The EU has significantly stepped up its support to both Jordan and Lebanon since the onset of the Syria crisis. Overall the EU is the leading donor in the international response to the Syria crisis with over €4.7 billion from the EU and Member States collectively in humanitarian, development, economic and stabilisation assistance. This support goes both to Syrians in their country and to refugees and their host communities in neighbouring Lebanon, Jordan, as well as Iraq and Turkey. In addition to the Syrian crisis related assistance, the EU also runs the normal development aid programmes with Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq, which continue unreduced despite the additional refugee-related efforts and further help to enhance the resilience of host countries.

Together, Lebanon and Jordan alone host around 1.7 million Syrian refugees, equal to almost 20% of their combined populations, in addition to large Palestinian and Iraqi refugee numbers already residing in the two countries since before the Syrian crisis.

Overall, the European Commission’s support to both Lebanon and Jordan since the beginning of the crisis totals €1.135 billion. This amounts to almost half of the total support of the Commission in response to the Syria crisis. With regular programmed cooperation for the two countries added in, the overall support is even higher and totals about €1.85 billion.

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Sources: UNHCR, UNRWA, IOM
The EU’s Humanitarian Aid is channelled through the United Nations, International Organisations, and international NGO partners, and is responding to life-threatening needs in the areas of food aid, health, water, sanitation and hygiene as well as shelter and protection.

Since this year, most non-humanitarian aid for Syria’s neighbouring countries is channeled through the EU Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian crisis. With recent pledges from 16 Member States and contributions from various EU instruments, the Fund is expected to reach a total volume of €645 million, of which €390 million were already mobilized in the first two Board meetings of the Fund in 2015. Pending final design of individual projects based on the two countries’ new refugee crisis response plans for 2016, Lebanon and Jordan will benefit from the EU Trust Fund at higher levels compared to earlier single-country measures.

**Example:**
**PREVENTING A LOST GENERATION OF SYRIAN CHILDREN**

Since the outbreak of the war in Syria the European Commission has allocated more than €350 million to projects in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq and Syria addressing the educational needs of children affected by the crisis. The funding has enabled Jordan and Lebanon to admit over 129,000 and 146,000 Syrian children respectively into their public schools.

The EU Syria Trust Fund will now finance a massive scale-up of support to the Ministries of Education in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan to enable them to enroll an additional 172,000 refugee children in school, while also providing for accelerated learning programmes, non-formal and early childhood education and child protection activities. Together, these actions will target up to 587,000 school-age children and adolescents that are currently out of school and will help to close the remaining gap to achieve the goal of bringing 1 million Syrian refugee children into education this school year, a chief objective of the “No Lost Generation” initiative.