

# RESPONSE UPDATE

## SYRIA CRISIS RESPONSE - Syria, Lebanon, Jordan

### Quick Facts

- In mid-March 2014, the conflict in Syria entered its fourth year.
- 130,000 Syrians were reported to have been killed.
- More than 9.3 million people are in need inside of Syria.
- More than 6.5 million are internally displaced within Syria and 2.5 million refugees have taken refuge in Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and other countries.
- More than 1.25 million refugees are children.
- More than 5.5 million children are affected and are vulnerable to emotional and physical trauma.
- Food security in Syria continues to worsen with almost 10 million people impacted.
- The United Nations launched a US\$6.5 billion (RM2.03 billion) appeal on 16 December 2013, the largest humanitarian appeal in history. So far, the appeal is only 12% funded.



### World Vision's Emergency Response

World Vision first responded to this crisis in Lebanon in early March 2012. Since then we have expanded our response to Jordan and Syria, and to date have helped more than 335,000 people. World Vision's aid work focuses on supporting internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees and host communities in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. As the crisis continues to unfold, the organization is committed to contributing to the unmet needs of the Syrian children and their families as well as vulnerable host communities. Our work included the provision of basic aid items, food and water; water and sanitation to protect children from diseases; remedial education through catch-up classes, enabling children to return to schools; child-friendly spaces, giving children safe spaces to play, learn and process their experiences.



In **Syria**, we've helped more than 100,000 people so far. We provided non-food items (such as winter, hygiene and delivery kits), clean water and sanitation for thousands of families; equipped primary health clinics with vital supplies and provided for camp kitchens and women's centres. These spaces provided a "normalizing" environment for mothers.



In **Jordan**, we've reached out to more than 100,000 people. World Vision's work included providing refugees with basic supplies (food support, baby diapers, winter coats, school kits), and constructing water and sanitation facilities (latrines, water pipelines) in a new refugee camp. Through remedial classes we helped children catch up on lost classroom time and allowed children who've not previously socialized with one another to come together in a constructive learning environment.

In **Lebanon**, we've helped 192,000 people through food vouchers, non-food items (hygiene, newcomer, winter and baby kits), remedial education accelerated learning programmes, child-friendly spaces and water (filters, storage and supply) and sanitation (installation of facilities, waste water management and solid waste management) programmes. World Vision also established child-friendly spaces and child protection projects that benefited both Syrian and Lebanese children. Children who've attended have shown signs of positive changes.



World Vision seeks to continue meeting the needs of children and communities affected through the provision of clean water, food, sanitation, hygiene items, child friendly spaces, remedial and accelerated learning and afterschool programming.

**World Vision's appeal for the Syria Crisis Response is on-going, as the on-ground situation remains dire and volatile. Without an end in sight to the conflict, the children of Syria are a generation at risk of losing everything. To make a contribution, please visit our website at [www.worldvision.com.my](http://www.worldvision.com.my) Thank you.**

*Disclaimer: World Vision Malaysia fully intends to spend all funds raised in an appeal on responding to the immediate and longer term needs of the people affected by the emergency. However, we make the following legal disclaimer to allow for changes in circumstances beyond our control that may limit our ability to utilise these funds. For example, a change in the political or security situation in a country could mean it is no longer possible to carry out our work. Should the funds raised exceed the amount required to meet the immediate and longer term needs of the people in the affected area, World Vision will use the excess funds to help people in other life-threatening emergency situations.*