


## Jordan

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### Country details

- **Population (2014 est.):** 7.9 m
- **UN Human Development Index rank:** 77 (out of 187)
- Mercy Corps has worked here **2003**

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### Our strategy

Help meet the immediate needs of vulnerable Syrian refugees. Support local communities to mitigate tensions over scarce resources and improve water infrastructure to better serve the increasing population.

### The context

The fourth water-poorest country in the world is increasingly stressed by the influx of Syrian refugees seeking safety across the border. Zaatari is considered the second largest refugee camp in the world, but the majority of Syrians live in towns where the competition over housing and jobs is increasing tensions.

Infrastructure is literally breaking down under the strain: The nation's aging water system leaks 76 billion liters per year, and areas with large numbers of refugees face water shortages at emergency levels.

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## Our work

- **Emergency response:** Distributing clothes, blankets and household supplies to Syrian refugees. Improving shelters for families outside camps.
- **Water:** Increasing the water supply for more than 500,000 refugees and host community members. Digging wells at refugee camps and renovating municipal water systems to more efficiently serve the larger population. Financing household projects, school improvements and reservoirs to conserve limited water resources.
- **Children & Youth:** Building safe spaces for Syrian children to play in refugee camps and leading activities that [help them heal and grow](#). Enabling schools to expand their enrollment to educate more refugee children, including those with disabilities.
- **Conflict & governance:** Supporting community groups to resolve tensions and develop common solutions to their immediate problems.

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Three years in, Syria's civil war has fueled a massive exodus. See the staggering statistics and learn the facts behind the figures.



**Jordan, Syria: Syrian wrestling champion brings hope to refugee youth** July 29, 2014

Mohammed Al Karad spent more than a decade as a star Syrian athlete. Now a refugee at Za'atari, he's channeling his past to be a positive role model for young Syrian refugees at Mercy Corps' Youth Center.



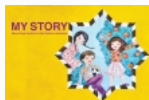
**Turkey, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria: Voices of Syria's youth: What it's like to grow up as a refugee** June 20, 2014

As part of our new research, we asked youth affected by the Syria crisis to describe their struggles and hopes. See their art and photos — and learn what we must do to help this generation rebuild.



**Jordan, Syria: Inside Azraq, Jordan's newest refugee camp** June 16, 2014

Learn about the new safe haven that was designed to give Syrian refugees a better sense of structure and community amid the uncertain future they face.



**Jordan, Lebanon, Syria: New workbooks help Syria's children tell their story** June 12, 2014

See the beautiful images by Syrian-born illustrator Lina Safer in our Comfort for Kids workbooks, which help young refugees heal through creative expression and stay connected to their culture.



**Jordan, Syria: Getting Syria's most vulnerable children to school** March 15, 2014

Children with disabilities can easily fall through the cracks during the upheaval of war. We're making sure kids like Hayam have their needs met to continue their education as refugees.



**Jordan, Syria: Life as a refugee: Spend the day with Nour** March 14, 2014

From dawn to dusk, every hour with Nour, 13, and her family in Zaatari refugee camp shows the hardships millions of Syrians endure every day, three years since the war began — and the occasional joys they hang on to far from home.



**Jordan, Syria: Syrian youth in their own words** March 12, 2014

Ten young refugees in Zaatari camp talk about what it's like to grow up without their home and what keeps them looking forward.



**Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria: Syria: Three years in crisis** March 12, 2014

A look inside the worst humanitarian disaster of our time and what we must do to help families trapped by war.



**Jordan, Syria: Safe homes for refugee families** March 11, 2014

Housing, in any condition, is in high demand in Jordan as Syrian refugees continue to stream across the border. See how we repair dilapidated houses to give vulnerable families, like Henna's, a safe place to live.



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