

SYRIA

Background information

Effects

Solutions

- Since 2011
- 465,000 Syrians killed
- 12 million Syrians (half the population) displaced
- 1 in 11 Syrian refugees lives in camps
- 13.6 million Syrians are in need of humanitarian assistance

- Peaceful protests for freedom
- Government responded by killing demonstrators
- Rebel group formed to overthrow government
- Civil war started (ongoing)

- Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey are hosting the most refugees
- Turkey has 2.5 million refugees
- 70% of refugees in Jordan are hosted by local communities instead of in camps. They fled to urban areas where they cannot get assistance from the UN.

Solutions:

- Open safe routes to sanctuary
- Resettlement
- Investigate and prosecute traffickers
- Integrate refugees
- Encourage circular migration

440,000 refugees returned home to check on their families in 2015. Most returned to Aleppo, Hama, Homs, or Damascus.

- Puts pressure on health and education services
- Loss of culture
- High population density
- The Syria Crisis has cost Lebanon US\$ 2.5 billion (lost in economic activity)
- Not enough waste management
- Racism

- More economic activity
- More cheap labour
- Remittances help families in Syria
- Brain gain (destination)
- Cultural diversity

Germany has assured 35,000 places for Syrian refugees through its humanitarian admission program (2015)