

To date, Canada has committed \$353.5 million for Syrians affected by the crisis both inside Syria and in neighbouring countries. Canada's contribution to humanitarian appeals enabled the UN World Food Programme to distribute food assistance to as many as 5.2 million conflict-affected Syrians in 2013. In Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and Egypt, Canadian assistance also helped organizations such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) provide protection to almost 3 million refugees and respond to the basic needs of the most vulnerable of them, including emergency shelter and health care. Canada remains committed to providing lifesaving humanitarian assistance to those in need, both inside Syria and in neighbouring countries.

In response to an appeal by the UNHCR for assistance with extremely vulnerable cases, Canada has committed to resettling 200 refugees through the Government-Assisted Refugee program and 1,100 privately sponsored refugees by the end of 2014. Canada is currently reviewing an additional request for Syrian resettlement from the UNHCR as part of the government's broader response to this crisis.

In January 2014, UNICEF, the UNHCR, Save the Children, World Vision and other international humanitarian partners launched the "No Lost Generation" initiative, which calls on us all to ensure that a generation of Syrian children—whether living inside Syria or in neighbouring countries as refugees—are provided with a protective environment and learning opportunities. To date, more than 5.5 million children have been affected by the crisis.

On January 24, 2014, Prime Minister Harper announced \$50 million in humanitarian funding for education and child-protection activities that support the "No Lost Generation" initiative. By supporting a \$35-million project led by UNICEF, DFATD is helping to ensure that more than 613,000 conflict-affected children and their families in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and Egypt receive formal and alternative education; schools be constructed or rehabilitated; support and training be provided to teachers and youth; psychological support be given to children and caregivers; and highly vulnerable families receive cash assistance.



PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE – CANADA'S LEADERSHIP ROLE



Canada is recognized around the world for its leadership in offering safe haven to people who need refugee protection. Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) plays a significant role in upholding Canada's international obligations and humanitarian tradition by engaging both domestic and international stakeholders to develop and implement timely, efficient and effective refugee protection policies and programs. Promoting human rights and protecting refugees has been a cornerstone of Canada's humanitarian tradition since the Second World War.

Canada's refugee protection programs are in the first instance about saving lives and offering protection to the displaced and persecuted. In accordance with the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, Canada provides protection to asylum seekers who have landed in Canada and have been determined to be in need of protection. Canada also protects refugees and vulnerable persons by resettling them to Canada as part of the managed immigration plan. For example, in May 2007, Canada committed to resettling as many as 5,000 Bhutanese refugees, and later expanded that commitment to resettling 6,500 Bhutanese government-assisted refugees by 2015. As of June 30, 2013, more than 5,500 Bhutanese have already arrived in Canada.

The CIC's ODA for 2013–2014 totalled \$105.5 million. This figure represents the federal support provided to refugees and vulnerable persons in their first 12 months in Canada for refugee resettlement and settlement programs, as well as for temporary coverage of health care costs.