



# Factsheet for Turkey and northern Syria

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## Country Snapshot Syria

<b>Population:</b>	17,951,639 (2014 est.)
<b>Life expectancy at birth:</b>	68.4 (2014 est.)
<b>Adult literacy rate:</b>	86.4 (2015 est.)
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	5,100 (2011 est.)
<b>Infant mortality rate:</b>	15.79/1000 (2014 est.)
<b>Maternal mortality rate:</b>	49/100,000 (2013 est.)
<b>Females in the labour force age 15*:</b>	15.20 (2010)

Source: The World Bank, CIA Factbook

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CARE established its Turkey office in February 2013, beginning cross-border programming to address the needs of people affected by the crisis in Syria. An estimated 13 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance in Syria, including 7.6 million internally displaced Syrians, while four million have sought refuge in neighbouring countries. In fall 2014, CARE expanded its work, responding to the emergency needs of Syrian refugees in Turkey where, according to UNHCR, at least 1.9 million Syrian refugees are living, with numbers expected to swell to 2.5 million by the end of 2015. In Syria, four out of five Syrians are currently living in poverty, more than half of them in extreme poverty. As of August 2015, CARE International in Turkey has reached close to 700,000 people inside Syria with emergency interventions, as well as longer-term recovery and resilience programming. CARE's emergency response has been implemented in partnership with seven Syrian and Turkish organizations.

## LIFESAVING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

CARE International in Turkey meets peoples' most basic and pressing needs through distribution of relief supplies and health care support. While CARE is also providing food assistance and developing livelihoods programming. The contents of food baskets were carefully reviewed to ensure the right calories are available while meeting the requirements and eating habits of Syrian families. CARE has also distributed baby and hygiene kits as well as leaflets including information on breastfeeding and where to receive further assistance. CARE has supported hospitals with medical equipment allowing women to access vital reproductive health services. In winter, CARE has provided displaced Syrians with mattresses and blankets.

## EARLY RECOVERY AND LIVELIHOODS

CARE International in Turkey also supports refugees with water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions. This includes the transport of chlorine to ensure the accessibility of clean water, distribution of water purification tabs, dignity kits and lasting insecticidal nets. CARE has gradually been transitioning to a more sustainable livelihoods programming informed by its extensive experience in rebuilding communities affected by conflict. CARE is helping households in reviving and stabilizing livelihoods through provision of relevant training, agriculture and livestock inputs and repair of essential livelihood infrastructure. CARE is currently

supporting the establishment of Village Savings and Loan Associations for women and men to increase their access to savings and credit in Syria.

#### PROFESSIONALISATION OF HUMANITARIAN SECTOR IN SYRIA

CARE takes a particular interest in holistically building the capacity of Syrian partners, with a view to contributing to a strong humanitarian sector inside Syria now and during the eventual post-conflict rebuilding. Working in partnership with four Syrian non-governmental organisations (NGOs) inside Syria, CARE conducts workshops for partners, including trainings on project management, gender in emergencies, accountability, finance, safety and security, procurement, conflict resolution and media and communications.



#### REMOTE MONITORING

CARE Turkey utilizes a two-prong monitoring system, including post-distribution and third-party monitoring. Two independent firms with strong networks inside Syria help CARE Turkey ensure consistent quality third-party monitoring. Emphasizing the need for learning, CARE exchanges lessons learnt and best practices with regard to remote monitoring with peers, donors and other external stakeholders on an ongoing basis.

#### GENDER

CARE conducted Rapid Gender Analyses in northern Syria and southern Turkey to ensure that the different needs of women, men, boys and girls in the crisis are known and can be met in future humanitarian interventions.

#### SYRIA CRISIS

An estimated 13 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance inside Syria. People have increasingly limited access to basic services, including health care, water and sanitation.

#### URBAN REFUGEES IN TURKEY

In September 2014, CARE began responding to the significant refugee influx of Northern Syrian, particularly from Kobane/Ain el Arab. Working in collaboration with Turkish partners, CARE provided emergency aid including winter kits, blankets, mattresses, food packages, hygiene kits and vouchers to more than 35,000 beneficiaries. CARE International continues to support Syrian refugees in southern Turkey with hygiene kits, vouchers, and information sharing programmes, providing training in psychological first aid, hygiene promotion, gender-based violence (GBV) and its consequences, as well as referral pathways. CARE in Turkey has used lessons learnt from its extensive experience in working with urban refugees in Jordan.

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