

Since the Syrian Crisis started in 2011, there have been 1.5 million refugees relocate to Lebanon. Our country is small and has older features that are in need of being updated. Electricity, water and roads can hardly support the population. It's the poorer Syrian refugees who create a greater existential problem for Lebanon because of the fact they are unable to care for themselves from the time that they first arrive to Lebanon. The majority of refugees need aid to get them ready to start a new life. But with 70+ organizations suspending their cooperation with the UN in Syria it makes it harder for refugees to make a better life for themselves when the small amount of financial support they receive starts to decline as more refugees arrive. Assistance has helped thousands of people but it has remained focused on the short-term emergency response, the importance of longer-term support is crucial to enable partners to plan ahead in other important areas, At a conference on Supporting Syria and the Region in London, the international community pledged more than \$12 billion to meet the immediate and longer-term needs of those affected \$6 billion for 2016 and \$6.1 billion for 2017-2020. We need to come together and help refugees start their a new and better life here in Lebanon, so take these 1.5 million lives into consideration and help us build long a better country for them.