

## MIDDLE EAST

# Helping Syrians Fleeing Conflict to Start Over



### BACKGROUND

LWR has been supporting Syrian refugees fleeing the violence from the civil war and the Islamic State (IS) since 2011 and supporting internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Syria since 2015.

According to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 13.5 million people are in need of assistance, 6.6 million people are displaced within Syria and 4.8 million have sought refuge in neighboring countries, such as Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and Egypt, as well as in several European countries.

**PARTNERS:** Lutheran World Federation (LWF); Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees (DSPR); International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)

### LWR'S SUPPORT

- Shipped more than \$7 million worth of donated **Mission Quilts, Baby Care Kits, School Kits and Personal Care Kits** to Armenia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Serbia and Syria for distribution amongst more than 337,000 refugees and IDPs.
- Created 13 **Cash-for-Work (CFW) opportunities** to ease economic strain on 1,500 internally displaced Syrians. The projects include:
  - Rebuilding community centers
  - Restoring a nursery
  - Repairing and maintaining hospitals
  - Establishing a community kitchen
  - Operating a workshop that mends second-hand clothes and provides them to the needy for free
- Supported ACT Alliance members who are providing **hygiene items, winter coats and blankets, emergency shelter and psychosocial support** to Syrian refugees in Hungary, Serbia and Greece.
- Will conduct 16 workshops to train 400 Syrian women refugees in Jordan on **how to start your own business (SYB)**.
- Will train 48 volunteers from the SYB workshops to **support the distributing of non-food items**, such as personal care kits and clothes, to nearly 26,000 Syrians refugees in Jordan.
- In northern Iraq (Kurdistan), LWR is working with 2,656 refugees, IDPs, and members of host communities (52% of which are women) to **increase food security, offer community-based psychosocial support, improve water system and sanitation, and restore livelihoods** through skills trainings.

*Through livelihood programming and basic needs support, LWR is reaching more than 340,000 people affected by the crisis in Syria.*