

NRC's operations in **Syria**

Humanitarian overview

Eight years into the war, the scale of humanitarian needs across Syria remains overwhelming as 11.7 million people are in need of assistance.

In Syria, 6.2 million people are internally displaced. 2.1 million children are out of school, and widespread destruction of civil registries has reduced access to necessary identity documents.

2018 witnessed significant shifts in territorial control. A majority of displaced people are now reliant on Damascus-based responders for assistance. Many families are living in damaged buildings with reduced access to basic services. The north continues to face instability and growing humanitarian needs. Renewed violence in Idlib has triggered new displacement; the response requires additional support from the international community.

NRC acknowledges that many parts of Syria are now witnessing reduced levels of violence and that most people seek to eventually return and rebuild their lives. Yet, many of the prevailing conditions which caused people to flee persist. The international community can play a role in ensuring those conditions are adequately met.

NRC's operation

NRC meets the needs of those affected by conflict including the internally displaced, refugees, their hosts and those who have returned. Amidst intense conflict, economic hardship and access constraints, we work to provide emergency, transitional and longer-term assistance to people in need.

We lead advocacy to promote unimpeded and sustained access to assistance for people across Syria. We advocate against, and work to prevent, unsafe and premature returns to and within Syria, and call for increased humanitarian funding to alleviate the hardships of the Syrian people.

NRC Syria

Established	2013
International staff	49
National staff	335



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Syrian Arab Republic



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Education

Our teams ensure education for children and youth is prioritised, even in the most difficult circumstances.

We work alongside communities to:

- create opportunities for children to reconnect with learning through formal education pathways and self-learning initiatives
- offer emergency education recreation and psycho-social activities
- support the professional development of teachers
- provide skills training for Syrian youth

Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

Our ICLA teams:

- deliver information on issues of civil documentation, employment law and legal identity
- provide training on legal issues to peer humanitarian organizations
- support shelter/WASH responders regarding housing, land and property issues

Currently NRC is in dialogue with the Syrian Government on the implementation of its legal aid programming.

Livelihoods and food security

Many families struggle to gain a reliable income to meet their most basic needs. We strengthen resilience by:

- enhancing local food systems and income-generation
- supporting access to food by improving food processing and production

Shelter and settlements

NRC supports the most vulnerable including those displaced and those who stayed behind. We:

- deliver emergency assistance including tents, blankets and household items
- create welcoming learning spaces through rehabilitation of classrooms and provision of quality furniture
- rehabilitate damaged and sub-standard private housing

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH)

Our WASH teams:

- distribute hygiene kits, which include soap, washing powder and sanitary items
- provide and upgrade water and sanitation facilities
- encourage hygiene promotion and community cleaning efforts

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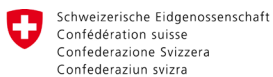
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