



SYRIA WINTER APPEAL

We need your support to continue our response to the winter crisis and scale up our activities in Syria and the regional countries; Islamic Relief Worldwide is making an appeal for £5 million.



SYRIA HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

The conflict in Syria resulted in an unprecedented severe humanitarian situation in the history which is a matter of concern for the international community. According to the UN, 9.3 million people are directly affected by the crisis, 6.5 million Syrians are internally displaced and over 2.2 million refugees fled to the neighboring countries of which more than 500,000 are women and girls of reproductive age and 41,000 are pregnant (Regional Situational Report for Syria Crisis, Issue No.15, and November 2013). 66 cases of polio were confirmed up to 15 December 2013.

Significantly, a blustery storm dropped torrential rain and snow on Lebanon and Jordan on 11 December 2013 as aid agencies scrambled to distribute desperately needed winter supplies like blankets and plastic tarps to Syrian refugees who have sought safe haven in those countries. Temperatures dropped below freezing in northern Lebanon and some areas of the Bekaa Valley, which is dotted with informal refugee settlements made largely from tents not built to withstand the harsh weather.

The rainy- snowy conditions, muddy water swamped poor families' fragile shelter in the host community in Jordan. The unusual accumulating snowfall brought travel problems to areas around Amman, 150,000 cars were trapped in the capital Amman, and the heavy snow had left several areas

in the country such as Amman, Karak without electricity. The weather has affected vulnerable Syrians living in substandard shelter as well as poor Jordanians and Palestine refugees. Water leakages into many people houses drowned their belongings and winter supply from blankets and mattresses, exposing them and their children to extreme cold conditions. Roofs constructed using a very simple material such as metal sheets have also collapsed causing severe damages.

There is no official update from UN regarding the refugees' situation in camps or the host areas, however Syrian camp manager, Wadah Al Hamoud, has declared that new comers number has been significantly raised reaching 1000 per day. Due to the frozen temperatures, dropping to around 2 degree an urgent support is needed for distributing winterization kits and assist vulnerable Syrians to insulate the water and snow in their shelter and mitigate the risk of shelter collapse.

Consequently, the Syrian refugees' needs like food, shelter and fuel are increasing which is difficult for them to cope without the support of international community to overcome these difficult conditions.

Islamic Relief Winterization Plans to support IDPs and Syrian Refugees

Islamic Relief Worldwide through its large operation to lessen the impact of conflict on Syrians provided assistance to both IDPs and Syrian Refugees through its field offices in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Turkey. Islamic Relief recently managed to secure funds in order to provide assistance for Syrians in all sectors: food, shelter, health, cash, and NFIs assistance in order

In response to the urgent needs of Syrian refugees in winter as the humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate in camps, Islamic Relief Worldwide managed to secure fund to start winterization projects as an emergency response to the pressing needs. The winterization projects total value is ,506,728GBP in Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon. IRW signed agreements with donors to implement these projects and start preparations on the ground.

In Lebanon, IR team is locating at Bekaa since 4 days ago working at different camps and shelters at Arsal area. During the 4 days, IRL distributed winterization items for more than 590

to overcome these difficult conditions in winter. Islamic Relief through its field offices in Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey will distribute blankets, plastic tent cover sheets and mattresses, baby kit, carpets, winter blankets (quilts), fuel stoves, mattresses, kitchen set, heaters, gas cylinders and hygiene kit.

families locating at different shelters and camps. The covered camps and shelters were:

Al Hesn camp: 160 families

Random Shelter: 50 families.

Mosque: 40 families.

Al Shuhada' Camp: 140 families.

Alshuhada son's camps (1 + 2): they are widows and orphans: 200 families.

The distribution implemented by IRL staff in coordination with different local bodies including the Union of Relief Organizations. The items distributed were as follow:

Item	No. of Units
Blankets	3,800
Mattresses	800
Carpets	400
Stoves	500
Fuel gallons	120

Tomorrow, 17th December IRL will transfer the operation to the Middle Bekaa to cover 255 families locating at shelters in:

Rafeed area: 30 families.

Al Masna' area: 85 families.

MajdelAnjar: 40 families.

Ishtora (Abelias, Berelias, Sa'dnayel, Talabaya...): 100 families.

At the same time, IRL is in procurement stage for the other projects to start new winterization kit distribution for the affected camps.

In Syria, Islamic Relief Turkey distributed the following:

Item	No. of Units
Blankets	33,280
mattresses	14,000
Plastic sheets	3,380

In Jordan, Winter conditions are a major worry for IRJ, Winter preparation work, involving improvements to shelters, heating, blankets and clothing have been under way for months, more is expected to launch later this week – weather permitting- IRJ is working on the winter response in Jordan, including:

-Distribution of food ration on refugees' families in the urban localities (Irbid, Mafrauq, Jarash, and Ramtha) by partnering the World Food Programme, providing food assistance to more than 170,000 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR using electronic food vouchers.

-IRJ is providing shelter to refugees' families in the urban localities (Irbid, Mafraq, and Ramtha) by covering the cost of the housing rent, by securing shelter to 484 targeted families (2420 people) for a 4 months period- on renewable basis.

-IRJ is providing this week Gas heaters to refugees' families in the urban localities (Irbid, Mafraq, Jarash, and Ramtha) by distributing 673 Heaters and gas bottles to 673 families .

Planned intervention post snow crises , from 15- 22 Dec, IRJ will provide- Stage 1:

-IRJ will continue distributing food at our distribution center to reach 201,400 beneficiaries.

-IRJ will continue covering the cost of the housing rent 484 targeted families.

-IRJ will provide Heaters with filled Gas Bottles to 673 families, through our distribution spaces.

-IRJ will provide Heaters with Gas Bottles to 1000 families.

From 23 and 31 of December .2013, the following activities will be undertaken- Stage 2:

-IRJ will provide Gas fuel voucher for 1000 families.

-IRJ will provide 327 blankets to be distributed to 163 families.

-Additional 100 families will be reached to cover their shelter rent cost.

-Securing shelter cost coverage for additional 200 families.

-We are expected distribute additional 673 child and adult winter clothing kits. **(Based on fund availability)**

-673 blankets will be provided to 336 families. **(Based on fund availability)**

Home Maintenance- Stage 3

During December IRJ will assess the damages caused by the rain and snow and starting January home maintenance work will start, targeting 100 families.

Depending on securing funds, more planned Intervention from Islamic Relief Jordan:

Planned winterization supply

Needs	Cost Per Unit (USD)	Quantity	Month	Total (USD)
Gas heater	112	1000	1	112000
Blankets	30	1000	1	30,000
Gas Fuel (Filled)	78	1000	1	156,000
Gas fuel voucher	14	1000	3	42,000
Cash – for shelter rent cost	156	300	3	140,400
Shelter maintenance	300	100	1	30,000
Clothes Kit (Kit content is detailed below)*	50	1000	1	50,000
Total				560,400

Distribute child and adult winter clothing kits to 327 families

***Planned/ suggested family winter clothing packages:**

No.	Item
1	Women's shawl
2	Women's legging
3	Socks
5	Women fleece jacket
6	Men fleece jacket
7	Childern
8	Woolen hat men
9	Woolen hat kids
10	Blankets

The table below summarized the winterization projects that will be implemented through field offices in Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon.

Country	Project	Donor	Budget in GBP	Status
SYRIA	Winterization Distribution Kit for Syrians IDPs	Middle East	213,225	Ongoing
	Winterization	IR UK	300,000	Ongoing
	Winterization	Emerging Market Project Sponsorship	121,843	Ongoing
Total			635,068 GBP	
JORDAN	Emergency Support for Syrian Refugees in Jordan During Winter	IR Switzerland	34,335.7	Ongoing
	Emergency Support for Syrian Refugees in Jordan during Winter	IR UK	408,371	Ongoing
	Emergency Support for Syrian Refugees in Jordan During Winter NFIs Waqaf	Emerging market	30,460.7	Ongoing
	Emergency Support for Syrian Refugees in Jordan During Winter	WAQF	10,000	Ongoing
	Emergency Support for Syrian Refugees in Jordan During Winter	Middle East	30,460.7	Ongoing
Total			513,628 GBP	
LEBANON	Winterization Items	Middle East	60,921.4	Ongoing
	Winterization Items	Middle East Al Sheikh Al Nouri Charity	64,141.3	Ongoing
	Winterization Items	Middle East Zakat House	64,141.3	Ongoing
	Winterization Items	IR Switzerland	172,048	Ongoing
	Winterization Items	IR Canada	230,467	Ongoing
Total			358,032 GBP	
Total Secured Fund for Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria			1,506,728 GBP	

Footage of the Current Situation



People trapped in Amman



In Lebanon



In Syria