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Dear colleague,

We are pleased to share with you the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) for the Syria Crisis Regional Strategic Overview 2016-2017.

Since the 3RP for the Syria crisis was first launched in December 2014, the humanitarian and development situation has deteriorated and continues to be under threat both inside Syria and in neighbouring countries. Fighting has intensified in almost all Syrian governorates, driving thousands more people from their homes.

Over the last 12 months, the number of registered Syrian refugees in the Republic of Turkey, the Lebanese Republic, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Iraq, and the Arab Republic of Egypt has increased by more than 1 million, bringing the overall total to almost 4.3 million. Based on the most recent trends in displacement and population growth, and with access to safety in some countries becoming increasingly managed, it is expected that some 4.7 million Syrian refugees will be registered in the region by the end of 2016.

The 3RP 2016-2017 represents the largest humanitarian appeal in recent history, aiming to help those 4.7 million Syrian refugees as well as 4 million people in host communities through the next year. This response plan continues to develop integrated humanitarian and resilience approaches through coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and enhanced accountability mechanisms.

Key strategic directions of the 3RP include a regional protection framework mainstreamed across all sectors, greater investments in education, increased opportunities for life-skills, vocational training, employment generation and livelihoods for refugees and host community members, and strong national leadership in response planning and implementation. The appeal seeks increased support for refugees, for resilience-building activities and support for national capacities and systems for the sustainable delivery of health, education, water and other municipal services in host communities.

During 2016, partners aim to collectively provide food and agriculture assistance to more than 2.7 million people; enrol almost 1 million children in school and provide child protection and psychosocial support programmes for 887,000 girls and boys; support 650 health facilities; provide cash assistance to help 346,000 families meet their basic needs; support 456,000 families with shelter assistance; improve water access for 4.5 million people; and undertake 4,800 community projects to support livelihoods and social cohesion.

The total USD 4.55 billion appeal reflects the combined responses of over 200 UN agencies, NGOs and intergovernmental organizations in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt. The 3RP is also the framework under which concrete steps are taken forward in the implementation of the Dead Sea Resilience Agenda, recently launched in the context of the Resilience Development Forum at the Dead Sea in November 2015.

We want to thank all partners in this endeavour for their invaluable support, advice and guidance provided during this process. We trust that the 3RP in 2016-2017 will serve to mobilize desperately needed support for Syrian refugees and the communities hosting them.

The 3RP Regional Strategic Overview, along with further information on the 3RP response, is also available at: <http://www.3rpsyriacrisis.org/>

Kind Regards

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