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SYRIA - MIDDLE EAST - EUROPE COMPLEX CRISIS

Overview / Current Situation / Key Issues & Needs

OCTOBER 2015

OVERVIEW: MAP



CRISIS OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND



START OF THE CONFLICT: UN REPORTS

Pro-democracy protests erupted in March 2011 in the southern city of Deraa.

The unrest triggered nationwide protests demanding President Assad's resignation.

Opposition supporters eventually began to take up arms, first to defend themselves and later to expel security forces from their local areas.

Fighting reached the capital Damascus and second city of Aleppo in 2012.

By June 2013, the UN said 90,000 people had been killed in the conflict. By March 2015, this figure had reached 220,000 and continues to climb.



SYRIAN REFUGEES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

TURKEY
1.6 MILLION
PEOPLE DISPLACED

LEBANON
1.5 MILLION
PEOPLE DISPLACED

SYRIA
7.6 MILLION
PEOPLE DISPLACED

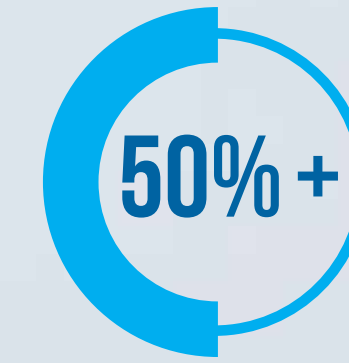
IRAQ
250,000
PEOPLE DISPLACED

JORDAN
628,887
PEOPLE DISPLACED

EGYPT & NORTH AFRICA
156,375

12.2 MILLION

PEOPLE IN NEED OF
HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE IN SYRIA



MORE THAN HALF THE
POPULATION OF SYRIA

7.6 MILLION

INTERNALLY DISPLACED
(IDPS) WITHIN SYRIA

4 MILLION

SYRIAN REFUGEES IN
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

MORE THAN HALF ARE CHILDREN

310,000

DEATHS FROM THE CONFLICT
(SINCE THE CIVIL WAR BROKE OUT)

THE SYRIA CRISIS IS THE
“BIGGEST HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY OF OUR ERA”

- UNITED NATIONS



UNITED NATIONS LAUNCHED A 2015 APPEAL FOR
\$8.4 BILLION TO PROVIDE HELP TO **18 MILLION SYRIANS**

ECONOMIC LOSS: \$202 BILLION

FOUR IN EVERY FIVE SYRIANS NOW LIVING IN POVERTY



UNHCR DOES NOT HAVE **59%** OF THE FUNDS IT NEEDS
TO REACH REFUGEES IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

Syria: Conflict Without Borders

Numbers and Locations of Refugees and IDPs

In recent weeks, the upsurge of Syrians seeking asylum in European countries has overwhelmed existing capacity. According to UNHCR, as of July 2015 almost **350,000** Syrians have applied for asylum in Europe since the conflict in Syria began, nearly half applying in Germany and Sweden and one third in Serbia, Hungary, Austria, Bulgaria, and the Netherlands combined.



Total number of Syrian refugees in neighboring countries: 4,089,023

(UNHCR, August 25, 2015)

NOTE: Significant numbers of Syrian refugees who are not in camps in Turkey are in the provinces of Istanbul, Izmir, Konya, Ankara and Bursa. This population is not depicted on the map. Numbers as of March 2015 are included in the chart.

One circle equals 10,000 refugees

- Non-camp population
- Camp population

Turkey	1,938,999	86% non-camp, 14% camp
Lebanon	1,113,941	100% non-camp
Jordan	629,245	83% non-camp, 17% camp
Europe	348,540	100% non-camp
Iraq	250,408	62% non-camp, 38% camp
Egypt & N. Africa	156,375	100% non-camp

12.2 million people are estimated to be in need of assistance in Syria, including more than **7.6 million** internally displaced persons (IDPs).

(Source: UN OCHA, May 2015)

Number of refugees from Syria by country and region

NOTE: UNHCR refugee figures combine those registered and awaiting registration. Government officials estimate the number of Syrians in their countries to be higher than the UNHCR figures. Product refers to displacement since 2011.

Turkey	1,938,999	(UNHCR, Aug. 25, 2015)
Lebanon	1,113,941	(UNHCR, Aug. 25, 2015)
Palestinians from Syria (registered):	45,000	(UNRWA, April 30, 2015)
Jordan	629,245	(UNHCR, Aug. 23, 2015)
Palestinians from Syria (registered):	15,561	(UNRWA, April 30, 2015)

Europe	348,540	(UNHCR, July 2015)
Iraq	250,408	(UNHCR, Aug. 15, 2015)
Egypt & N. Africa	156,375	(UNHCR, July 5, 2015)
Palestinians from Syria (registered):	4,000	(UNRWA, Egypt, April 30, 2015)

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UN UPDATE PEACE EFFORTS

With neither side able to inflict a decisive defeat on the other, the international community long ago concluded that only a political solution could end the conflict in Syria.

In January 2014, the US, Russia and UN convened a conference in Switzerland to implement the 2012 Geneva Communique, an internationally-backed agreement that called for the establishment of a transitional governing body in Syria formed on the basis of mutual consent.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon says the organization's long-term strategic objective remains a political solution based upon the Geneva Communique.



EUROPEAN MIGRATION CRISIS



520,000

REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS HAVE CROSSED THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA TO REACH EUROPE SINCE THE START OF 2015



54%

ESTIMATED 54 PERCENT OF NEW ARRIVALS OVERALL ARE FROM SYRIA, WHERE ONGOING CONFLICT IS IN ITS FIFTH YEAR



HUNGARY'S TIGHTER BORDER RESTRICTIONS ARE REROUTING REFUGEES IN SERBIA TO TRAVEL THROUGH CROATIA



120,000

EU LEADERS APPROVED A PLAN TO RELOCATE 120,000 REFUGEES FROM GREECE AND ITALY

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS & PARTNERS HAVE BEGUN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES IN

SERBIA & GREECE

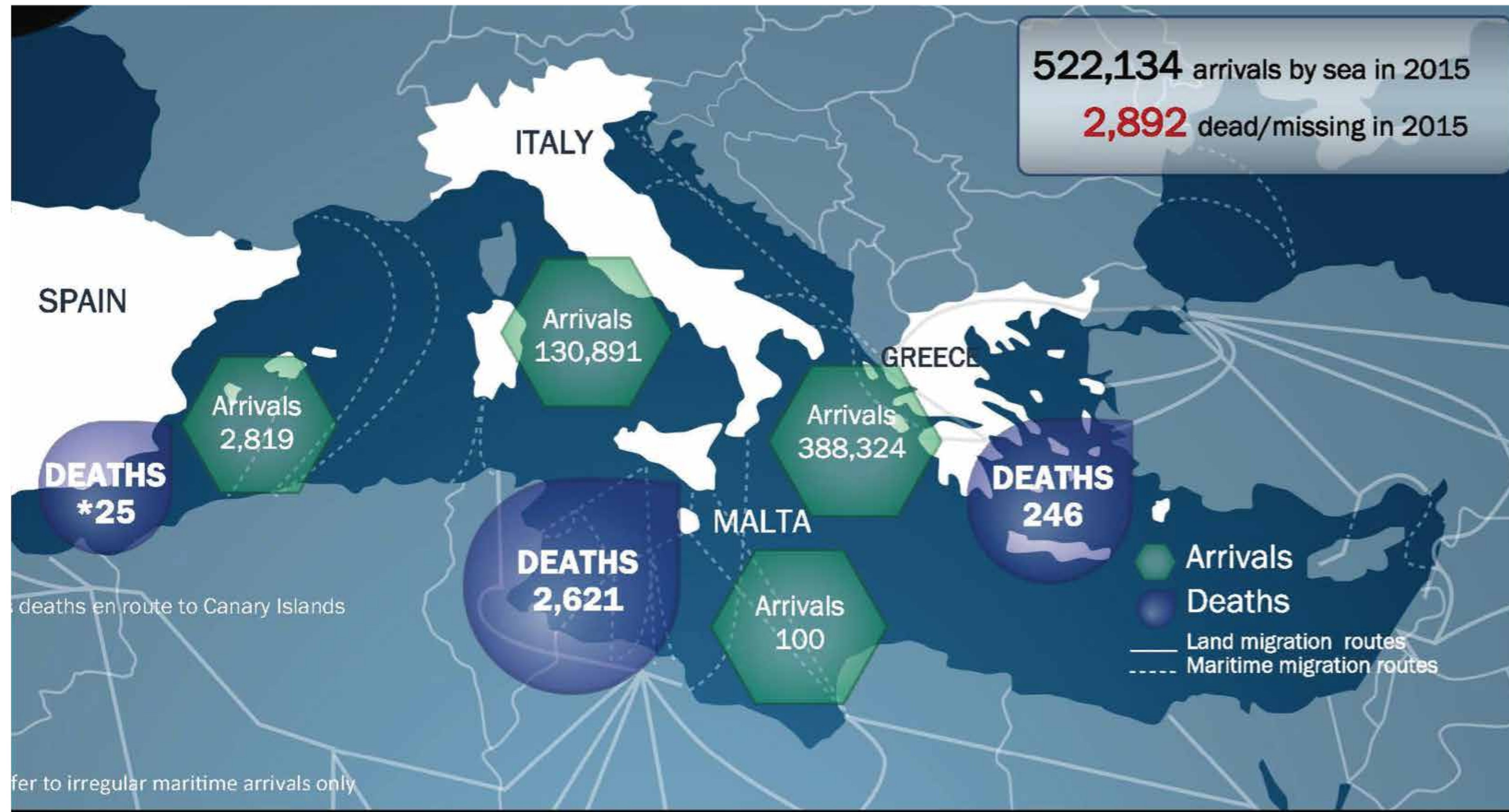
>387,000

NEW ARRIVALS WHO ENTERED EUROPE THROUGH GREECE





CURRENT SITUATION: REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS TO EUROPE



TOP FIVE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN 2015

DESTINATION

ITALY

GREECE

ERITREA	30,708
NIGERIA	15,113
SOMALIA	8,790
SUDAN	7,126
SYRIA	6,710

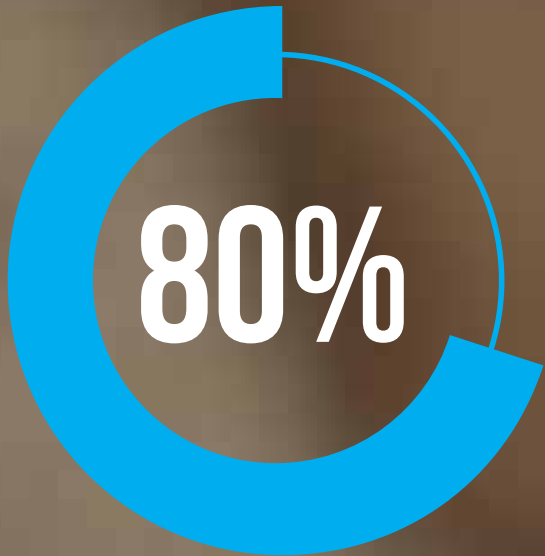
SYRIA	175,375
AFGHANISTAN	50,177
PAKISTAN	11,289
ALBANIA	10,985
IRAQ	9,059

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

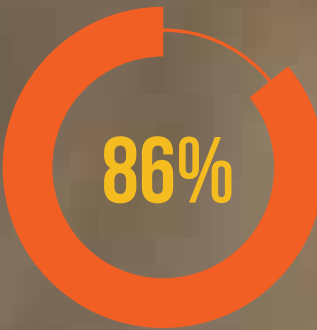


Data for Italy and Greece as of 31/8/15. Data for Greece includes land and sea arrivals. Italy and Greece receive 99% of arrivals in the Mediterranean. Nationalities listed represents 89% of all sea arrivals as of 31/8/15

CURRENT SITUATION: FUNDING & SUPPORT



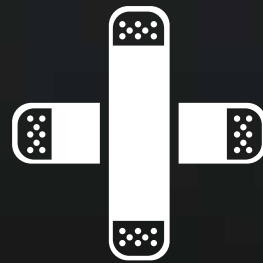
PERCENTAGE* OF REFUGEES
LIVING IN HOST COMMUNITIES
IN THE MIDDLE EAST (*APPROXIMATE)



REFUGEES LIVING OUTSIDE
CAMPS IN JORDAN LIVING
BELOW THE POVERTY LINE



SYRIAN FAMILIES IN
LEBANON LIVING BELOW
THE POVERTY LINE



FAMILIES STRUGGLE TO PAY FOR EDUCATION,
HEALTH CARE, RENT, WATER AND SANITATION

CHILD LABOR
BEGGING
EARLY MARRIAGE
INCREASING

KEY ISSUES & NEEDS: MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES TO EUROPE

SEVEN FACTORS

BEHIND THE MOVEMENT OF
SYRIAN REFUGEES TO EUROPE

- ▶ LOSS OF HOPE
- ▶ HIGH COSTS OF LIVING/DEEPENING POVERTY
- ▶ LIMITED LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES
- ▶ AID SHORTFALLS
- ▶ HURDLES TO RENEW LEGAL RESIDENCY
- ▶ SCANT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES
- ▶ FEELING UNSAFE IN IRAQ



(UNHCR SEP 2015)



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