



CANADA'S INTEGRATED RESPONSE TO THE PROTRACTED CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The complex armed conflict in Syria and Iraq and the resulting humanitarian crisis call for an integrated Government of Canada response. In addition to National Defence efforts to help the international community defeat Daesh, Global Affairs Canada is providing \$1.1 billion over three years in multi-year humanitarian assistance, stabilization and development support to affected and displaced populations, including in the neighbouring countries of Jordan and Lebanon.

Canada's humanitarian assistance prioritizes basic needs for families—such as clean drinking water, adequate food and a safe place to sleep—and also seeks to provide better access to public services, including health care and education. Assistance is aimed at improving the quality of life for affected

populations by supporting efforts to create jobs and support existing livelihoods. By providing multi-year humanitarian assistance, Canada is enabling our humanitarian partners to plan more effectively and better respond to evolving needs in the communities where they work.

A particular effort is also being made to meet the specific needs of women and girls affected by this ongoing crisis. This includes psychosocial support and specialized medical services for the survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, as well as the provision of reproductive health services.