

Medair helps people who are suffering in devastated communities around the world survive crises, recover with dignity, and develop the skills they need to build a better future.



ABOUT MEDAIR

Medair is an impartial, independent, and neutral humanitarian organisation inspired by Christian faith to relieve human suffering in the world's most difficult-to-reach and devastated places. We bring relief and recovery to people in crisis, regardless of race, creed, or nationality.

We rely heavily on our national staff, who bring extensive knowledge and experience to our humanitarian activities in this region. Where possible we work with local partners to strengthen the ability of host communities to support population movements that may otherwise overwhelm the existing system.

We act with neutrality and impartiality, providing quality health, shelter, and safe water and hygiene support to families affected by conflict. We introduce innovative solutions to meet the needs of the most vulnerable and help connect them to humanitarian assistance.

As signatories of the International Committee of the Red Cross Code of Conduct, we believe that aid should be given to everyone who is in need, and not be used to further a particular political, social, or religious viewpoint. Our first and last considerations are the needs of the people we serve.

We also adhere to the Core Humanitarian Standards on Quality and Accountability, following the principles of humanity, impartiality, independence, and neutrality. Medair is a registered NGO with the government in each of the countries where we work.

We do whatever it takes to bring relief where it's needed most.

ABOUT MEDAIR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Across the Middle East, violent conflict has forced millions of people from their homes. Many have sought safety in refugee camps, informal settlements, and unfinished buildings, both inside and outside their home country. Some have made the journey to Europe or sought resettlement overseas, but most remain in the region waiting until it is safe to go home.

Medair provides a range of emergency relief and recovery services to families and communities affected by conflict: Health care and nutrition. Safe water, sanitation, and hygiene. Shelter and infrastructure. Cash assistance and livelihoods.

In all we do, we pursue the highest professional standards of quality, accountability, and sustainability.



PROGRAMME DETAILS: IRAQ

More than three million people in Iraq have been displaced due to conflict, and 11 million are in need of assistance. In 2017 many areas became newly accessible for humanitarian aid, and Medair is working to provide services and restore communities in areas of return and where people are displaced. Medair has been continuously active in Iraq since declaration of a Level 3 Emergency in 2014 and currently implements projects in Kirkuk and Ninewa governorates, with cash distributions reaching into Salah al Din governorate.



Mobile medical teams

As the population continues to seek safety and essential services, mobile clinics provide access to healthcare in host communities, informal settlements, and in areas of return.

Providing primary health care in a camp

Medair provides basic health services in Laylan 2 Camp near Kirkuk, treating illnesses and referring serious or complicated cases for secondary care. Community health volunteers visit families in their tents to share health and hygiene education messages.



Supporting health clinics in returnee areas

Where people are able to return to their home areas, Medair supports health clinics by providing qualified medical staff, equipment, and medicines until they are able to once again operate independently.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

In areas of return, or where families are living in unfinished buildings or informal settlements, functioning water and sanitation systems are lacking. Medair's Water and Sanitation team provides water trucking and storage tanks, household water storage, and installation or rehabilitation of latrines and showers.



Cash assistance

With limited livelihood opportunities for displaced people, along with the increasing strain on public social services, the economic burden of the conflict has had a widespread impact on both the displaced and host-community populations. Medair provides emergency cash assistance, enabling households to meet their critical and varied needs.

Emergency Response

Medair has emergency response teams on standby to provide needed shelter, health, and water and sanitation support for those fleeing from conflict.

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PROGRAMME DETAILS: LEBANON

Lebanon has the highest refugee population per capita of any country in the world. More than one million Syrian refugees live in Lebanon today; an estimated 70 percent of them live below the national poverty line, becoming poorer as the years go by. Many refugees are staying in tents or substandard buildings, unable to legally earn income, and reliant on international aid for their daily needs. Medair provides relief to Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese people living in the Bekaa Valley.



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Mapping and Technology

Medair uses geographic information systems (GIS) mapping to improve the efficiency of our response to beneficiaries. The mapping team gathers data on refugee settlements, feeding that into a map shared with all humanitarian agencies in the country. Medair also uses technology to increase efficiency of assessments and organise the distribution process.

Shelter Assistance

Medair provides shelter assistance to refugees living in tents by distributing wood, plastic sheeting, nails, and fire extinguishers as needed. For refugees living in substandard buildings, Medair designs specific interventions to improve the living conditions; for example, installing doors and plumbing. In return, the building owner reduces the rent charged to refugees. Medair also improves accessibility and safety of tents for elderly and disabled people on a case-by-case basis.



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Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion

To improve public health and prevent the spread of waterborne illnesses, Medair works in informal settlements to improve drainage and sanitation, and provide water trucking.

Health Care

Many refugees in Lebanon struggle to access basic health services, and existing health services are overwhelmed. Medair supports seven primary health care clinics in collaboration with the Government of Lebanon to improve care for refugees and vulnerable Lebanese families. In addition to subsidized health care, Medair provides free vaccinations and, when necessary, runs vaccination campaigns. Medair provides psychosocial support to people coping with trauma, and community midwives ensure women receive critical postnatal care that would otherwise be difficult for them to access. Medair's team of community volunteers screen for malnutrition and deliver messages about family health, such as the importance of exclusive breastfeeding and seeking health care when a child is sick.



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PROGRAMME DETAILS: JORDAN

Jordan has welcomed more than 650,000 Syrian refugees into the country since the start of the Syria crisis. Many refugees live outside of formal camp settings, often in makeshift tents or rented accommodation. Unable to legally earn an income, families struggle to afford rent and basic essentials like food and health care. Many people need psychosocial support to process, work through, and cope with traumatising memories.



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Maternal and Family Health

Health care in Jordan is not free for Syrian refugees. Medair provides financial support to refugee families to help cover urgent health procedures, as well as support for pregnant women before, during, and after delivery. Teams of community mobilisers visit refugee families in their homes, delivering important health messaging, such as the need for exclusive breastfeeding and vaccinating children. Medair has also formed support groups to provide a safe environment to discuss topics of concern, such as domestic violence, prevention of and screening for malnutrition, as well as other general health and hygiene messages.

**Cash Assistance**

Medair supports several hundred vulnerable families with cash assistance to cover urgent expenses such as rent and food, and to allow people to make purchases for their basic needs with dignity. Families can withdraw cash directly from a local bank, where we use iris scan technology to ensure the support reaches the right people. Medair also provides legal assistance to inform families about their rights and duties in Jordan.

Psychosocial Care

Medair runs psychosocial support groups for Syrian refugees who need a safe space to work through traumatic experiences and discuss their lives as refugees. In groups of 12-15 participants (men and women separately), Medair's psychosocial support specialists meet with each group eight times over a 12-week period, helping them develop coping strategies and reasons to hope.



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