

CRISIS IN SYRIA

THREE YEARS ON



**CANADIAN
RED CROSS**



The humanitarian situation in Syria continues to deteriorate. Since the beginning of the crisis in March 2011, more than 100,000 people have been killed. More than 9 million Syrians are in need of urgent assistance, including some 6.5 million people displaced inside their own country, half of them children, struggling to survive and cope with the disaster. Three years into the crisis, people's livelihoods, resources and coping mechanisms are exhausted.

SYRIAN ARAB RED CRESCENT RESPONSE IN SYRIA

- Humanitarian assistance for nearly 4 million people every month
- Essential household items for over 2.2 million people
- Health care for 394,958 people
- Water and sanitation for 20 million people
- 3,000 Syrian Arab Red Crescent volunteers involved in humanitarian operations

The Syrian Arab Red Crescent continues, sometimes in life-threatening conditions, to provide urgent assistance to those affected by the crisis. Since the onset of the fighting, 34 Syrian Arab Red Crescent workers have lost their lives while helping people in need. Many more have been injured, kidnapped or detained while carrying out their humanitarian duties. The Syrian Arab Red Crescent's neutrality is key to delivering humanitarian aid to nearly 4 million people monthly.



RED CROSS MOVEMENT RESPONSE IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

- Food assistance for over 227,000 people
- Shelter and household items for 362,202 people
- Health care for 91,290 people
- Water and sanitation for 591,000 people

More than 2.4 million women, children, men and elderly people have fled Syria since January 2014, seeking refuge in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. To address their needs, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is providing much-needed support to these refugees in neighbouring countries.

In Iraq, the Iraqi Red Crescent is distributing food parcels, water, shelter equipment and hygiene kits, and providing first aid and psychosocial support.

In Jordan, the Jordanian Red Crescent is focusing on the most vulnerable refugees and Jordanian host populations, providing them with relief, shelter, health, education and livelihood support.

In Lebanon, the Lebanese Red Cross is delivering emergency medical services, psychosocial support, community-based health and first aid, food security programs and livelihood support. The Palestinian Red Crescent Lebanon Branch continues to respond to the growing health needs of both Syrians and Palestinians who have fled Syria and seek medical support through hospitals and health facilities in Lebanon.

In Turkey, the Turkish Red Crescent has provided comprehensive support to Syrian refugees, including shelter, food and non-food distribution, water and sanitation, psychosocial activities and remedial education.



THE CANADIAN RED CROSS RESPONSE IN SYRIA



Thanks to contributions from the Government of Canada and Canadian donors, the Canadian Red Cross has provided medical supplies and services through the Syrian Arab Red Crescent within Syria, along with food, relief supplies and funds. Canadian international humanitarian workers have also been sent to work alongside their local colleagues and to provide vital assistance in the region.

In support of the international Red Cross Movement response, the Canadian Red Cross, with the Government of Canada, has contributed funds to provide medical assistance and supplies to refugees in Lebanon and funds for urgent humanitarian aid in Turkey.

“Health care is essential, especially for people in areas under siege for a long time. Being able to reach out to them using mobile clinics or health points supported by the Canadian Red Cross and the Government of Canada makes a difference and saves lives.”

Dr. Abdul Rahman Attar, President of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent



YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED

More than 11.8 million people have been affected by the crisis. Needs are staggering and continue to grow. Individuals have become completely dependent on the generosity of fellow Syrians, host communities and on humanitarian aid to live.

Food and medicine have been identified as urgent areas of need by the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, as current funding and resources are quickly being depleted.

You can make a difference by making a much-needed donation. Examples of the impact your contribution may have include:

- **\$10** will provide a thermal blanket
- **\$50** will provide a food parcel for a family of 5 for 1 month
- **\$130** will provide a household kit that includes shelter items for a family of 5
- **\$400** will buy emergency hygiene supplies for 133 people

Canadians wishing to support the humanitarian relief efforts of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in Syria and surrounding countries are encouraged to make a financial donation to the **Syria Crisis Fund**. Donations can be made online by visiting www.redcross.ca, by calling 1-800-418-1111 or at your local Red Cross branch.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

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