



Syrian Crisis United Nations Response



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UN Deputy Humanitarian Chief briefs Security Council on Syria

UN Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Kyung-wha Kang briefed the Security Council on 28 January on the implementation of resolution 2139 and 2165 on humanitarian access in Syria. In her remarks, she said that the relentless violence and destruction in Syria have led to one of the worst displacement of people the world has seen in decades. Today, 12.2 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance inside Syria, while 3.8 million people have fled to neighboring countries. She stressed that despite increased cross-border deliveries from Turkey and Jordan, some 4.8 million people are residing in areas where aid access remains a significant challenge. In particular, access to ISIL-controlled Raqqa and Deir ez Zor is a matter of concern. She said that UN agencies were unable to deliver food to all the 600,000 people in these two governorates in December due to a lack of agreement with armed groups on the ground. <https://docs.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/USG%20SecCo%20statement%20on%20Syria%2028%20January%202015%20as%20delivered.pdf>

Aid deliveries to Syrian people in need still hampered - UN report

In his latest report to the Security Council on humanitarian access in Syria (S/2015/48), the UN Secretary-General said that despite repeated calls for the parties to the conflict to respect and protect civilians, there has been no improvement in the situation in the country. Humanitarian conditions continue to deteriorate rapidly. Attacks with barrel bombs and explosive weapons continue to be carried out in civilian neighborhoods. Humanitarian deliveries are still prevented from reaching the large number of people who desperately need help. According to the report, some 212,000 people remain besieged, deprived of food, health care and protection. The Secretary-General also voiced concerns at the funding gap for UN agencies, stressing that the United Nations winterization plan, launched in October 2014, remains currently \$70 million underfunded. Reiterating his call to find ways to de-escalate the violence, the Secretary-General said that a political solution was urgently needed to help improve the humanitarian situation. In this regard, he welcomed initiatives such as the Russian consultative meeting, which would launch a credible, comprehensive and inclusive political process, put an end to the crisis and achieve the legitimate aspirations of the Syrian people.

http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/2015/48

UNHCR Special Envoy Jolie visits Syrian refugees and Iraqi displaced, calls for international leadership to end violence

On 25 January, UN refugee agency Special Envoy Angelina Jolie visited Syrian refugees and displaced Iraqis in Dohuq, Iraq to offer support to the 3.3 million displaced people and highlight their dire needs. She noted that since her last visit in 2012, the scale of the humanitarian crisis had dramatically increased. "It is shocking to see how the humanitarian situation in Iraq has deteriorated since my last visit. On top of large numbers of Syrian refugees, two million Iraqis were displaced by violence in 2014 alone", she said. As the conflict in Syria approaches its fifth year, Special Envoy Jolie said: "The war in Syria is at the root of so many of the problems faced here in Iraq and across the region. There is an urgent need for international leadership to break the cycle

of violence in Syria, and to find a way forward towards a just and sustainable peace agreement."

<http://www.unhcr.org/54c5244d6.html>

Syria and neighbours receive funding from UN emergency response fund to support relief work

On 23 January, UN humanitarian chief Valerie Amos announced the allocation of US \$100 million from the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to boost life-saving relief work in Syria and 11 other countries where humanitarian needs are high but financial support is low. "Despite critical funding gaps, humanitarian workers remain committed to helping every vulnerable Syrian they can. This allocation from CERF will help ensure that they can continue their life-saving work," said the Emergency Relief Coordinator. A large part of the CERF funding in 2015 will be directed to countries affected by the Syria crisis. The highest single allocation will go to Syria (\$30 million), and the remainder will go to humanitarian agencies in Egypt (\$3.5 million), Iraq (\$8 million), Jordan (\$9 million), Lebanon (\$18 million) and Turkey (\$9 million).

<http://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/un-emergency-fund-gives-100-million-aid-operations-syria-and-other>

UN Twitter

\$100 million from @UNCERF allocated to #SyriaCrisis (\$77.5 M), #GreatLakes (\$14M) & other underfunded crises <http://j.mp/1b34OH1>
- 23 Jan 2015

UN Facebook

"For many years I have visited camps, and every time, I sit in a tent and hear stories. I try my best to give support. To say something that will show solidarity and give some kind of thoughtful guidance. On this trip I was speechless".

Here's the latest from UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie on her visit to Syrian refugees and displaced Iraqi citizens in Iraq.

<http://j.mp/18vu6UL>

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UNHCR Special Envoy Angelina Jolie is in Iraq, visiting Syrian refugees and displaced Iraqi citizens, to show her support for the 3.3 million displaced people in the country and highlight their dire needs.

"Nothing can prepare you for the horrific stories of these survivors of kidnap, abuse and exploitation and to see how they cannot all get the urgent help they need and deserve," she said.

Read more at: <http://www.unhcr.org/54c5244d6.html>

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UN Radio in Arabic

FAO assists small herders in Syria

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/159029/#.VMj_cv54pq0

Angelina Jolie calls on the international community to help Syrian and Iraqi refugees

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/158894/#.VMkAJv54pq0>

The Security Council condemns the killing of Japanese citizens Haruna Yukawa by ISIL

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/158843/#.VMkAYP54pq0>

Sima Bahouth: UNDP and UNHCR programs are dealing with the Syrian refugees from a developmental point of view

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/158390/#.VMkBA_54pq0

Jordanian Ambassador: Jordan needs more aid to bear the burden of hosting Syrian refugees

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/158350/#.VMkBgP54pq0>

Angelina Jolie meets Syrian orphan children in Lebanon

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/158328/#.VMkBuf54pq0>

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 humanitarian 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>

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

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

UN on social media:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UN>

Flickr: http://www.flickr.com/photos/un_photo/

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/unitednations>

Tumblr: <http://united-nations.tumblr.com/>

Photo galleries:

UNHCR: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/49c3646c25d.html>

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

OCHA: <http://www.unocha.org/media-resources/photo-gallery>

UNICEF: http://www.unicef.org/photography/photo_2013.php#UNI82253

IRIN: <http://www.irinnews.org/photo/>