

UK NON-HUMANITARIAN AID IN RESPONSE TO THE SYRIA CONFLICT

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Over £50 million



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The UK Government is working closely with a range of actors, including the Syrian National Coalition, NGOs, civil society, journalists and human rights activists, to support the Syrian people in their efforts to protect themselves against Assad's brutality, find a political solution to the conflict and prepare to rebuild their country in the post-Assad era. Our efforts since 2012 include providing:

- more than **£30m** of support to the Syrian opposition
- more than **£2m** to support the elimination of Assad's chemical weapons, and
- more than **£16m** to reduce the impacts of the conflict on the region

All figures shown are approximate funding envelopes since 2012.



Search and Rescue: £5.5m

To date, there are 2087 volunteers in 88 civil defence stations across northern Syria, trained and equipped with help from UK funding to carry out **search & rescue, fire-fighting and First Aid**. They have saved over 10,200 lives since March 2013. A number of the UK trained 25 man teams are now delivering training for new civil defenders across Northern Syria.



Civil Society and Human Rights: £6.8m



Syrian human rights activists are being given the training and tools necessary to **promote accountability**, the collection of forensic and other **evidence of human rights abuses including of sexual violence** for future use in criminal proceedings.

We have supported work with local councils and civil society groups within Syria to increase community engagement in addressing local conflicts.

Religious and community leaders from the Sunni, Allawite, Christian, Druze, Armenian and Kurdish communities have been trained in active citizenship and dialogue skills to help **reduce community tensions**.

UK-funded projects are also building the capacity of civil society, media, local councils and a range of other key stakeholders to support **transitional justice and good governance**.

Chemical Weapons: £3.2m



The UK has provided £2.4m to support the **Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons** to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons stocks. This includes armoured vehicles to protect inspectors on the ground.

Local Councils: £2.9m

Local councils across Syria have been provided with **£750k of equipment**, including power generators and water purification kits. A substantial programme of further support aimed at improving local delivery of basic services is being developed following a successful pilot project

As part of wider media training projects, we have trained local council media officers in journalism, video & photography techniques, media handling & press office skills, and provided media equipment to 12 local council media offices inside Syria.

Assistance Coordination Unit: £4.3m



We are supporting the National Coalition's Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) to improve its capacity to **identify needs and deliver services to civilians inside Syria**. This includes the provision of technical advisory support and office equipment.

To date we have provided over **£3m of equipment** delivered to Local Councils by the ACU, including trucks, vehicles, solar powered generators, water purification kits and search & rescue equipment.

Syrian National Coalition: £2m



We are **helping the National Coalition** to build its capacity as an institution, to meet the needs of Syrians and to represent their interests.

We have provided embedded **advisers, training and logistical support** to the National Coalition's Secretariat and Media Centre in Istanbul and to its international offices in Washington and New York.

In the run-up to the Geneva II negotiations and during the political process, we continue to offer **dedicated negotiation and communications support** to the Coalition to help ensure the best possible outcome for Syrians.

Moderate armed opposition: £1.5m



The UK is delivering a **£1m package of life-saving equipment for the Supreme Military Council (SMC)** and moderate armed units, including communications, medical and logistics equipment.

In addition we have provided equipment to **protect against chemical weapons**, including 5000 escape hoods, nerve-agent pre-treatment tablets and CW detector paper. We have also funded **Law of Armed Conflict training** to help SMC staff officers train fighters to understand their responsibilities and obligations under international human rights and humanitarian law.

Security and Justice: £2.5m

We are working with other international donors to establish and build up the Free Syrian Police (FSP), a moderate police force in opposition-controlled areas in Syria. We are providing training, technical assistance, maintenance funds and basic equipment. The programme supports the development of greater community oversight and monitoring of the police to help ensure they are responsive to local needs and through this build community resilience to counter the threat from extremist groups.

Media activists: £6.3m



More than **300 Syrian journalists and activists** have received training in order to help **develop an independent Syrian media**. Reports and stories on issues including women's rights, human rights and civic education are reaching an ever-larger audience through radio, the distribution of magazines and regional television stations.

One project in particular has helped establish a **network of independent media outlets** across Syria. This network's efforts included sending out messages about personal safety after the regime's 21 August chemical weapons attack in Ghouta.

Impact on the wider Region: £16.5m

The UK is providing a major package of **equipment and training to the Lebanese Armed Forces** to help them better manage the security of the border with Syria. The **Jordanian Armed Forces** have also taken delivery of a UK equipment package to help manage the increasing number of refugees crossing their border.

Peace-building projects within Lebanon and Jordan are working to improve relations between communities, particularly those affected by the influx of refugees. In partnership with local government, local police forces, civil society groups, local and Syrian community leaders, projects are working to reduce tensions and the potential for community level conflict and ensuring youth participation.

In Lebanon, a **mine action** survey addressing demarcation and Mine Risk education needs for locals and Syrian refugees has been carried out with UK support.