



RESPONDING TO THE SYRIAN CRISIS

EU SUPPORT TO THE RESILIENCE OF THE SYRIAN POPULATION

Following the escalation of violence and unacceptable human rights situation in Syria, the EU suspended all cooperation (bilateral, regional, provision of loans and technical assistance) with the Government of Syria in 2011. Nevertheless, the EU has continued its direct support to the Syrian population inside Syria, where more than 6 million people are displaced today, and to Palestine refugees in Syria.

Overall, the European Commission has allocated **more than €1.1 billion** in assistance to the Syrian population and internally displaced persons **inside Syria** since the beginning of the conflict. This assistance includes:

OVER €753.6 MILLION FOR HUMANITARIAN NEEDS.



€374 MILLION FOR THE RESILIENCE NEEDS OF CIVILIANS, out of which:

- **€268.6 million** in the sectors of education, livelihoods, civil society, local governance and health;
- **More than €73 million** to provide flexible crisis response measures in support of mediation, transitional justice and dialogue. The aim is to prevent and combat the harmful consequences of violent extremism by promoting social cohesion and moderate voices in Syria. The EU has also supported the protection of Syria's cultural heritage.
- **About €15 million** to address urgent needs in agriculture and food security.
- **More than €16 million** to support Syrian human rights organisations in various fields among which support to independent media, transitional justice and accountability, and capacity development and the documentation of human rights violation.

The EU delivers aid to affected populations in the country through implementing partners such as UN agencies, NGOs and Member State agencies with close monitoring and oversight of final beneficiaries.

CREATING PERSPECTIVES: SUPPORTING SYRIANS IN THE LONGER TERM

The EU has expanded its support to the UN-led international mediation efforts and to the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism (in charge of the assistance in the investigation and prosecution of persons responsible for the most serious crimes under International Law Committed in Syria). It provides direct operational support to the search for a political solution and to foster transitional justice and accountability in Syria.

In addition, its funding inside Syria supports:

- inclusive and accountable service delivery
- an empowered civil society
- safe and equal access in opposition-held areas to
 - civil documentation
 - housing
 - land and property rights
 - local civilian governance structures

The purpose is to enhance the perspective of a **genuine political settlement** and enable an environment that will encourage sustainable recovery in a post-conflict scenario.

The EU is also actively supporting the UN in its coordination of work on **post-agreement planning**. However, the EU will be ready to assist in reconstruction only in case of a **political transition**, negotiated by the Syrian parties.

Thanks to EU funding:



Over 85,000 children have received formal and informal (basic and primary) education in a safe and accessible learning environment since 2016.

Nearly 320,000 pre-primary and primary school children benefited from a school funding programme and received Fortified School Snacks with the essential nutrition and energy to remain concentrated at school



More than 200,000 Palestine refugees will have benefitted from the provision of education, health care and job opportunities thanks to EU funding to UNRWA by the end 2018



almost 11,300 households received seeds, fertilizers, tools and cash assistance for farming activities in 2016 and 2017



almost 200,000 people (among which nearly **110,000** women) benefitted from the rehabilitation of infrastructure and service facilities in North West Syria in 2016 and 2017