

Fact Sheet:
Catastrophic Humanitarian Conditions
in Syria



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- 10th year of conflict
- Combatants from over 80 nations participated in the conflict, which made it a very complex proxy conflict for special interests, well beyond being a “civil war” for self-determination
- 500,000 deaths
- > 50% of pre-war population displaced from their homes; some multiple times
 - 6.2 million internally displaced
 - 5.6 million became refugees in other countries
- Widespread destruction of infrastructure: schools, hospitals, factories, offices, homes, places of worship, transportation systems
- Drastic currency devaluation (Syrian pound at 1/10 what it was 10 years ago)
- Extremely high inflation, making necessities of life unaffordable. Food prices have risen 200+% in past year
- IndexMundi data estimates that 82% of the population is living below poverty line.
- The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimates 1.27 million Syrians are severely food insecure. More than 500,000 children under age 5 are chronically malnourished, and 90,000 of these are acutely malnourished.
- Average wage is \$15/month!
- Fuel shortages only allow factories to operate at 30% of capacity. Homes have government supplied electricity only for a couple hours/day. Must rely on generators, but fuel is very scarce and high priced.
- Covid is a huge challenge to extremely weakened medical system and compounds the misery.
- All these conditions create more social instability in attempts to survive (thefts, murders, domestic violence).

Sanctions have crippled the economy, created a human disaster, and prevented rebuilding of a nation