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IN RESPONSE TO THE SYRIA CRISIS



3RP LAUNCHED, 2015 IMPLEMENTATION BEGINS ACROSS THE REGION

The Strategic Response Plan (SRP) for Syria and the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) in response to the Syria crisis were jointly launched in Berlin on 18 December 2014.

German Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs Frank-Walter Steinmeier, and German Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development Gerd Müller jointly opened the event, followed by statements by Valerie Amos, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Gina Casar, UN Under-Secretary-General and UNDP Associate Administrator, Antonio Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees and Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council, on behalf of the 200 partners involved in the 3RP.

Representatives of the five neighbouring countries also presented their country plans to the Syria crisis, which constitute the national chapters of the 3RP.

Implementation of the country strategies has now begun across the region, with the fierce snowstorm in early January bringing the needs of refugees and impacted local communities into stark relief. The response of relief agencies, both government, NGO and UN, highlighted once again the capacity and strength of the emergency humanitarian response in the region.

However, the 3RP provides a framework to build on these existing responses to not only meet refugee protection and humanitarian needs for the most vulnerable, but also address the longer-term socio-economic impact of the Syria crisis on neighbouring countries.

Reinforcing national capacities is an overarching priority to make the collective response more cost effective and sustainable over the long run, and to reduce the degree to which parallel service delivery systems are established.



Syrian refugee Saleh walks with his young son in the Dilhamye settlement in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. UNHCR/Andrew McConnell.

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NEXT STEPS & MILESTONES

Following the launch of the 3RP Regional Overview, as well as the launch of the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan and the presentation of the Jordan Response Plan in December, several more country launches are planned in the near future.

Other milestones for the implementation of the 3RP and associated events are below:

- 28 January: **Top Donors Group Meeting** in Kuwait City (see story on following page).
- February: meeting to discuss **regional-level reporting and monitoring** arrangements.
- February: first **monthly reports** on progress under the 3RP.
- 31 March: **Kuwait III Pledging Conference**.

"Syria's war is still escalating and the humanitarian situation is becoming protracted. Refugees and IDPs have exhausted their savings and resources, and host countries are at breaking point."

António Guterres
UN High Commissioner for Refugees

"A traditional humanitarian response is no longer enough. The task ahead requires a comprehensive response to the crisis that builds the resilience of these communities and government institutions."

Gina Casar
UN Under-Secretary-General and
UNDP Associate Administrator

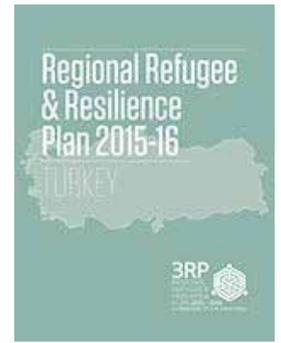
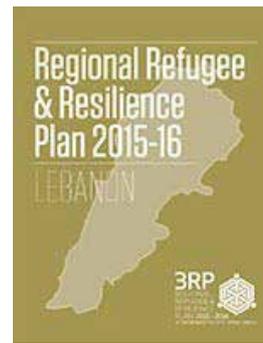
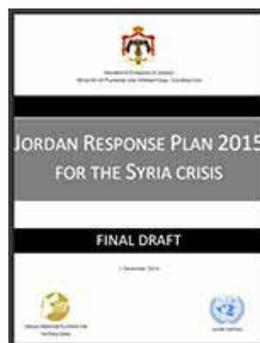
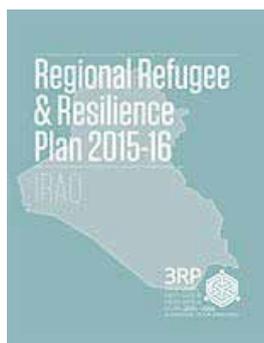
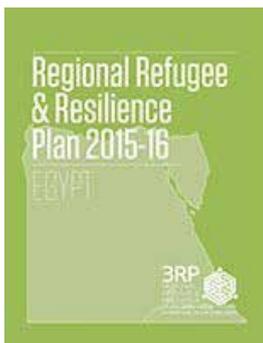
DONORS SHOW SUPPORT FOR 3RP AND SRP

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Al Matouq, the UN Secretary General's Humanitarian Envoy, the last follow-up meeting to the 2014 Kuwait II Pledging Conference of the Top Donors Group (TDG) was held in Kuwait on 28 January 2015, with the participation of 14 major donors and the United Nations (UN).

Participants welcomed the high level of disbursement of donor pledges made at the Kuwait II Conference (over 90 per cent) but stressed that this still met only 60 per cent of the combined "ask" of the RRP6 and SHARP. The UN presented the 3RP and SRP, in support of which donors expressed that more needed to be done for Syria and host countries while ensuring that funding received be used in the most efficient way.

The importance of mobilizing resilience/development funding along with humanitarian funding was repeatedly brought to the fore during the meeting, while the UN encouraged donors to disburse funds against the 3RP and SRP as early as possible.

Dr. El Matouq informed participants that the Emir of Kuwait had generously agreed to Kuwait holding a pledging conference (Kuwait III) on 31 March 2015 in support to the 3RP and SRP. The highest level of participation is expected at the Kuwait III pledging conference, involving both humanitarian and development institutions.



3RP: A COUNTRY-DRIVEN PROCESS

The Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP), represents a strategic shift in the approach to delivering aid for the region, bringing together emergency humanitarian operations and community support with longer-term programmes to boost resilience.

Providing international protection to refugees and strengthening international solidarity and cooperation to share the burden and responsibility remain at the core of the response.

The refugee component of the 3RP also includes food aid, shelter, relief items and cash to meet basic household needs as well as registration services.

The resilience component will help more than a million vulnerable people in communities

who will benefit from assistance programmes and an enhanced focus on livelihoods and the creation of economic opportunities.

Requiring \$5.5 billion in funding to directly support almost 6 million people, the 3RP is based on planning projections of up to 4.27 million refugees in countries neighbouring Syria by the end of 2015 and help to over a million vulnerable people in host communities.

Beyond those receiving direct support, an additional 20.6 million people in impacted local communities will benefit from upgrades to local infrastructure and services in areas such as health, education, water and sewage, training and capacity building of service providers, and policy and administrative support to local and national authorities.

The 3RP integrates and is aligned with existing and emerging national plans, including the Jordan Response Plan 2015 to the Syria Crisis, the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan, the Iraq Strategic Response Plan (SRP), and country responses in Turkey and Egypt.

Needs, targets, approaches, objectives and resources are identified, and responses implemented, at country level. All activities are designed in support of the priorities of governments with the strategy adapted to the respective country context.

The 3RP Regional Strategic Overview, country plans and links to national plans, are available at: www.3RPSyriaCrisis.org.