

Schooling for Syrian Refugee Children

Lebanon

Total Project Budget: \$100,000



Overview | Disaster Preparedness and Relief

The ongoing conflict in Syria has become the worst humanitarian disaster in the world. Overwhelming numbers of people have fled the country, including more than one million to neighbouring Lebanon, requiring assistance as refugees and displaced persons. Among the worst affected are children. Only thirty per cent of Syrian children registered with the United Nations in Beirut received a formal education in 2014 and 2015.

This project is providing education and psychological support for vulnerable Syrian children, ensuring they are able to keep up with classwork and have transport to and from school.



This project is completely funded by private donations.

Activities

- Providing community based early childhood learning for children who otherwise would not have access to it
- Providing buses to transport children to and from school
- Ensuring each of these children gets one nutritionally balanced meal a day
- Providing children who are falling behind in school with remedial classes and homework support
- Holding peace education once a month to strengthen social cohesion as well as regular counselling services
- Recreational activities for boys and girls such as music, sport and cultural events

Impact

This project impacts children and families of Syrian refugee children now living in Lebanon. It ensures these children have transport to and from school as well as educational support so they don't fall behind. Recreational and psychosocial activities will also provide a welcome distraction from the traumas of the war which has robbed them of their childhood. For the families, it will provide the opportunity to better integrate with the local community and provide some hope for the future.



Noura's Story

Three girls giggle cheekily on a mattress laid on a concrete floor in a basement room in Fanar, Mt Lebanon. They have called this inadequate room home for over a year now. Amira, Zeinah and Noura* fled Syria with their parents when fighting intensified in their hometown.

Zeinah is the more talkative of the girls, while the other sisters are rather shy. Zeinah says she has not been in school since they fled to Lebanon. Their mother has tried to register them at the nearest two public schools with no luck—there were no places for them.

Four out of five Syrian children in Lebanon lack schooling. For some it has been years since they had any education. The girls agree they miss being in school. The thing they miss most, they say, is meeting with their friends. Zeinah bravely holds back her tears as she says in a quiet voice, “I miss all my friends.”

Your donations can help children like Zeinah and her sisters attend school, providing an opportunity for them to continue their education.

Join the Circle

You can partner with the Change to Schooling for Syrian Refugee Children (SSRC) project by joining the SSRC Circle. You will receive regular updates from the field and see how you are helping Syrian children in Lebanon restart and further their education.



Donate

Your donation of \$30 per month will help ADRA Australia to provide education and counselling services to young people affected by Syria's ongoing civil war.



Pray

Commit to praying regularly for the SSRC project and for those suffering from the trauma of the war in Syria.



Advocate

Join the team of ADRA Passion leaders raising their voices for justice across the globe in the church and community.

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