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SVIRLA9

The title 'SVIRLA9' is rendered in a large, bold, black font with a cracked, distressed texture. The letter 'V' is stylized to incorporate a green silhouette of a person in a wheelchair. The letter 'I' contains a green silhouette of a person standing. The letter 'R' features a green silhouette of a person walking. The letter 'L' has a green silhouette of a person running. The letter 'A' is formed by a green silhouette of a person holding a flag. The final '9' is a solid purple color with a cracked texture.

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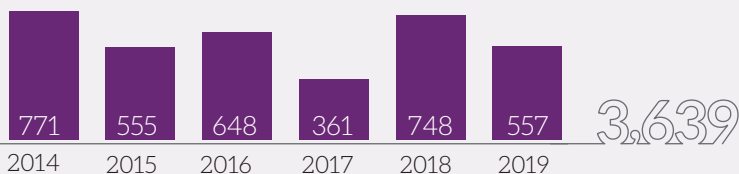
GRAVE VIOLATIONS AGAINST CHILDREN IN SYRIA

TOTAL¹

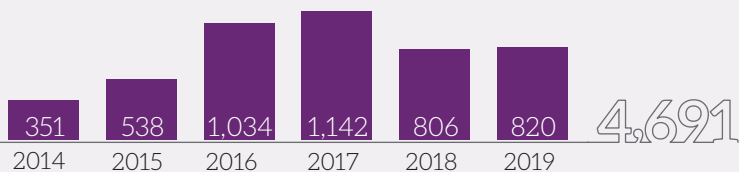
Children
killed



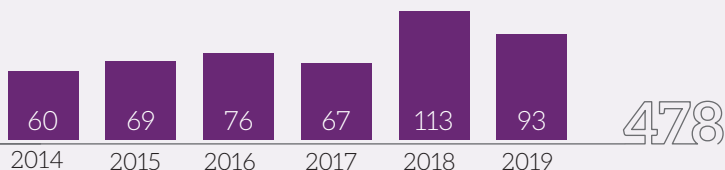
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injured



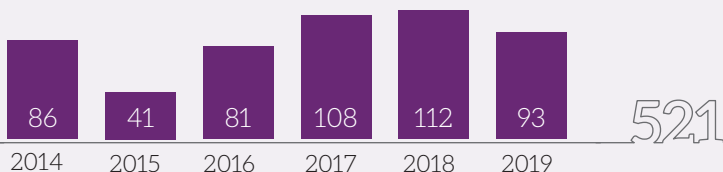
Children
recruited into
the fighting



Attacks on
education
facilities



Attacks on
medical
facilities



CHILDREN BORN INTO WAR

Nearly

6 MILLION
CHILDREN

were born since the start of
the war in Syria in 2011



Inside Syria

4.8 MILLION
CHILDREN²

In neighbouring countries

1 MILLION
CHILDREN³

CHILDREN IN NEED⁴

OVER

7.5 MILLION
CHILDREN



Inside Syria

5 MILLION
CHILDREN

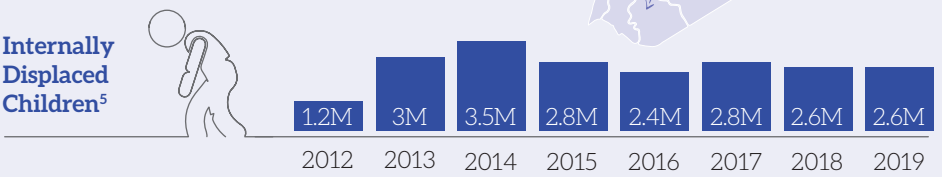
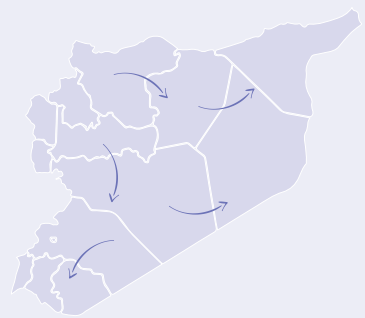
In neighbouring countries

2.5 MILLION
CHILDREN

DISPLACEMENT

INSIDE SYRIA

As of end 2019,
2.6 MILLION CHILDREN
internally displaced

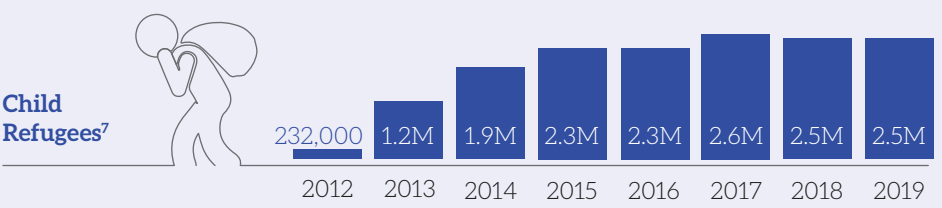
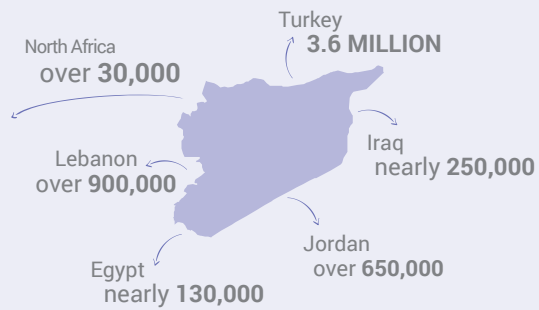


In the northwest of Syria, on average **6,000 CHILDREN** displaced daily since 1 December 2019, bringing the total number of displaced children in the area to **575,000**

IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

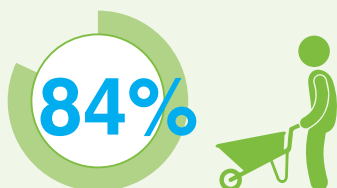
2.5 MILLION
CHILDREN
registered as refugees

82% of all Syrian
refugees
live in neighbouring countries⁶

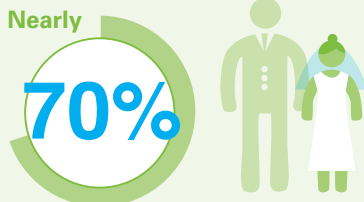


EXTREME SURVIVAL MEASURES

EARLY MARRIAGE, CHILD LABOUR, CHILD RECRUITMENT INTO THE FIGHTING



of communities
inside Syria say that
CHILD LABOUR
is a concern⁸



Nearly
of communities,
reported
CHILD MARRIAGE
a concern⁹

The highest
levels of
CHILD LABOUR

were reported in Ar-Raqaa
and Deir-ez-Zor¹⁰



Young girls
(12-17 years old)

were considered
most affected by

CHILD MARRIAGE¹¹



Prices of basic items
**HAS INCREASED
20 TIMES**

since the war began¹²



EDUCATION

2.8 MILLION
CHILDREN
out of school



INSIDE SYRIA

2 MILLION
CHILDREN
(over one third of Syria's
school-aged children)¹³



2 IN 5 SCHOOLS

cannot be used because they are
destroyed, damaged, sheltering
displaced families or being used
for military purposes¹⁴



Almost **half**
of the people

report child labour
preventing
or reducing school
attendance¹⁵



180,000

EDUCATION

personnel left the
education system,
including teachers¹⁶



IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES¹⁷

OVER

800,000

are out of school¹⁸

SYRIAN REFUGEE
CHILDREN





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A school in Idlib following attack on 5 March 2020

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

INSIDE SYRIA

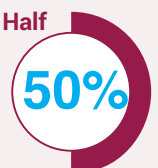
Over



of children with **physical or mental disabilities** require specialized services unavailable in their area ¹⁹



Half



of all **health care facilities** are partially functioning or aren't functioning at all ²⁰

Almost

20,000

CHILDREN

under the age of five are severely **malnourished** ²¹



1 IN 3 of all pregnant and nursing mothers

in northwest Syria are **anemic** ²²



Acute malnutrition among pregnant and nursing mothers

increased more than doubled ²³



IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

More than half of the refugee families in Iraq and 11% in Lebanon face challenges to access

healthcare

because of cost, distance or unavailability of services ²⁴



More than one third of refugee families in Lebanon and nearly 80% of refugee households in Jordan

show some level of

food insecurity ²⁵



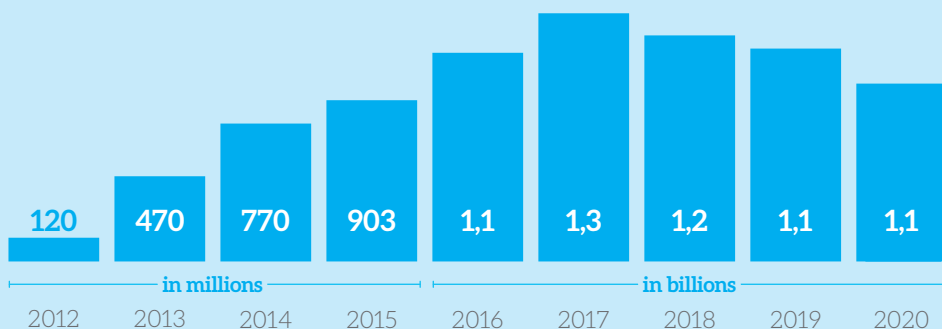


UNICEF'S RESPONSE IN 2019

*The Highlights*²⁶

- Over **3.3 MILLION CHILDREN** were vaccinated against polio in Syria.
- Nearly **750,000 CHILDREN** received routine immunization or vaccination against measles in Syria and neighbouring countries.
- Over **1 MILLION CHILDREN** reached with psychosocial support in Syria and in neighbouring countries.
- Nearly **3 MILLION CHILDREN** had access to formal and non-formal education in Syria and neighbouring countries.
- In Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq, **over 5.3 MILLION PEOPLE** had safe water through improvements to water supply systems.
- Nearly **2 million people** received water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and sanitation services in Syria and neighbouring countries

UNICEF FUNDING APPEALS²⁷: (in US\$)



To date, UNICEF received only 40 per cent of its total funding requirements for 2020.

To continue responding to the needs of children and their families inside Syria and in neighbouring countries, UNICEF urgently needs **US \$682 MILLION**.

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A displaced mother with her child in Aleppo.

Born with jaundice to a malnourished mother, Janna, did not have the best start in life. She was put in an incubator upon birth and her mother did not breastfeed her. After visiting the UNICEF supported clinic in the Hanano neighborhood of Aleppo she was provided with therapeutic nutritional supplements and was put on a treatment plan.