

SITUATION REPORT SYRIA



SWITCHBOARD

HIGHLIGHTS

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Russian airstrikes killed seven people in northwest Syria, four of whom were children and siblings. The airstrikes followed months of relative calm and took place only days after a summit in Tehran between Russia, Iran, and Turkey in which the Syrian war was a central topic ([The Guardian, 2022](#)).

FOOD SECURITY

Food insecurity is rising as the economic crisis exacerbated the effects of war and displacement. Prices of essential food items are getting higher as most ingredients are imported due to poor agricultural seasons ([WFP, 2022](#)).

MIGRATION AND DISPLACEMENT

7,842 people in northwest Syria were newly displaced according to the Humanitarian Needs Assessment Programme ([OCHA, 2022](#)).

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND RESPONSE

The water situation in northwest Syria is alarming, the result of both climate change and the damage to infrastructure and networks caused by the last decade of war. Thus, people's access to water is unpredictable, unsustainable, and costly. While humanitarian actors need to prioritize water network connections, funding gaps remain an obstacle. Currently, water trucking is the most common solution to provide displacement camps, health facilities, and schools with water ([ReliefWeb, 2022](#)).

In response, several NGOs are running projects to enhance the situation and get water to communities. Syria Relief continued to raise funds needed to continue its work to repair water systems and train community members to undertake such repairs in the future. Such interventions ensure that people with disability needs are considered ([Syria Relief, 2022](#)).

CASE STUDY



SYRIA RELIEF

Syria Relief is an example of a highly successful Syrian diaspora organization, which has also expanded to operate in countries other than Syria. Founded in Manchester in 2011, Syria Relief started as an initiative by friends of Syrian heritage who sought to support communities in their country of origin during, what everyone assumed was, a short disruption in their lives. However, as the war escalated and more communities became displaced both inside Syria and to neighboring countries, Syria Relief scaled up its response, mounting resources to reach more people.

Syria Relief delivers various projects in response to emergency needs, saving lives as well as offering durable solutions to enhance resilience. It also has a vital advocacy office that is very vocal about the needs of the people it serves. As Syria Relief maintained its integrity, efficiency, and professionalism, it gained much credibility among the Syrian diaspora and UK community.

SOURCES: ReliefWeb situation report, Syria Relief, WFP - Syria