


“Supporting Families Affected by Wars and Conflicts: Experiences of NGOs in Qatar”



Families Affected by Recent Wars and Conflicts in the Middle East

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Conflicts in the Arab region

- ❏ The Arab region is facing one of the most challenging periods in its recent history.
- ❏ Violence in the region is characterized by persistent inter- and intra-State armed conflict, high unemployment rates and deepening poverty.
- ❏ Continued instability has resulted in mass displacement- with over **ten million** IDPs in the region, increased protection needs, and sustained mixed movements, with people fleeing in search of safety and better opportunities.
- ❏ Families and their members were forced into dealing with unexpected circumstances such as fleeing of their homes, living in the midst of war zones, losing loved ones and bearing intolerable circumstances.
- ❏ Evidence confirms that violent conflicts render families very vulnerable, changes their relations and alters their structure and composition



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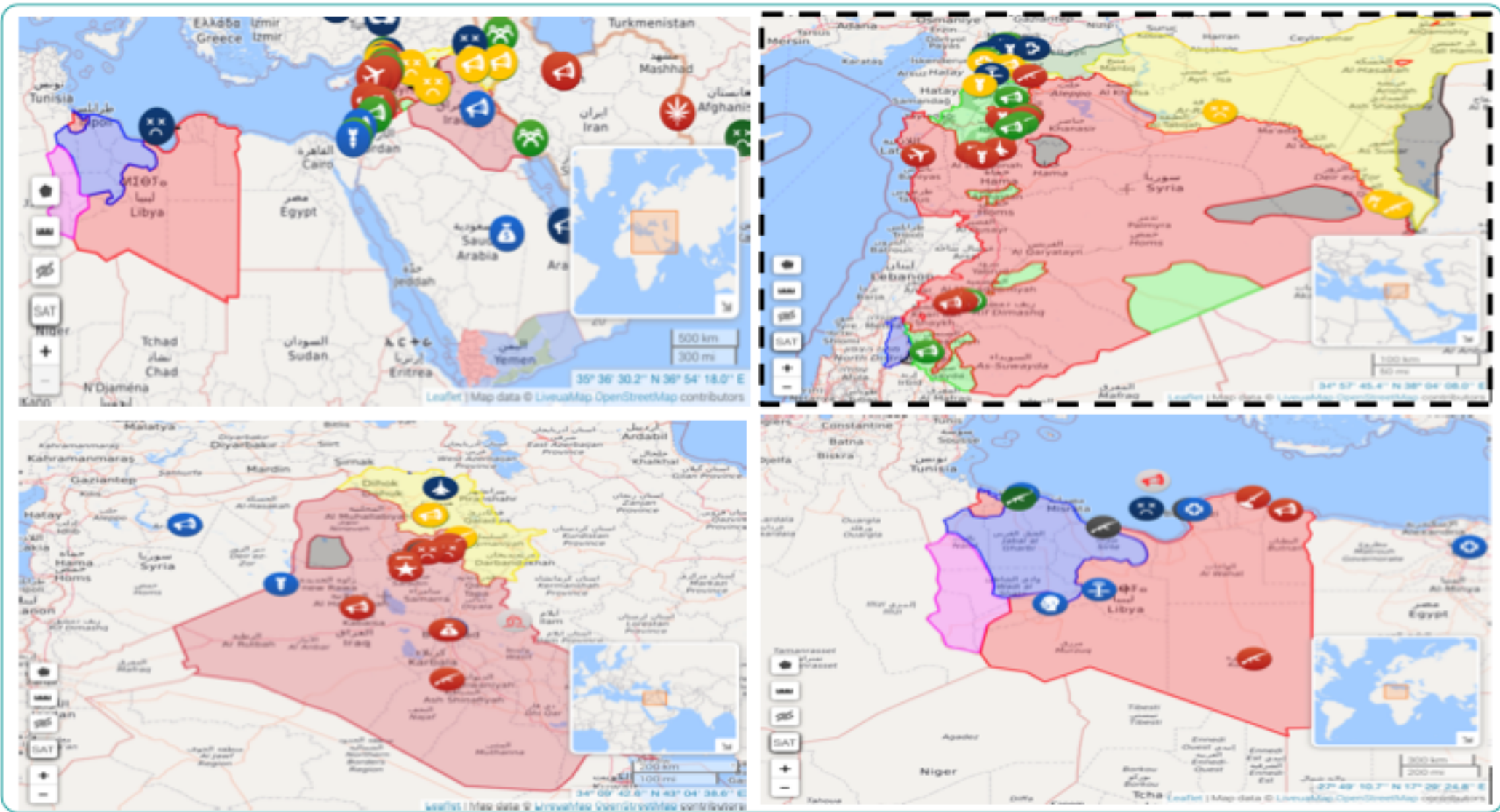
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- ❏ Children have been maimed, killed or uprooted from their homes and communities. Children have been made orphans and have been subjected to exploitation and sexual abuse. Children have been abducted and recruited as soldiers.
- ❏ Women, in particular, are severely impacted by wars and conflicts; Evidence shows that women experience serious consequences, including displacement, loss of home and property, loss or involuntary disappearance of close relatives, poverty and family separation and disintegration, victimization through acts of murder, terrorism, torture, rape, and sexual abuse
- ❏ During and after wars, women are instrumental in providing a sense of family that supports children's healing from war-related trauma.
- ❏ Providing assistance to both refugee and host communities, supporting improvements in social cohesion and peaceful co-existence, will remain crucial for all. Family policies can play an important role.



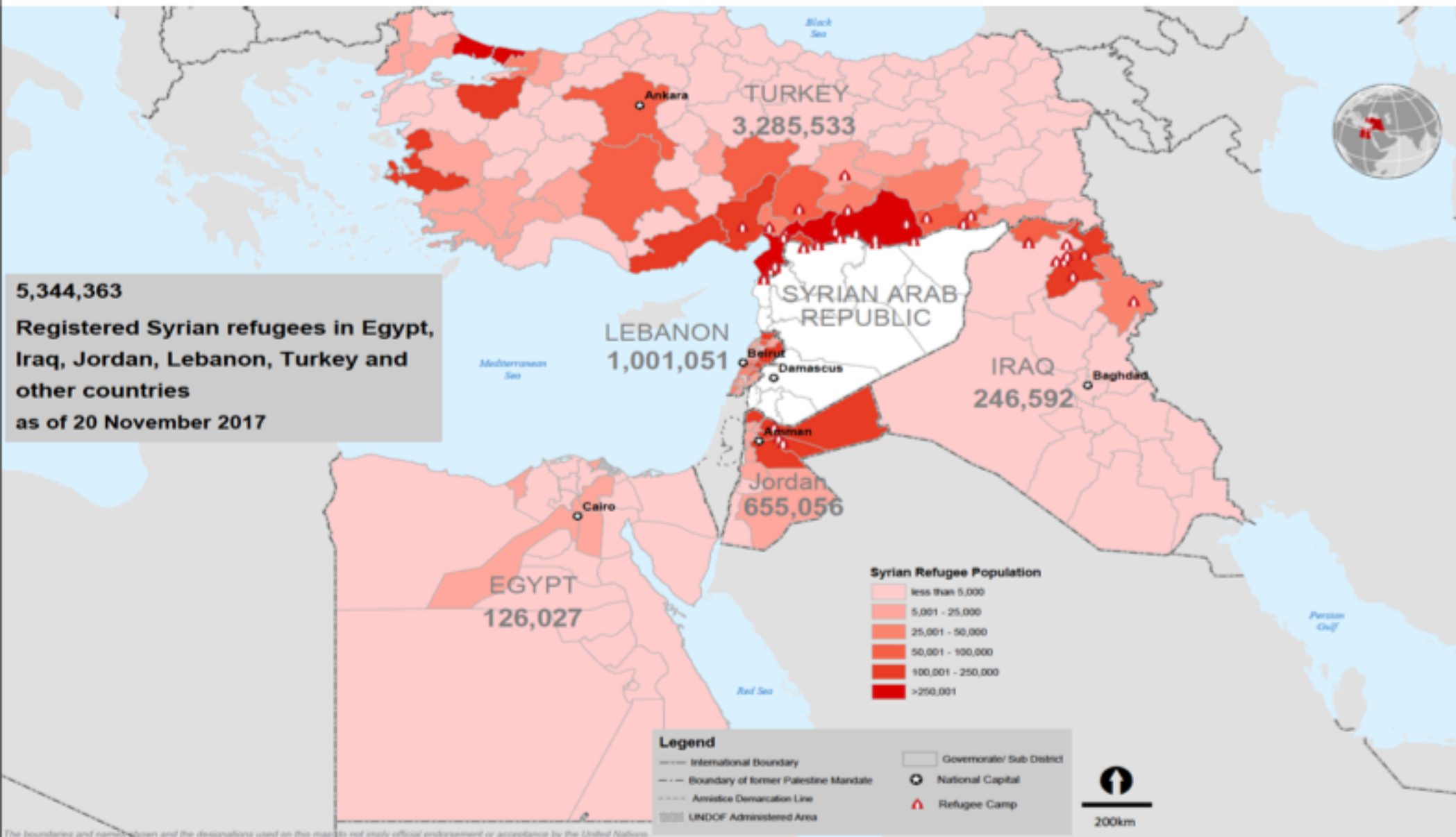
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Source: <http://www.worldwaralive.com/live-map-conflict-in-middle-east/>

Syrian Refugees Map, 2017

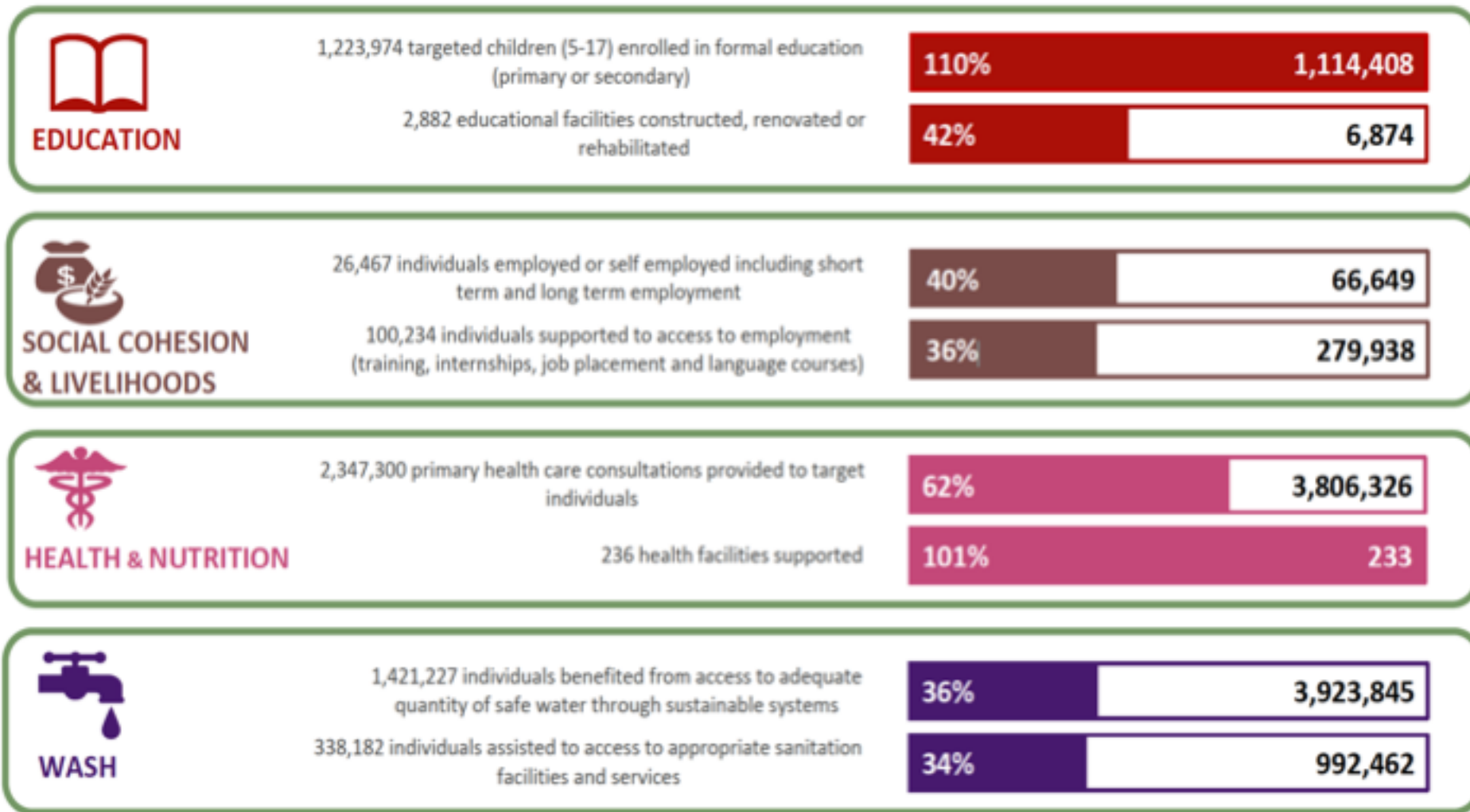


Source: UNHCR MENA Director's Office in Amman, 20 November 2017

Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP): selected aggregate achievements of regional sectoral indicators on the humanitarian and resilience responses of more than 240 partners involved in the 3RP Inter-Agency Appeal in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

Achievements as of 30 November 2017

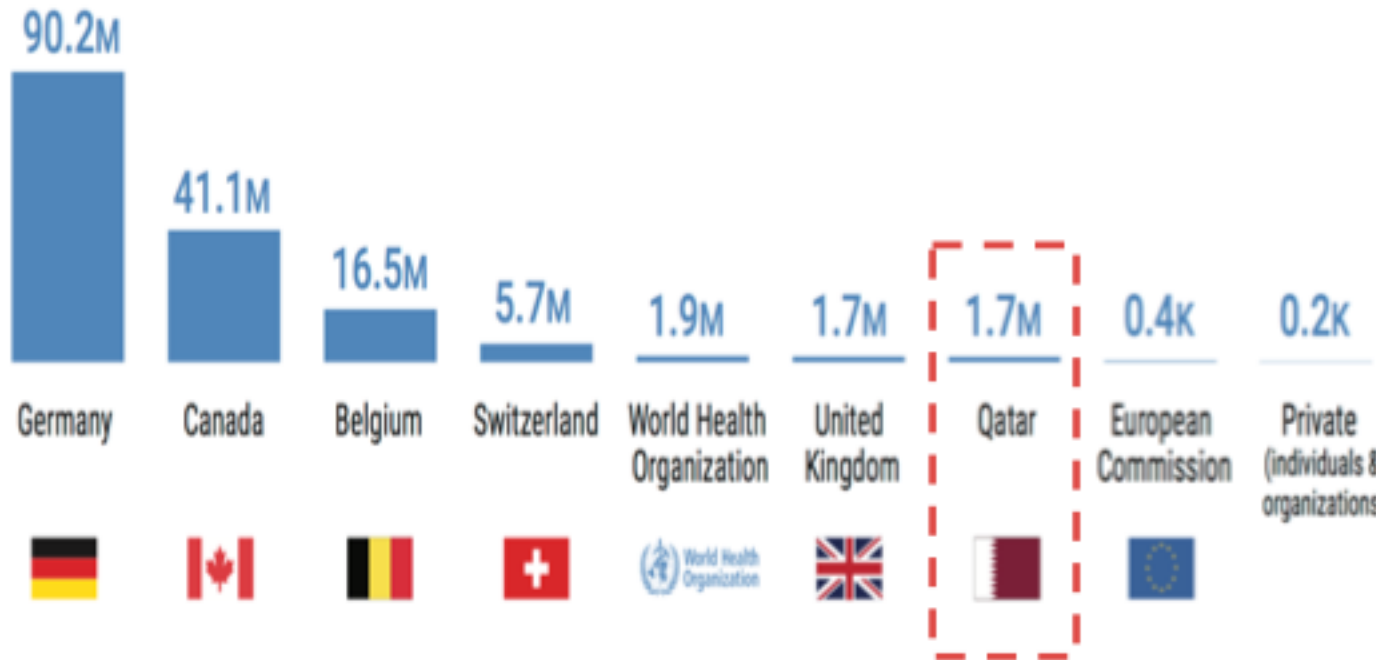
Planned response by end of 2017



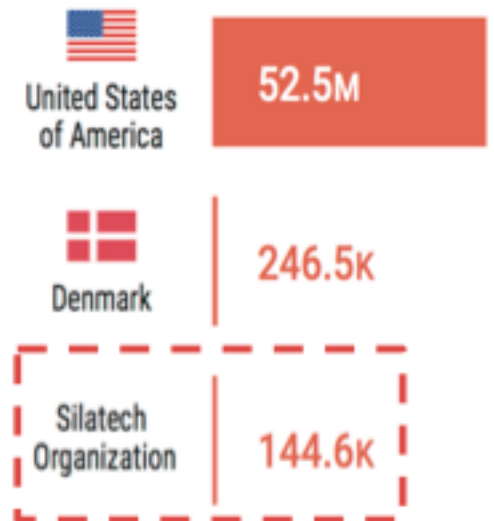
Source: Regional Monthly Update: 3RP Achievements November 2017, <https://reliefweb.int>

2018 Syria Humanitarian Response Plan: Funding Overview, as of 31 January 2018

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Recommendations

- (a) Ensuring broader and **more consistent application** of the approaches that have proven to be successful to support families and their members by providing **alternative care**, protection, access to education, health, sanitation, housing and socio-economic infrastructure in fragile situations;
- (b) **Focusing poverty alleviation strategies on the family as a unit** and acknowledge that family breakdown can be both a root cause and an effect of poverty and its prevention is a priority during and following wars and conflicts;
- (c) Adopting an integrated approach to understand the impact of conflict on family, children and women's poverty by using **a rights framework**; effective livelihood, resilience-based and gender sensitive programming in pre-conflict, conflict, and post-conflict situations;

Recommendations

- d) **Protecting refugee families and their members** against violence and exploitation, guaranteeing the right of all refugee children to education and expanding efforts to incorporate human rights and peace and environmental awareness into that education;
- (e) Scaling up, **multi-sector support for families and their members** to convert the policy shifts made by refugee - hosting countries into support for families through social protection systems;
- (f) **Eliminating all factors preventing children from going to school** including by making schools safe and improving teaching and learning; ensuring pathways back into school for those who have dropped out; recognition of school certificates; and provision of support for children who have experienced war related trauma;
- (g) Improving information gathering, **data collection**, research and analysis on families, children and women in conflict situations in order to improve programs implementation and policy.



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