



Kindernothilfe Luxembourg

Syrian refugee children: School attendance gives children hope

Project: We prepare children to attend State schools in Lebanon and help them to integrate

Location: Kfarnabrakh, Chouf region

Partner: AMURT, Lebanon

Beneficiaries: 250 Syrian refugee children and Lebanese children in need



At our refuge, children receive regular hot meals and psychosocial support

More and more Syrians have become refugees

The conflict in Syria, which began five years ago, has forced unprecedented numbers of people to become refugees. Almost five million of them have fled the conflict. Most have sought asylum in neighbouring countries. While Turkey is hosting the largest number, Lebanon has received the second largest: 1.1 million refugees are living there – one third of the population.

More than half of them are children and young people. They are particularly suffering from the traumatic experiences of the civil war, the journey they have been forced to make and the thought of their uncertain future.

According to UN reports, 48% of Syrian refugee children in Lebanon – which means more than 230 000 children – are currently not attending school.

Returning to normal life is hard

The main obstacles are strict admission conditions at publicly funded schools, the trauma that children have suffered from the war and the use of the foreign languages English and French at Lebanese secondary schools. Syrian children have to take an entrance exam before they can attend a school in Lebanon.

In addition, the number of refugee children is not allowed to exceed 50% per class. Most Syrian children do not know foreign languages, and they need special preparation and psychosocial counselling before they can cope with everyday schooling in Lebanon.

In practical terms, this is how we help

Our project supports refugees in the Lebanese mountain region of Chouf. Together with our local partner, Amurt, we prepare girls and boys aged between 3 and 12 for attendance at Lebanese state schools. At our children's refuge they are taught reading, writing and arithmetic and also receive psychological and social counselling.

As a rule, the children spend the first three months on stimulating activities, free from any learning targets. This initial phase helps them to open up and reintegrate into society, which prepares them to start learning.

After that, the children embark upon a programme of basic numeracy and reading. As soon as a child is ready to enter the public school system, he or she takes a longer intensive course, such as the Community Learning Programme (CLP). This enables children to enter the Lebanese school system quickly and successfully.

Thanks to your support, girls and boys are able to make a partial return to normal life and are given a prospect of successfully completing their schooling. Many thanks for your help!

*You too
can help!*

for syrian refugee
children

36 €

is enough to transport a child to our refuge for 3 months

65 €

will enable a child to stay at our refuge for a month

120 €

will pay the cost of providing hot meals to 10 children for a month

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