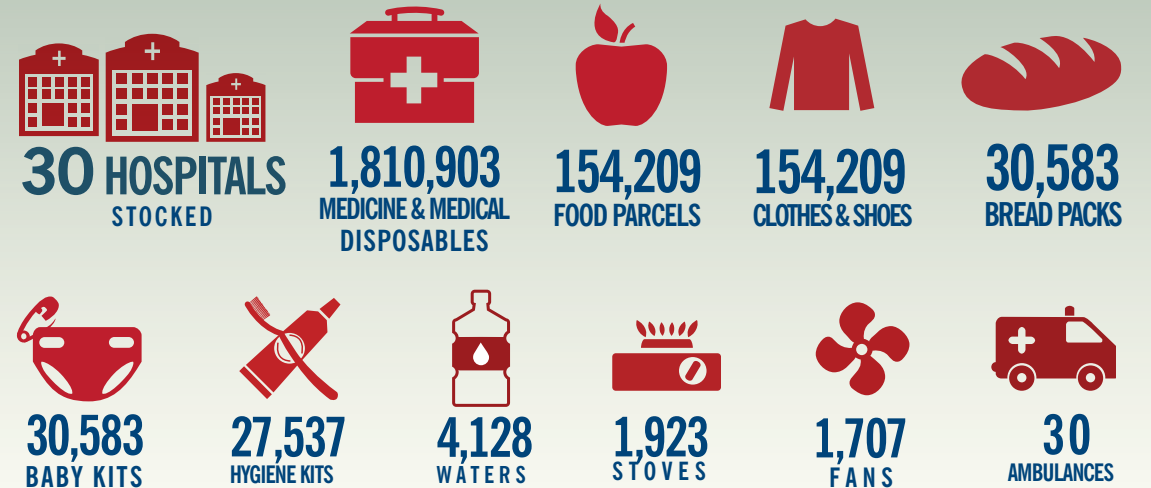
LEBANON

Since 2011

- Nearly **2 MILLION** Syrians have become internally displaced
- About **1.1 MILLION** Syrians have become refugees
- More than **80,000** people have been killed



SOME OF THE MAIN ITEMS THAT ISLAMIC RELIEF HAS SENT



THESE NUMBERS REFLECT THE EFFORTS OF THE ISLAMIC RELIEF FAMILY

3 ACTIONS FOR SYRIA

WHAT DONORS CAN DO TO HELP



1. PARTICIPATE:

Write to your local, national, and United Nations officials to demand NGO access inside Syria.

2. ADVOCATE:

Read about the crisis, and help advocate for humanitarian action for Syrians.

3. DONATE:

Give to Islamic Relief USA Syria appeal.

Islamic Relief has always emphasized the importance of OIC and OCHA complementing each other in addition to Islamic Relief's active participation in both coordination mechanisms. With your participation and support, we can work together to help our Syrian brothers and sisters through this crisis.





THANK YOU.





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