

WINTER RESPONSE 2016-2017 SYRIA AND IRAQ CRISES

UPDATE AS OF 18 DECEMBER 2016

UNICEF CAN HELP
**2.5 MILLION CHILDREN
STAY WARM**



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MANY CHILDREN ALREADY ON THE BRINK STILL FACE WINTER WITHOUT WARM CLOTHING AND HEATING

Winter has started and millions of Syrian and Iraqi children and their families are still threatened by the cold. Many already live on the brink in Syria and Iraq or as refugees in neighbouring countries. Hundreds of thousands of families have been forced to flee unrelenting fighting with little or no possessions. Children are among the most vulnerable to freezing temperatures and storms that frequently sweep the Middle East, leaving poverty, illness and even death in their wake. UNICEF needs **your help** to protect children from the cold, keep them warm in their places of learning, and offer a glimmer of hope.

No Child Should be Left in the Cold

More and more families from Syria and Iraq have seen their incomes and savings wiped out. Prolonged unemployment, displacement, increased inflation and rising fuel and food prices have taken their toll. Families struggle to buy the most basic goods - including clothes, scarves, gloves and shoes – to keep their children warm.

For any child forced to flee home, winter is a particularly challenging time. Without protection from the cold, children can become ill and drop out of school. Worse yet, some children who survived fighting were killed by the cold as they faced snowstorms, flooding and bone-chilling winds with little or no shelter, clothing or heating.

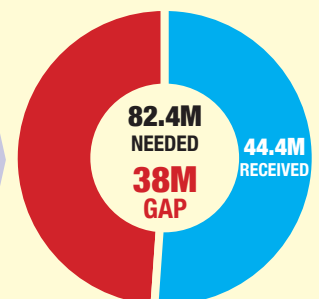
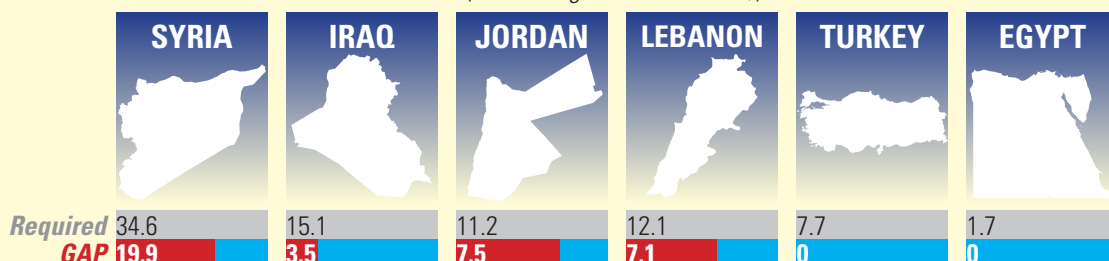
UNICEF aims to provide the remaining 1 million crisis-affected children in Syria, Iraq, Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt, with clothes and supplies for the winter. Our priority is to reach the most vulnerable children, including the youngest, the poorest and those living in besieged or hard-to-reach areas.

Every Minute Counts

UNICEF **urgently** needs funds to deliver life-saving assistance for children in winter. Temperatures have dropped drastically, and within days, the first wintry chills and freezing rain will sweep the region. UNICEF is working around the clock to purchase and deliver winter clothing to protect children from the cold, including gloves, hats, shoes, socks, scarves and thermal blankets.

UNICEF also provides families with cash assistance and vouchers to address the most urgent needs for their children. Funding also helps us heat schools during the winter months.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (rounded figure in Million US\$)



**EVERY DOLLAR
MAKES A
HUGE
DIFFERENCE
TO A CHILD**

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO KEEP A
CHILD WARM THIS WINTER?***

\$6	Thermal Blanket
\$7	Baby quilt
\$42	Clothing Kit (0-5)
\$44	Clothing Kit (7-9)
\$49	Clothing Kit (12)
\$52	Clothing Kit (14)
\$100	Classroom Heating

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TIME IS TICKING: TO COVER THE REMAINING NEEDS FOR WINTER, UNICEF DEPENDS ON YOUR SUPPORT. YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS CRUCIAL TO KEEP CHILDREN WARM AND OFFER THEM A GLIMMER OF HOPE

UNICEF's Regional Response for Winter 2016-2017

Syria

Achievements

- Winter clothing kits and thermal blankets delivered to 47,400 children with an additional 337,068 kits and blankets procured/ in the pipeline to be delivered by the end of December
- Vouchers for winter clothing distributed to 50,000 children
- Energy biscuits procured for 4,000 children

Gaps

- Winter clothing kits and thermal blankets for 355,532 children
- Vouchers for winter clothing for 50,000 children
- Basic package of lifesaving supplies to besieged areas reaching thousands of children
- School heating for 99,000 children

Jordan

Achievements

- 51,026 children of revised total 278,703 children* reached with cash assistance
- 6,086 children received winter kits among revised total target of 79,100 children*, with 66,772 kits in distribution

Gaps

- Winter clothing kits to benefit 6,242 children
- 227,677 children in need of cash assistance

Turkey

Achievements

- Cash assistance distributed to 90,000 children. Beneficiaries are being identified and funding has been disbursed to partners. Cash grants will be disbursed in December and January to families

Egypt

Achievements

- Sport suits and blankets for 25,505 children are being purchased*

Lebanon

Achievements

- 95,000 children reached with school heating
- Cash assistance provided to 127,502 refugee children

Gaps

- 78,798 children to be reached with cash assistance
- 32,000 children in need of winter clothing kits
- 55,000 children to be reached with school heating

Iraq

Achievements

- Winter clothing kits distributed to 38,000 internally displaced Iraqi children and Syrian Refugee children
- Additional distributions to reach 38,500 children by mid-December with 500 thermal blankets procured

Gaps

- School heating and winter uniforms for 21,300 Iraqi displaced children and 30,000 Syrian refugee children
- Mobile health facilities and vaccines for more than 700,000 Iraqi displaced children and 50,000 Syrian children
- Storm drain systems and hygiene support for 60,000 Iraqi displaced children
- Children in need of 159,500 thermal blankets
- Vouchers for winter clothing for 80,000 Syrian refugee children

* Some of the initial targets were revised due to reprioritization given the lack of funding