



EU Regional Trust Fund In Response to the Syrian Crisis, the Madad

LEBANON: COUNTRY FACTSHEET

The conflict in Syria, which has now entered its 13th year, continues to drive the world's largest refugee crisis. According to UNCHR, Lebanon hosts an estimated **1.5 million Syrian refugees**, 768,353 of which are registered, making it the country with **the largest number of Syrian refugees per capita in the world**. The EUTF has supported **55 projects in Lebanon**, committing more than **1,057 million EUR** (44 percent of the overall EUTF budget). At current, **12 actions** are still ongoing.

WHY THE EUTF SYRIA, THE MADAD?

Since December 2014, the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian crisis (EUTF Syria) has placed **the European Union** at the forefront of the international response to the Syrian crisis. The EUTF Syria mobilised **EUR 2.38 billion**, including contributions from 21 EU Member States, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom. **129 key interventions** have been carried out in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Türkiye and, to a lesser extent, in the Western Balkans, Armenia and Egypt. The EUTF Syria **benefited over 11 million people**, including refugees and host communities, with improved access to **Health, Basic & Higher Education, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), Livelihood, Protection & Social Cohesion**.



WHAT IS THE IMPACT IN LEBANON?

126

schools & educational facilities constructed, refurbished or equipped

952

health facilities upgraded, refurbished or equipped

205

water & wastewater systems constructed and/or rehabilitated

8,500+

work opportunities promoted



- **750,000+ children and youth** gained access to education and learning programs;
- **5,6 ML+ people receiving primary health care** consultations and essential medicines;
- **800,000+ people** with access to safely managed drinking water;
- **45,000+ professionals** in the sectors of education, health, protection and WASH were offered specialised trainings toward improved public services.



VOICES OF THE EUTF SYRIA IN LEBANON: MEET THE PROTAGONISTS



"Speaking was tough for me, but now I'm learning the right way thanks to my therapist and my parents' support."

Ali, an 8-year-old Syrian boy, resides in Barja, near Beirut. He initially faced challenges with speech and articulation, and took part in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program offered by Terre Des Hommes - Italy with EU funding. After three months of dedicated speech therapy sessions, Ali now communicates properly and clearly, enabling him to feel confident, enroll in a public school and make more friends.



"Doctors have called it a miracle that I was able to stand up after four years of paralysis. Thanks to my medication, I regained the ability to walk. However, if I were to discontinue it, my legs would no longer carry me."

Akram is a patient with Parkinson's disease who has been contending with this condition for fourteen years. Over the last three, he has been receiving support and medication free of charge from the EU-supported Raya Care Center. Thanks to the care provided by the center through International Medical Corps, he is now capable of standing and walking.



"Never give up on your education. Education reshapes perspectives and empowers you to demand the respect and opportunities that are rightfully yours."

Nadira is a Syrian refugee who fled to Lebanon in 2012. With support from the EU-funded HOPES Leb project, Nadira gained access to an internship opportunity that later evolved in a part-time job. She has also learned not to allow her refugee status to determine her value: her accomplishments demonstrate her capability to achieve anything she sets her mind to.

WHAT IS NEXT?



While the EUTF formally came to an end in **December 2021**, with many projects being operational until 2025, **the EU commitment to the Syrian crisis remains solid**. For the years to come, continuity in support will be ensured through the **Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument**, also known as **Global Europe** (NDICI-GE).