


Coronavirus pandemic: EU stands by refugees from Syria and vulnerable local communities in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey

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As part of the EU's global response to the coronavirus outbreak, the EU Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian Crisis has mobilised [a new assistance package](#) and has reoriented ongoing interventions in key sectors. The EU Trust Fund's actions are already showing concrete results in the fight against coronavirus:

Iraq

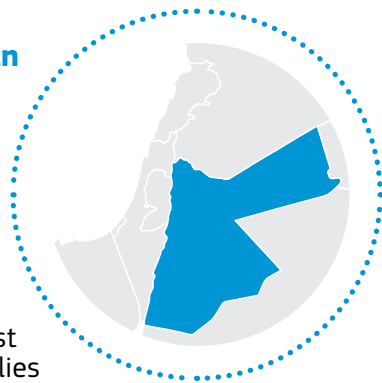
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- More than **270 health workers** trained on **infection prevention and control**
 - Procurement of **personal protective equipment** and **spraying disinfecting equipment** to the Ministry of Agriculture
 - **Hygiene kits** distributed and **emergency care, health education** and **ambulance services** delivered in five refugee camps
 - Comprehensive coronavirus online and offline **awareness** and **disinfection campaigns**

€55 million

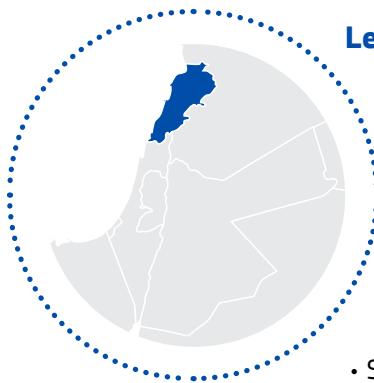
new assistance package for refugees from Syria and vulnerable persons in **Jordan and Lebanon** in:

- **Emergency health** services including access to personal protective equipment, medical assistance of isolation centres, and mental health support
- **Essential water, sanitation & hygiene** services
- **Health & social protection** for Palestine refugees from Syria, Jordan & Lebanon

Jordan

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- **Personal protective equipment, medical supplies**, as well as **diagnostic kits** purchased to support the National Preparedness and Response Plan for coronavirus
 - **Emergency departments** in three public hospitals expanded and equipped, including three ambulances
 - **Health education** and first aid remote awareness activities on social media
 - **Hygiene and safety measures** significantly strengthened in **refugee camps**
 - Remote **education and protection services** to children from the most vulnerable families

Lebanon

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- **60 primary health care centres** equipped with **personal protective equipment**, including masks and hygiene items
 - Social development centres procured with **surgical masks** and **FFP2 respiratory masks**
 - **Emergency Dispatch Centre** of the Lebanese Red Cross rehabilitated to better react to emergency calls
 - **Awareness raising** and **training** of staff, volunteers and community workers
 - Support of public services guaranteeing **adequate provision of safe water**

Turkey

- **Emergency supplies** and **hygiene kits** provided and health awareness promoted at the Turkey-Syria border
- **Health education, consultations** and **psychosocial services**, provided to Syrian refugees and host communities remotely via telephone, in addition to **protective material**



Addressing gender based violence

The coronavirus outbreak is revealing a rise in domestic violence and increasing difficulties in reaching women at risk. The Trust Fund is ensuring essential protection services to women facing gender based violence, through women shelters, telephone counselling and referral services



The EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis in numbers

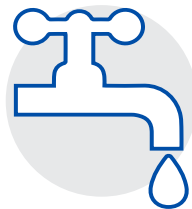
Over **€2.2 billion** in adopted programmes since December 2014 to strengthen the resilience of more than 6.7 million people, both Syrian refugees and vulnerable host populations, most importantly in **Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey**.

More specifically:



€313 million

improving access to medical care, having already reached 4 million vulnerable persons



€225 million

support projects, having reached already almost 500,000 vulnerable persons with improved water, sanitation and hygiene services



€242 million

represent social assistance projects providing until now almost 300,000 vulnerable persons with cash assistance and food

For More Information

[Website of the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis](#)
[Factsheet: EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis](#)