



# Newsflash

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**Evaluation of the UNFPA response  
to the Syria crisis (2011-2018)**

**Watch key highlights of the evaluation results**



## From the Director's desk

As the Syrian crisis enters ninth year, more than 13 million Syrians are still in need of humanitarian assistance. Since 2011, UNFPA has been working with its partners within Syria and in refugee host countries in the region, to increase access to sexual and reproductive health services, reduce risks of gender-based violence and strengthen youth participation.

The latest centralized evaluation of the UNFPA response to the Syria crisis finds that the UNFPA response has been and continues to be well adapted to the evolving needs of affected populations, both within Syria and in refugee-hosting countries. In its response, UNFPA has consistently and strategically prioritized hard-to-reach areas and most vulnerable populations. UNFPA has generated high returns on its investment in the regional response hub in terms of resource mobilization, representation and coordination.

The evaluation also points at the need for UNFPA to improve its monitoring mechanisms, building, in particular, on its expertise in population dynamics. The evaluation notes that while the regional response hub has proved largely successful, its role and functions need to be reviewed in light of changing circumstances, and within the framework of a wider organizational effort to improve the efficiency of the Syria regional response.

We hope the credible body of evidence and lessons from this evaluation help UNFPA to enhance its response to the Syria crisis, and improve its response to humanitarian crises elsewhere.

**Marco Segone**

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## Evaluation Quick Facts

**338**   
COUNTRY AND PROGRAMME DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

 **5** COUNTRY NOTES:  
SYRIA, IRAQ,  
JORDAN,  
LEBANON, TURKEY

 **348**  
PEOPLE INTERVIEWED:  
GOVERNMENTS, DONORS,  
NGOs, UN AGENCIES

 **397**  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
CONSULTED VIA FOCUS GROUP  
DISCUSSIONS: 80% WOMEN  
AND GIRLS

**28**   
ONLINE SURVEY RESPONDENTS

 **2**  
CASE STUDIES

## Learn more

### [Evaluation Report](#)

Evaluation Brief with infographics ([EN](#), [SP](#), [FR](#))

### [Presentation](#)

### [Management Response](#)

[Statement made by the Director](#) to the Executive Board

[Executive Board paper](#) on the evaluation

Check out the [additional materials](#) supporting the evaluation:

**Evaluation Report Volume 2** containing data that supports evaluation findings

**Country Notes:** Syria | Iraq | Jordan | Lebanon | Turkey

**Case Studies:** Regional Response Hub | Cross-Border Interventions

**Inception Report**

**Terms of Reference**

**Evaluation Quality Assessment**

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