

Syria and Jordan



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Syria: context and operations

After years of civil conflict, the large-scale humanitarian crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic continues to have a devastating impact on civilians. With more than half the population living in extreme poverty, widespread displacement of persons within Syria and into neighboring countries, and the destruction of key health and other infrastructure, there is an acute and urgent need for basic relief commodities and services.

ICMC has been active in the Greater Damascus area since 2006, and has developed considerable experience working with Iraqi refugees and other groups. Its projects target the most vulnerable persons for urgent humanitarian relief, including internally displaced persons (IDPs), persons

with disabilities, single women and female-headed households, unaccompanied minors, elderly people, and persons facing secondary or tertiary displacement. In particular, ICMC focuses on the needs of the tens of thousands of Iraqi refugees who have found themselves trapped in the new conflict after their initial displacement with reduced support as international attention turns to the mass influx of Syrian refugees into other countries.

By implementing its activities through its long-term local partner, Terre des Hommes Syria, and managing developments from Jordan, ICMC ensures a solid presence in Syria at the grassroots level while remaining able to adjust with flexibility to the evolving needs of its beneficiaries and the volatile security situation.

Activities in Syria



PROTECTION

In addition to receiving self-referrals and referrals from other organizations, ICMC and experienced Syrian volunteers conduct a community-based outreach campaign to ensure that even the most isolated vulnerable individuals receive protection. Persons most in need of assistance are identified amongst displaced and host communities, a full assessment of their medical and other needs is conducted, and beneficiaries are referred either to an ICMC's assistance program or to other service providers as necessary.



HEALTH

ICMC ensures access to adequate medical care for persons in urgent need and covers the costs of treatment. Beneficiaries are assessed by an ICMC's medical advisor and referred to an appropriate public or private healthcare facility. ICMC's health projects focus in particular on addressing deficiencies in maternal and neonatal health care by providing access to antenatal clinics, ensuring natural and caesarian deliveries are assisted by skilled medical staff, and providing postnatal care for women and newborns. Patients are also referred for treatment for violence-related injuries and emergency inpatient treatment.



RELIEF COMMODITIES

ICMC provides relief commodities tailored to the needs of extremely vulnerable people. Packages include blankets, mattresses, heaters, hygiene kits for infants under three years of age, disposable incontinence pads for the elderly, household cleaning kits, as well as medical equipment and devices.



SHELTER

ICMC provides emergency rent assistance to vulnerable persons, including pregnant women and families with young children, persons caring for unaccompanied and separated minors, and survivors of torture or sexual and gender-based violence.

Location of ICMC's activities in Syria and Jordan

ICMC manages activities in Damascus, Syria, and in Jordan from its main office in Amman. The ICMC Protection Center is located in Al Mafraq in the north of Jordan, close to areas where there are large numbers of Syrian refugees and other vulnerable persons.



Maps: Based on OCHA/ReliefWeb



Jordan: context and operations

With the ongoing conflict in Syria, increasing numbers of Syrian refugees are now residing in Jordan. The majority of these refugees live in a situation of protracted displacement in urban settings outside of camps. As the crisis continues and savings are consumed, protection concerns and humanitarian needs continue to grow, especially for women and children. Jordanian host communities are also in need of support as the mass influx of Syrians has placed overwhelming pressure on existing services and resources.

In this context, ICMC provides assistance to Syrian refugees and extremely vulnerable Jordanian families to alleviate the pressures of displacement and population growth. ICMC's projects in Jordan are designed to respond to the most important needs of vulnerable groups, as articulated by the

beneficiaries themselves. These projects benefit from information and feedback gathered during community outreach programs, which allow ICMC to gain a better understanding of the changing needs of Syrian and host communities.

“ Being illiterate is like being blind. In Syria, everything was familiar to me. Here, in Jordan, I feel lost because I can't read the signs. Thanks to the literacy class, I feel more confident now to move around. ”

Participant to a literacy course at the ICMC Protection Center

Activities in Jordan



PROTECTION

Trained refugee volunteers work within the community to identify extremely vulnerable persons in need of assistance and ensure that even the most isolated households receive protection. ICMC also operates a Protection Center in Al Mafraq which offers a social and safe space for vulnerable Syrian refugee women, young girls, and children to meet and supports their well-being by:

- Enhancing adult and youth knowledge of protection risks and the resources and support services available, through awareness raising, advocacy and focus group sessions.
- Improving literacy levels and empowering women and girls through literacy classes.
- Providing a secure child friendly space where children can play, learn and participate in structured educational and recreational activities.



RELIEF COMMODITIES

ICMC seeks to enhance the quality of life of extremely vulnerable persons by providing emergency items meeting their basic hygiene and household needs. Depending on their situation and needs, Syrian refugees and Jordanians may receive:

- hygiene packages for infants and small children;
- house cleaning kits;
- packages containing winter items, including gas cylinders, gas heaters, vouchers for gas refills and high quality thermal blankets;
- educational recreation kits for Syrian refugee and Jordanian children attending the child friendly space at the ICMC Protection Center, including a school bag with books and stationary.



SHELTER

ICMC promotes the dignity of vulnerable Syrian and Jordanian tenants, serves as their advocate and addresses their immediate humanitarian needs by covering their rental costs.



CASH ASSISTANCE

ICMC supports vulnerable Syrian and Jordanian families by providing emergency cash assistance directly to beneficiaries to improve their access to basic commodities and increase their capacity to pay rent.

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