



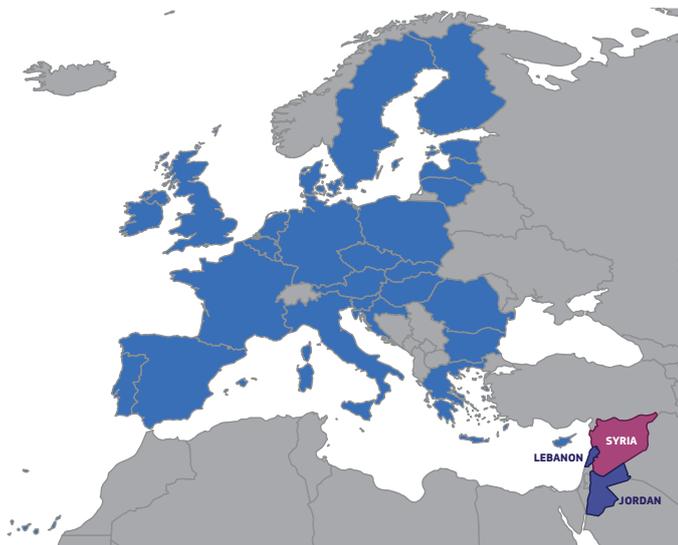
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# MANAGING THE REFUGEE CRISIS

## EU SUPPORT TO LEBANON AND JORDAN SINCE THE ONSET OF SYRIA CRISIS

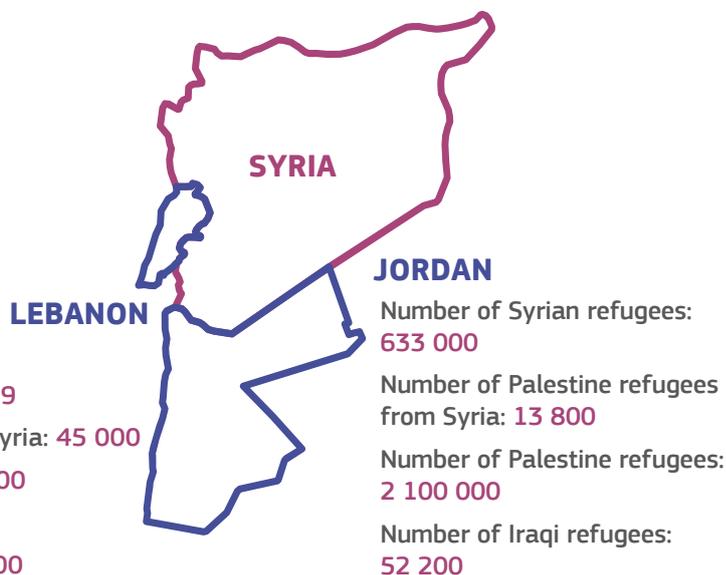
The EU has significantly stepped up its support to both Jordan and Lebanon since the onset of the Syria crisis. Overall the EU is the leading donor in the international response to the Syria crisis with **over €4.7 billion** from the EU and Member States collectively in humanitarian, development, economic 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**.

Number of Syrian refugees: **1 070 189**  
Number of Palestine refugees from Syria: **45 000**  
Number of Palestine refugees: **422 000**  
Number of Iraqi refugees: **17 000**  
Number of Lebanese returnees: **28 000**



## LEBANON

For Lebanon, since the beginning of the crisis, the European Commission alone has allocated **€552.1 million** in assistance.

This includes more than €269 million in humanitarian aid and €283 million for stabilisation support, mainly financed by the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (close to €250 million) and Instrument for Stability (over €30 million) to address longer term resilience needs of affected civilians, both refugees and Lebanese host communities. In Lebanon, through its partners the EU's humanitarian aid reaches around **665.000 people**.

This support comes on top of €219 million in regular programmed bilateral cooperation for Lebanon under the European Neighbourhood Policy, which bring the overall number to €771 million. This shows that the EU was able to mobilise within a short period a 200% increase of funding for Lebanon to effectively address the country's huge needs resulting from the refugee crisis.

## JORDAN

For Jordan, since the beginning of the crisis the European Commission has allocated more than **€583.7 million** in assistance to refugees and vulnerable communities in Jordan. This includes more than €198 million from the humanitarian budget, €180 million from the Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) Instrument, over €170 million from the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument and more than €30 million from Instrument for Stability. In Jordan, the Commission's humanitarian aid has helped more than **350.000** Syrian refugees.

This support comes on top of the over €500 million in regular programmed bilateral cooperation for Jordan under the European Neighbourhood policy, which brings the overall number to €1.08 billion. Again, this demonstrates that the EU was able, within a short period of time, to more than double its funding for Jordan, to effectively address the country's huge needs resulting from the refugee crisis.

## DELIVERY OF AID

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.