



Syrian Crisis United Nations Response



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UN concerned for the safety and protection of civilians trapped inside Raqqa

The UN is deeply concerned for the safety and protection of thousands of civilians trapped inside Raqqa city in Syria as the fighting and military operations in the area continue, said the UN Spokesperson on 31 July. An estimated 20,000 to 50,000 people have been trapped inside the city without access to clean and safe drinking water for 48 days.

www.un.org/press/en/2017/db170731.doc.htm

Medical and nutrition goods reach besieged eastern Ghouta

On 27 July, the Syrian Arab Red Crescent delivered medical and nutrition items from the UN and the Red Cross in besieged eastern Ghouta in rural Damascus, with a second batch of supplies planned in the near future to complete the delivery. The UN has requested access to towns in eastern Ghouta as part of its proposed inter-agency convoy plan for August and September, and stands ready to provide additional immediate humanitarian support to the area as soon as access is authorized and security permits.

www.un.org/press/en/2017/db170728.doc.htm

'None of us should stand silent' while civilians suffer in Syria, Security Council told

Despite the remarkable hope and strength shown by most Syrians, daily life remains dangerous for millions of people across the country, Deputy UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Ursula Mueller warned on 27 July, calling for the parties to the six year conflict to stop targeting civilians, to allow humanitarian access, and to end the "horrific" practice of besiegement. She was speaking to the the UN Security Council via videoconference from Amman, Jordan, after visiting earlier in the day the Azraq refugee camp, where around 35,000 refugees live.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=57265#>

Clooney Foundation for Justice partners with UNICEF to open seven public schools for Syrian refugee children

The Clooney Foundation for Justice today announced a \$2.25 million partnership, which includes a generous donation from Google.org, and a \$1 million technology grant from HP, to support formal education for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. The partnership with UNICEF will help seven public schools to provide critical education opportunities to nearly 3,000 currently out-of-school refugee students this school year, and will also support a pilot of technology tools in these schools to advance learning outcomes for refugee children and Lebanese youth.

https://www.unicef.org/media/media_98547.html

UN urges international community to help and protect trafficking victims

The United Nations is calling on the international community to act now to help and protect trafficking victims and to end this crime forever. "Conflict is a breeding ground for criminal activity," said Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). "People forced from their homes are falling prey to human

traffickers as they try desperately to escape the violence." In Syria, for example, women and children there were less likely to be trafficked before 2011, according to the latest UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. "Since the start of the Syrian crisis, however, an increasing number of countries in Europe, Asia and the Middle East have detected trafficking victims from this country," Mr. Fedotov said on 30 July.

www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=57278#

[http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-](http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/glotip/2016_Global_Report_on_Trafficking_in_Persons.pdf)

[analysis/glotip/2016_Global_Report_on_Trafficking_in_Persons.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/glotip/2016_Global_Report_on_Trafficking_in_Persons.pdf)

[https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/releases/2017/July/statement-of-unodc-](https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/releases/2017/July/statement-of-unodc-executive-director--yury-fedotov--on-world-day-against-trafficking-in-persons.html)

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UN Radio in Arabic

الأمينة العامة المساعدة للشؤون الإنسانية تؤكد أن حوالي 50 ألف مدني محاصرون في الرقة ولا سبيل لديهم للخروج منها

ASG for Humanitarian Affairs confirms that some 50,000 civilians are trapped in Raqqa and have no way out

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/248610/#.WYIKD4QrJR0>

2017-07-27

مكتب تنسيق الشؤون الإنسانية: حجم إيصال المساعدات الإنسانية في سوريا تدهور كثيرا خلال شهر تموز

OCHA: Delivery of humanitarian aid in Syria decreased significantly in July

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/248690/#.WYILAIQrJR0>

2017-07-28

شراكة بين اليونيسف ومؤسسة كلوني لفتح سبع مدارس حكومية للأطفال السوريين اللاجئين في لبنان

UNICEF and the Clooney Foundation team up to open 7 schools for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/248907/#.WYILi4QrJR0>

2017-07-31

الأمم المتحدة: الأوضاع الصحية في الرقة تتدهور بسرعة

UN: Health conditions in Raqqa are deteriorating rapidly

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/248917/#.WYIL3YQrJR0>

2017-07-31

لأول مرة منذ ثلاث سنوات، منظمة الصحة العالمية توصل الإمدادات الطبية والأدوية إلى القامشلي السورية

For the first time in 3 years, WHO has delivered medical supplies and medicines to Qamishli, Syria

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/249011/#.WYIMXIQrJR0>

2017-08-02

Twitter

@UN, 2 August

"Everywhere in the world we need more women when we talk about peace" - Special

Envoy for Syria in @UNGeneva's #SDGStudio [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-PFhErqKLZY&feature=youtu.be)

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@OCHA_Syria, 2 August

1st @WHO road delivery in 3 years to #Qamishli: nearly 30 tons of medicines & medical

supplies to support services <http://ow.ly/czBh30e6sE9>

@UNICEFmena, 2 August

Can you imagine always having to be on the move with your children? Blog from eastern #Ghouta, #Syria <http://childrenofsyria.info/2017/08/02/syrian-families-struggle-to-survive-in-besieged-east-ghouta/>

@UNICEFmena, 2 August

Eastern #Aleppo: Children + families now rely on mobile clinics to receive primary health services free of charge. <http://childrenofsyria.info/2017/08/02/in-east-aleppo-clinics-on-wheels-keep-children-healthy/>

@OCHA_Syria, 1 August

The @UN and partners delivered life-saving assistance to nearly 700,000 people in hard-to-reach and besieged areas <http://ow.ly/1fW130e2yPQ>

@UNICEFEducation, 31 July

The #Clooneys to help 3K #Syrian refugee children get back to school in #Lebanon <http://uni.cf/2voQIpr> @TR_Foundation #ChildrenUprooted

@OCHA_Syria, 30 July

First @UN @SYRedCrescent convoy crossed conflict lines to deliver humanitarian supplies for 7,200 people in besieged #Nashabieh #eastGhouta

@UNHCRinSYRIA, 30 July

@UNHCRinSYRIA helps returnees rebuild their lives in east #Aleppo <http://goo.gl/5Un24j>
"Aleppo city never lost its spirit" @malik_sajjad

@OCHA_Syria, 29 July

Inter-agency @UN @SYRedCrescent convoy entered Deir Khabieh & Zakieh in rural #Damascus #Syria w/ emergency items for 33,000 people in need

@UNRWA, 26 July

Thx to contributions from #Belgium, #UNRWA offers psychosocial support & counselling to Palestine refugee students in #Syria.

FACEBOOK:

UNHCR August 2, 2017

These Syrian mothers are learning to read and write in the selfless hope that it will help their children integrate better in exile. Literacy classes open new doors for Syrian women in Lebanon. Volunteer Fatima Al Obeid launched classes for refugee parents in response to their desire to help their children with their homework.

UNDP Syria August 2, 2017

UNDP is helping more than 330 rural families in Rural Damascus to raise chickens and eggs for food and for income by distribution of egg laying chickens in Muadamiyat al-Sham, Sahnaya, Al-Kiswah areas.

UNDP Syria July 31, 2017

In Homs, UNDP is supporting a cattle farm to help many affected rural families living in or displaced to Ashera area restore their livelihood and generate income.

UNDP Syria July 31, 2017

54 affected women heading households are now making their living by working in UNDP-supported food production and processing business in Al-Hassakeh. The end products are being sold in the local market at reasonable prices.

United Nations OCHA July 31, 2017

Some great news! Yesterday, the first ever inter-agency convoy reached the besieged town of Nashabiyeh in eastern Ghouta, Syria. It's a welcome relief for people who have been cut off from aid. But parties to conflict need to do much more to enable regular, sustained access to people in need across the country, including every single one of the more than 4.5 million men, women and children in hard-to-reach and besieged areas.

UNDP Syria July 30, 2017

Ahmad is very excited to join UNDP-supported "peace lens" workshop for people with disabilities in Damascus to learn with other 15 people useful skills in photography, digital photo editing, filmmaking, and success story writing. Learn more about Ahmad's experience in this video.

UNDP Syria July 28, 2017

In Lattakia, UNDP is helping affected people to start their own businesses and generate income through providing vocational training opportunities and distribution of professional toolkits.

Social media campaigns

#My Voice-My School is an UNRWA project launched in 2015 and implemented by Digital Explorer to connect schools in Gaza, Syria, Lebanon with schools in Europe and USA through Skype exchanges. Through live video conversations and customized teaching materials, students and teachers explore how education can help them meet their future aspirations. www.unrwa.org/myvoicemyschool

@ShareTheMeal: In April 2016, the World Food Programme launched its phone application to support fundraising efforts for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. ShareTheMeal's fundraising aims to support 1,400 refugee children. Through the app, smartphone users can join thousands of other people in making donations and support a selected community and monitor progress. Since the launch of the campaign, more than 15 million meals have been shared. www.sharethemeal.org

#Unite4Heritage is a global movement run by UNESCO that aims to celebrate and safeguard cultural heritage and diversity around the world. Launched in response to the unprecedented attacks on world heritage sites, the campaign calls on everyone to stand up against extremism and radicalization by celebrating the places, objects and cultural traditions that make the world such a rich and vibrant place. <http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1254/>

#NoLostGeneration: The initiative was launched by UNICEF and partners in 2013 to focus attention on the plight of children affected by the Syrian crisis. By articulating real concerns about the possible 'loss' of a generation of children to the effects of violence and displacement, the initiative put education and child protection at the centre of the response inside Syria and across the refugee hosting countries (Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt). <http://nolostgeneration.org/about>

Relevant links to UN Secretariat, Agencies, Funds and Programmes on Syria

DPI Focus Page on Syria:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=146&Body=Syria&Body1=>

UN System agencies :

UNICEF: <http://www.unicef.org/media/index.html>

WFP: <http://www.wfp.org/countries/syria>

OCHA: <http://unocha.org/syria>, twitter.com/ocha_syria, facebook.com/UNOCHA.Syria

WHO: <http://www.who.int/countries/syr/en/>

UNHCR: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4f86c2426.html>

UNFPA: <https://www.unfpa.org/emergencies/crisis-syria>

Syria OHCHR: <http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?CID=SY>

UNRWA: <http://www.unrwa.org/>

UNESCO: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/syria-crisis-response/>

UNESCO Emergency Safeguarding of the Syrian Cultural Heritage Project:

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/beirut/areas-of-action/culture/syria/emergency-safeguarding-of-the-syrian-heritage/>

UNESCO Observatory of Syrian Cultural Heritage <https://en.unesco.org/syrian-observatory/>

UNESCO Bridging Learning Gaps for Youth: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/syria-crisis-response/bridging-learning-gaps/>