



THE SYRIAN CONFLICT

A timeline of the Humanitarian Crisis

2011

March - The Arab Spring causes beginning of unrest in Syria.

May - Syrian families begin to flee. The first refugee camps open in Turkey.

2012

December - The number of Syrian refugees in other countries reaches 500,000..

2013

August - The number of Syrian refugee children reaches one million. Parliament also voted against any military action in Syria.

September - UN releases report saying there is 'clear and convincing evidence' that Sarin was used.

October - Announced that Syria destroyed all declared chemical weapons production facilities by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

2014

June - Estimated that nearly half of Syria's population to be affected by conflict and in need of immediate humanitarian assistance. Assad re-elected in the country's first election.

October - In order to reach safety in Europe, an increasing number of Syrians risk deadly sea journeys.

2015

July - There are more than 4 million Syrian refugees.

August - The UN Security Council expresses concern that the continuing crisis in Syria is estimated to have claimed 250,000 lives and displaced 12 million people.

September - The body of Syrian toddler Aylan Kurdi washes up on a Turkish beach after a failed attempt to reach Greece.

2016

July-August - The battle for Aleppo (largest city in Syria) displaces thousands.

2017

January - UN refugee Chief Filippo Grandi calls for faster humanitarian aid for Syrians in desperate need after heading to Syria.

March - Number of people fleeing the war in Syria surpasses 5 million.

October - ISIS loses control of its self-declared capital, Raqqa. The UN estimates that 80% of the city is now uninhabitable. 200,000 people fled in the battle for Raqqa.

December - Nearly 60% of Syrian refugee households in Lebanon now live in extreme poverty (under \$2.87 USD per person per day).

2018

February - UN security Council approves of a 30-day ceasefire.

March - CNN reports more than 1000 children have been injured or killed this year across Syria.

April - WHO reports that 500 people are affected by the toxic gas attack. HART begins partnership with EPDC to help empower Maaloula women to combat food security in their communities.

IN SUMMARY

- Syria has the biggest refugee crisis since WWII .
- Over 13 million Syrians require humanitarian assistance (pre-war population of 22 million).
- 6.6 million internally displaced people (1.8 million of whom were newly displaced in 2017).
- Almost 3 million remain in besieged areas without access to essential aid.
- More than 400,000 civilian deaths.