

NRC's operations in **Syria**

Humanitarian overview

Entering the twelfth year of the conflict in 2022, more than half of the Syrian population remains displaced from their homes with 5.7 million refugees living abroad and another 6.9 million internally displaced persons inside Syria.

Conflict and protracted mass population displacement, combined with severe economic downturn (fuelled by the impact of the COVID-19 crisis as well as the start of the Ukraine war in February 2022), depreciation of the Syrian pound, inflation with soaring food and fuel prices, loss of livelihoods, water crisis and drought and reduced food production have led to widespread poverty, food insecurity and increased deterioration of the humanitarian situation across Syria.

Millions of children are still out of school and access to civil documentation has been severely curtailed, leaving an entire generation undocumented or under-documented and unable to effectively enjoy their right to legal identity and other basic rights. In 2022, 14.6 million people need humanitarian assistance inside the country, representing an increase of 1.2 million from 2021.

NRC's operation

NRC meets the needs of persons affected by conflict and displacement in Syria. Amidst ongoing conflict, further socioeconomic and environmental deterioration, climate change and Covid-19, we provide emergency, transitional, early recovery and resilience programmes.

We lead advocacy to promote unimpeded and sustained access to assistance for people across Syria. NRC calls for increased humanitarian funding, resilience and early recovery support to alleviate the hardships of the Syrian people. NRC supports long-lasting durable solutions for displaced Syrians.

NRC Syria

Established	2013
International staff	39
National staff	988



NRC Syria

Country office

Syrian Response Office (SRO)

Areas of operation

Syrian Arab Republic



Education

Our teams ensure that education opportunities for learning and skills building, for children and youth are prioritised even in the most difficult circumstances.

We work alongside communities to:

- create opportunities for children to resume and continue their education through non-formal education opportunities that support transition into formal education
- support the retention of students at risk of drop-out
- provide quality non-formal education opportunities where schools are not accessible
- support displaced children with emergency education, recreation and psychosocial activities
- support the capacity building and professional development of teachers
- create welcoming schools through rehabilitation or learning spaces and WASH facilities, distribution of learning materials and implementation of children-led activities
- provide skills training, mentorship, job placement and business start-up for Syrian youth

Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

Through the ICLA programme, NRC supports and enables Syrians affected by conflict and displacement to exercise and enjoy their rights and identify pathways to durable solutions. ICLA teams do so primarily through the provision of direct assistance to affected populations as well as increased knowledge and capacity to respond for community leaders, duty-bearers and humanitarian partners. Specialised ICLA staff with knowledge of international and domestic legal frameworks are providing:

- information sessions, legal counselling and - where possible - legal assistance on issues of legal identity, including civil documentation, housing land and property rights, employment and labour rights, access to essential services and, in if appropriate, returns-related issues
- training and capacity building on key legal issues to relevant stakeholders, including both formal and traditional community leaders; humanitarian and development actors; local lawyers and jurists; female leaders and representatives of vulnerable or marginalized groups
- coordination support on protection-related mat-

ters across the humanitarian sector, in particular through leadership of the housing, land and property technical working groups

- referrals related to access to essential services as well as specialised protection services, including child protection and gender-based violence
- legal research, policy analysis, situational updates and advocacy to support programmatic priorities and areas of concern

Livelihoods and food security

Ongoing conflict, drastic economic deterioration and the Covid-19 pandemic have been further exacerbated by the economic effects of the Lebanese and Ukraine crises. Many families struggle to sustain a reliable income to meet their most basic needs. By combining emergency responses and market-based approaches we help them by:

- providing emergency cash for families to cover immediate basic needs including food
- creating opportunities for income-generation, meaningful work projects and business grants
- strengthening food processing and production
- supporting development of target communities' knowledge and skills base, and improved access to (self)employment opportunities

Shelter and settlements

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

- deliver emergency assistance such as tents, blankets, and basic essential household items
- rehabilitate damaged or sub-standard houses and community infrastructure

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH)

Our WASH teams:

- provide emergency safe water and storage
- distribute hygiene kits, which include soap, washing powder and sanitary items
- rehabilitate damaged or sub-standard water and sanitation facilities
- encourage hygiene promotion and community cleaning efforts

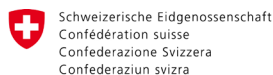
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