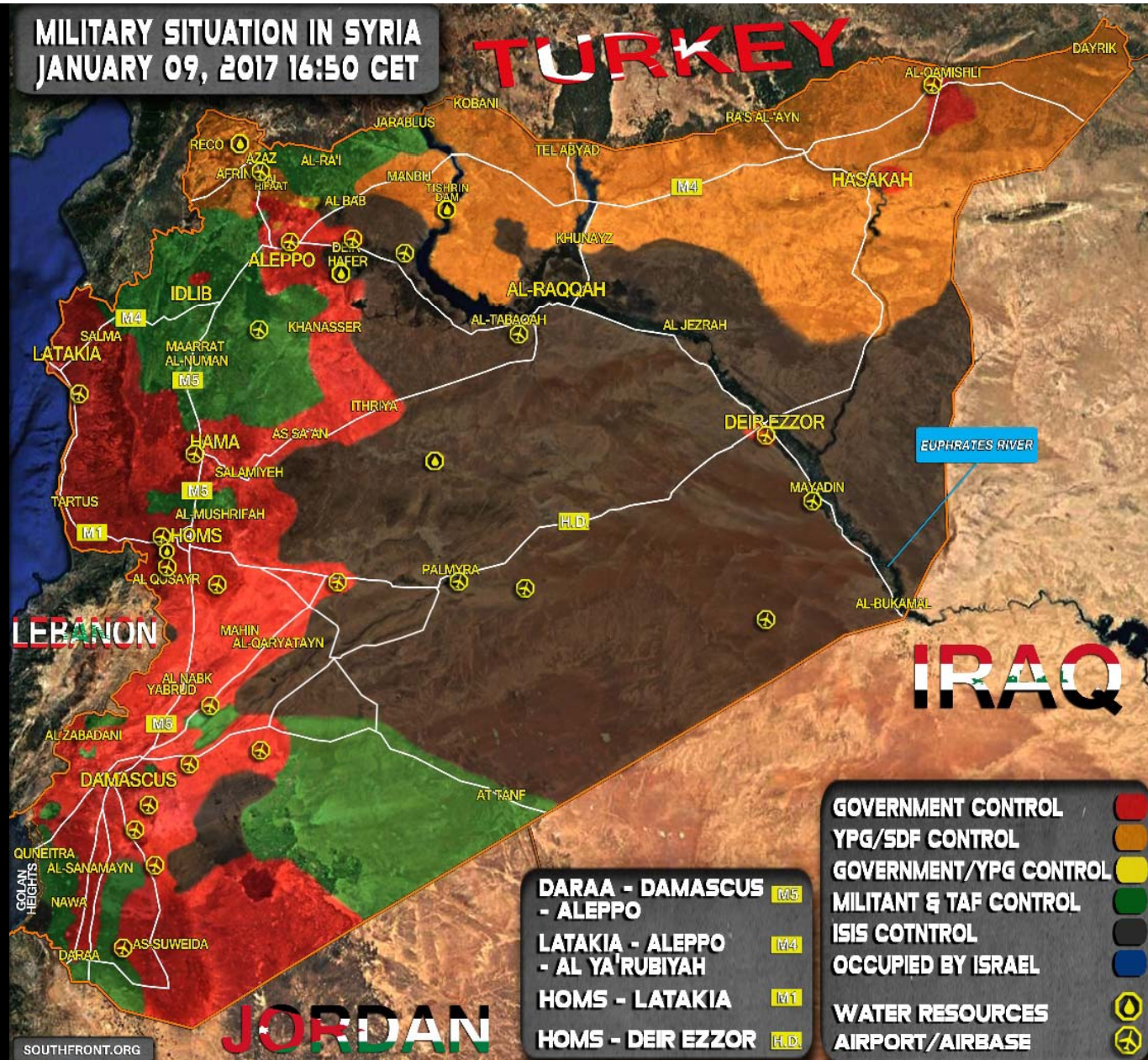


# Syria

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**MILITARY SITUATION IN SYRIA**  
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- **Half a million Syrians have been killed**
- **1.9 million Syrians have been injured**
- **1,500 people had been killed in 161 chemical weapons attacks**
- **life expectancy has dropped from 70.5 years in 2010 to an estimated 55.4 years in 2015**
- **At least 6.3 million people are internally displaced in Syria**
- **4.8 million are refugees in other countries**
- **1.2 million have applied for asylum in Europe**
- **Syria's economy continues to deteriorate, declining by 62% from 2010 to 2014.**



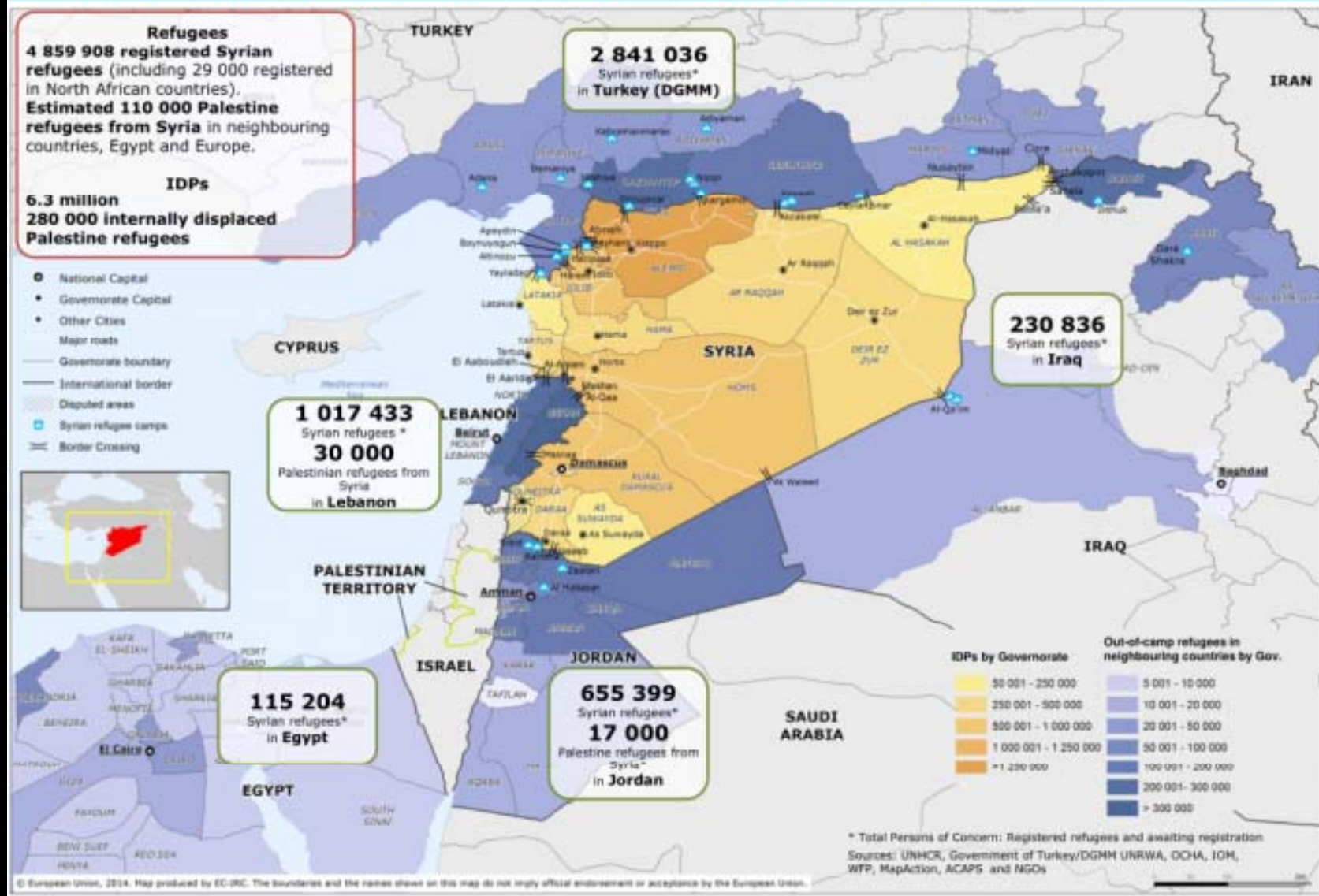
# Living desperately

- Over **12.8** million people in Syria, require health assistance
- **4.3** million people are in need of shelter, **3.8** million of whom face acute and immediate needs
- Households spend up to **25%** of income to meet minimum daily water requirements
- Increased use of incendiary weapons, barrel bombs, and 'double tap' attacks on first responders
- An estimated **400,000 people** are living in besieged areas where humanitarian access is limited, and where some are dying of starvation







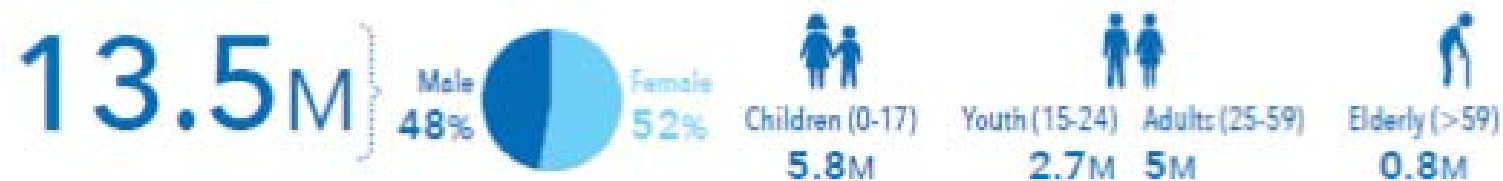


## **4.8 million refugees**

- Malnutrition
- Transmissible diseases
- Poor hygiene
- Parassitosis
- Trauma
- PTSD
- Mental diseases
- Chronic diseases
- Effects of violence
- Basic health services



## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN NEED OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



## NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN NEED IN HARD-TO-REACH AND BESIEGED AREAS



## NUMBER OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS



## PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY



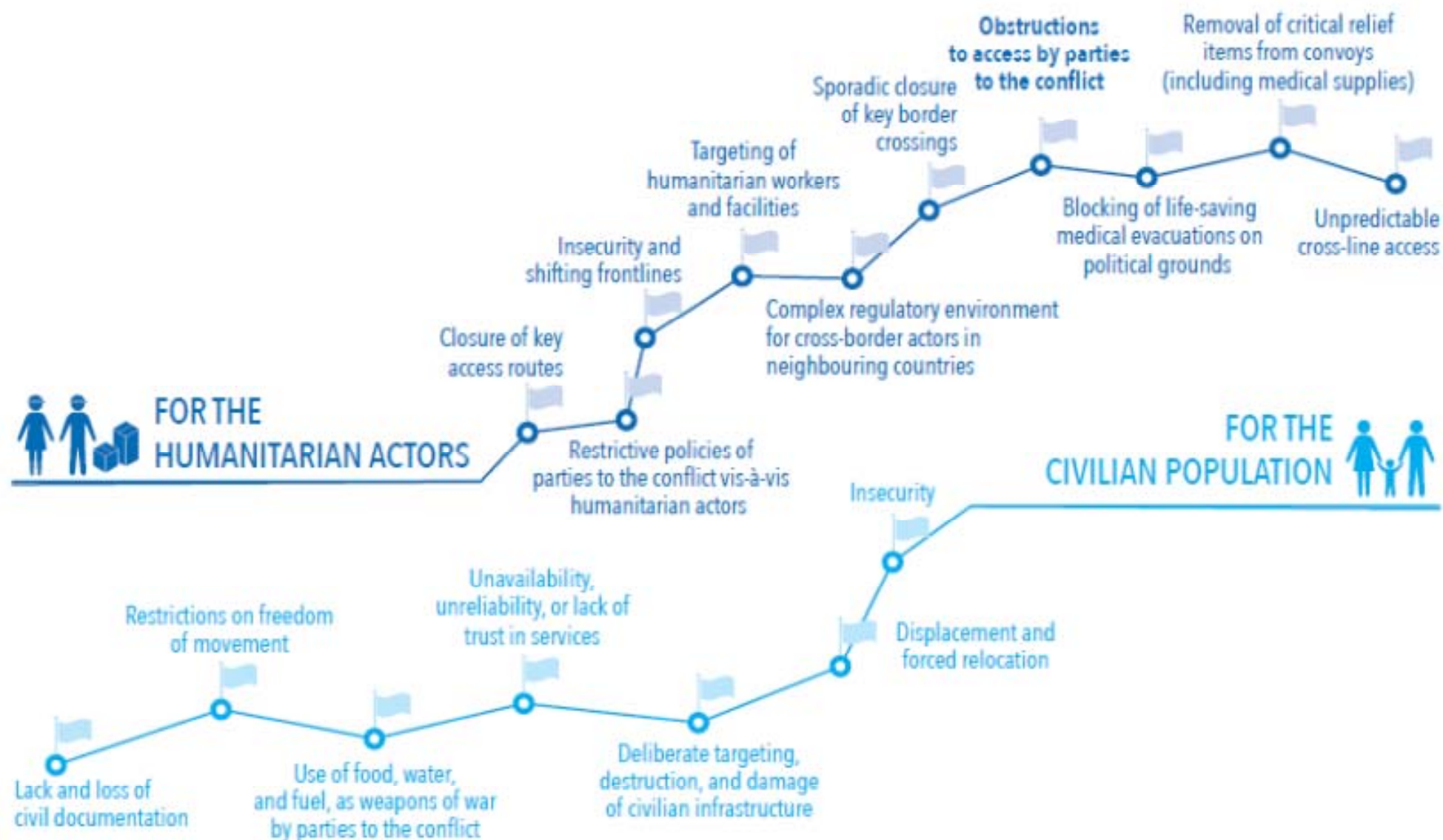








## ACCESS CHALLENGES







## Humanitarian Health Action

WHO Grade 3 emergency

### WHO support saves lives of malnourished children in Syria

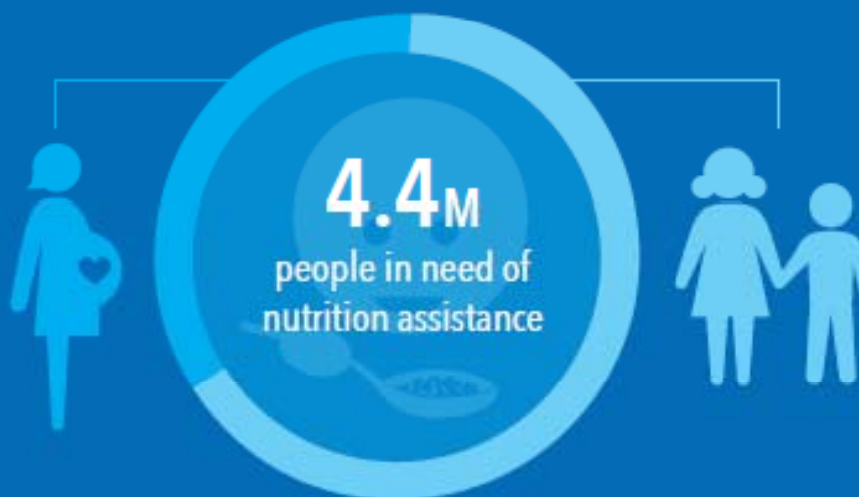


8 March 2017 – Six years into the Syria crisis, malnutrition rates have increased, especially among children under 5 years of age. Almost 4.3 million boys and girls under the age of 5 are in need of nutrition services, including 73 000 children who are acutely malnourished. WHO is working to ensure that children suffering from malnutrition are diagnosed and treated before their condition leads to serious and long-term medical complications.

[Read the full story from the Regional Office website](#) 



**1.5M** Pregnant and Lactating  
Women in need of nutrition assistance



**2.9M** children  
in need of nutrition assistance

**0.84M** girls and boys  
suffer from micronutrient deficiencies

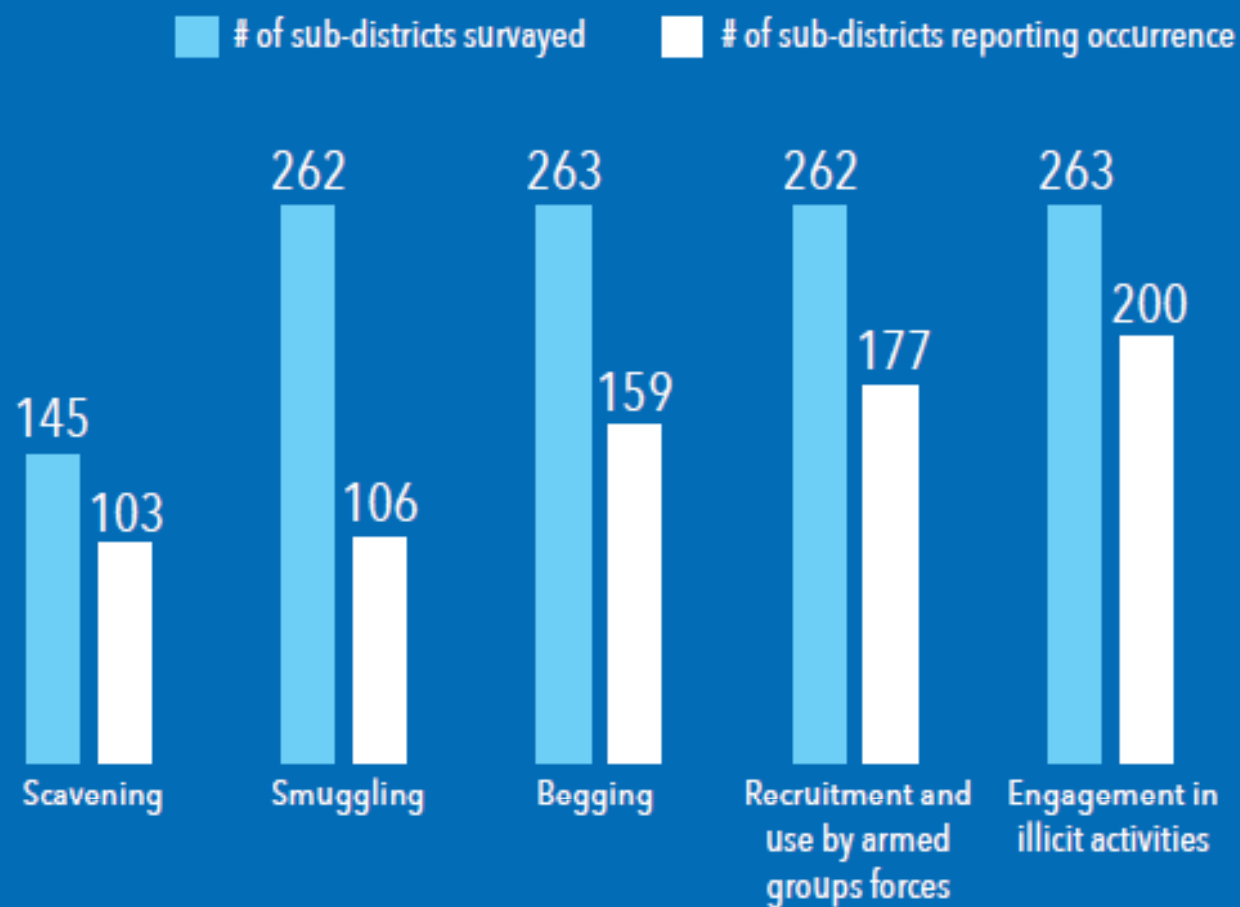


# Children

- **2.9 million** Syrian children under the age of 5 have grown up knowing nothing but conflict
- Nearly **7 million** children in Syria live in poverty
- **One-third** of school-age children in Syria are not in school, with **one-third** of schools out of service
- More than **one-third** of the **6 million** adolescents and youth inside Syria are internally displaced
- **90%** of surveyed locations reported child recruitment



# WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOUR



Unsafe and undignified coping strategies increasing, as families' survival strategies are exhausted

- Some 79 per cent of households reported resorting to unsustainable coping strategies such as **missing meals, reducing the size of meals and borrowing food** due to a significant lack of food and or money.
- Domestic violence continues to rise. Community cohesion is deteriorating.
- Growing tensions between IDPs, and between IDPs and host communities, due to competition over increasingly limited resources, are reported in some areas of the country.



# Negative Coping Strategies

- Sale of assets (cattle, land, house, means of production)
- Debt
- Petty Crime
- Child labour
- Prostitution
- Child marriage
- Slavery



“ I arranged my two daughters' marriages; one is 15 and the other is 14....this is because they are a big responsibility and there's no father. The best for me is for my daughters to get married in this situation. I had to.\* ”





# Child Soldiers

- "Children report being actively encouraged to join the war by parties to the conflict offering gifts and 'salaries' of up to \$400 a month."
- Since 2014, warring sides have recruited younger children, it said, some as young as seven. More than half of children recruited in cases UNICEF verified in 2015 were under 15.
- Children have been filmed executing prisoners in grisly propaganda videos by the Islamic State group.



جانب من معسكر الأشبال في جنوب دمشق



# The Regime

- Above and beyond the suffering arising from hostilities, civilians' suffering is compounded by less visible human rights violations.
- Parties to the conflict continue to subject civilians to campaigns of **harassment, arbitrary arrest, abduction, detention, torture and ill treatment**.
- Since the beginning of the conflict, tens of thousands of Syrians are thought to have been subject to **enforced disappearance**.
- Survivors describe horrendous ordeals of **torture and abuse**.
- In ISIL-held areas, civilians continue to be subjected to **executions and other inhumane punishments** for alleged violations of strict codes imposed by the group.
- Women and girls are also **raped and subjected to sexual enslavement**.



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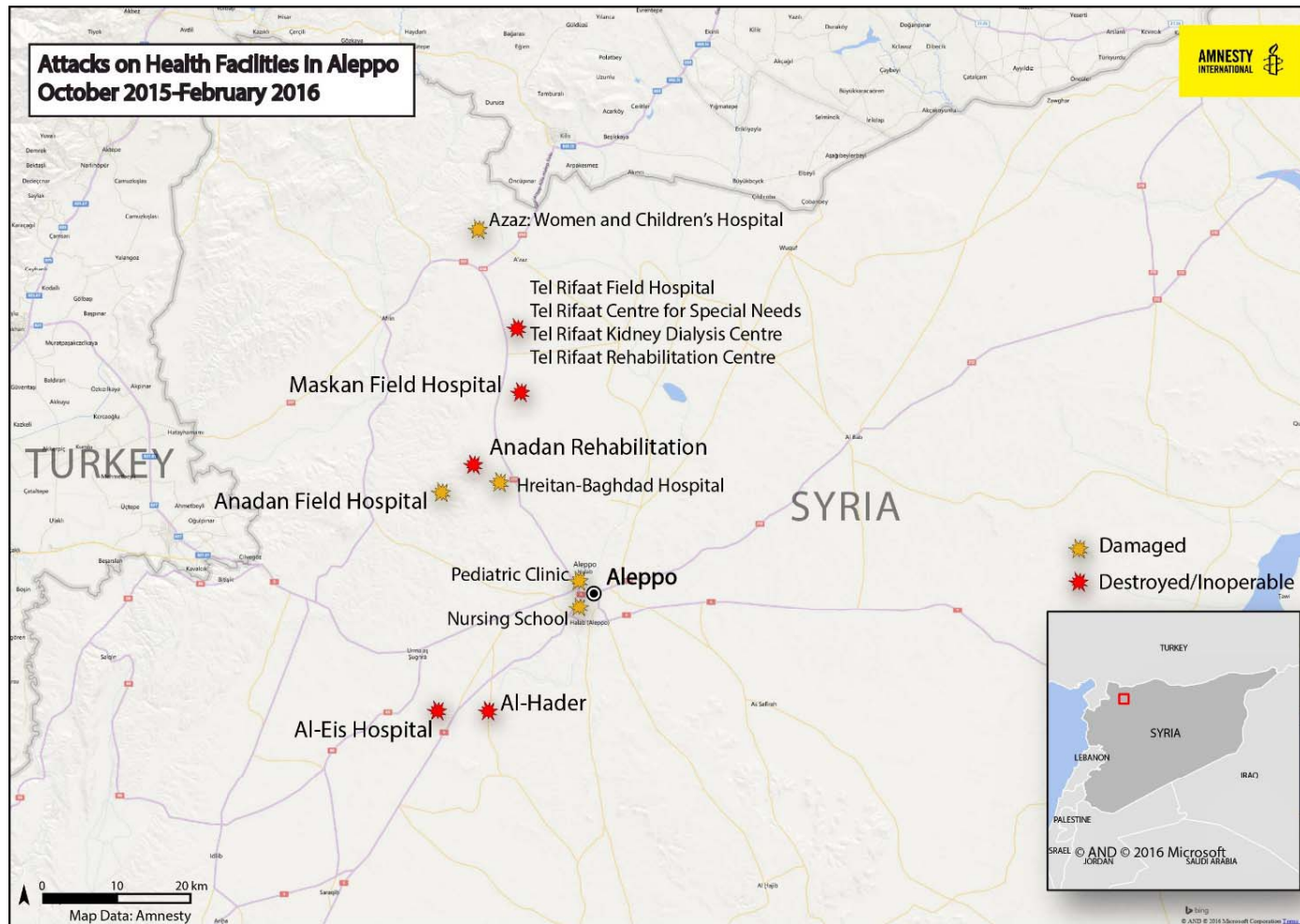








More than 50 per cent of hospitals have been partially or completely destroyed (WHO-ICRC)





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The main trauma center in Aleppo, supported by MSF, has been damaged in three separate attacks since September 28; it is currently out of service. Image taken October 5, 2016.

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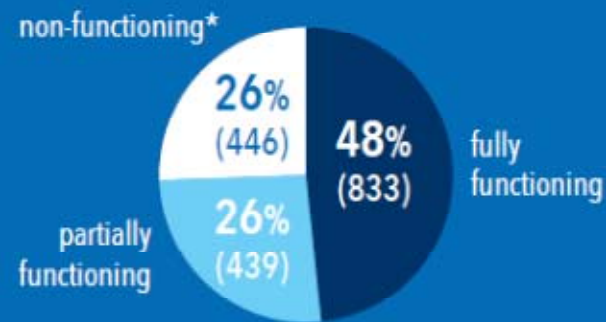
**Indiscriminate attacks on the lives of health care workers and their patients affect millions of others.**

- **Half the medical personnel** has left Syria.
- In July and August, attacks against health facilities and services disrupted close to 48,000 consultations and 750 deliveries. Those at increased risk include:
  - **wounded patients**, whose injuries go untreated, resulting in an estimated **30 per cent developing permanent disabilities**;
  - those with life-threatening **chronic diseases**;
  - **unvaccinated** children;
  - **pregnant women** without access to life-saving obstetric care or essential reproductive health care;
  - and those in need of **mental health** and psychosocial support.

**30%** of trauma is linked with a permanent disability outcome



## HEALTH CARE FACILITIES FUNCTIONALITY STATUS BY END OF THE 2ND QUARTER 2016 (WOS)



\*non-functioning: based on WHO Syria information

**1** out of **5** Syrians  
is at risk of developing mild /  
moderate mental health problems





# 2016

- From January to September 2016, there were **101 reported attacks** resulting in damage to hospitals and health care centres across Syria.
- In the first half of 2016, the UN verified **38 attacks on education facilities** and personnel.
- At least **66 humanitarian workers were killed and 114 wounded** in the first nine months of 2016.
- **Obstructions** are placed on the ability of humanitarian actors to access people in need, resulting in unnecessary deaths.
- Life-saving basic **medical supplies** continue to be systematically **removed** from cross-line medical convoys.





# Siria, altro vergognoso veto di Russia e Cina al Consiglio di sicurezza, il commento di Amnesty

1 marzo 2017



burn in real time. And just like in Bosnia and Rwanda,



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***Aleppo will join the ranks of those events in world history that define modern evil.***

«Al regime di Assad, alla Russia e all'Iran: le vostre forze e i vostri alleati stanno compiendo questi crimini. I vostri barili bomba, i mortai e i vostri attacchi aerei hanno permesso alle milizie di Aleppo di stringere decine di migliaia di civili in un cappio sempre più stretto. E' il vostro cappio.

Tre stati membri delle Nazioni Unite stanno contribuendo a stringere un cappio attorno ai civili. Vi dovrete vergognare. Invece, a quanto pare, questo v'incoraggia. State già complottando il vostro prossimo assalto.

Siete veramente incapaci di vergogna? Non c'è letteralmente nulla che vi faccia vergognare? Davvero non c'è nessun atto di barbarie contro i civili, nessuna esecuzione di un bambino che penetri sotto la vostra pelle, che vi provochi un piccolo brivido? Veramente non c'è nulla su cui non mentireste o che non giustifichereste?»









hatred

fear

grief

hope

energy

change

## ***Post-war: the Grey Zone***

The *grey zone* is the period following to an armed conflict, in which the affected communities do not enjoy a sufficient level of stability such as to allow a safe transition to peace, where sustainable development is possible.

In this context, all the social, political and economic processes are reversible under the effects of the conflict dynamics.

Because of this, the *grey zone* is a transitional phase  
**whose duration we cannot predict**

**In the *grey zone*, one or more of  
the following conditions  
contribute to determine an  
uncertain and ambiguous context:**



## *Peace process*

- Grassroots dialogue and participatory processes that involve all concerned parties
- Appropriate methods for the resolution of controversies and effectiveness of the reconciliation process
- The presence of a fair justice system and other pacific mechanisms for the resolution of conflicts
- The social reconstruction of war-torn communities
- The return of refugees
- Gender issues
- Political factionalism

## ***Governance and democratisation***

- Human rights
- The establishment of good governance and the rule of law
- The enforcement of political and civil rights (including free elections, political parties, trade unions, etc.)
- Democratisation processes
- Institution building
- Corruption, transparency and accountability
- Freedom of press
- Decentralisation process and local authority empowerment
- Organized civil society and civil society organisations (CSOs)
- Consultation with / participation of CSOs

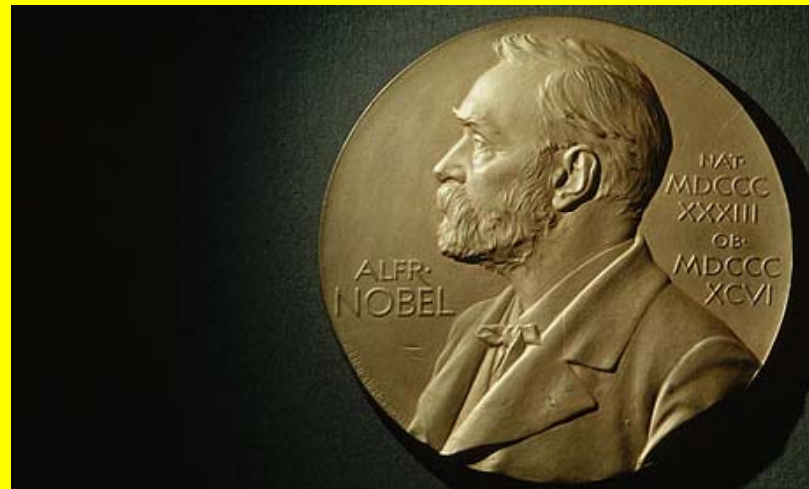
# ***Reconstruction***

- Progress in physical reconstruction
- Political commitment of the international community
- Attention of the international media
- International aid and development programmes
- Sustainability of the development process
- Education
- Labour market



# *Security*

- Threats to citizen security and sense of security (residual combats, criminality, landmines, demobilised soldiers, circulation of small arms, etc.)
- Reinforcement of national and local police or equivalent, progress of security sector reform
- Large numbers of displaced persons and/or refugees
- Persistent humanitarian need (shelter, food security, W&S, health, etc.)
- Persistent human rights abuses
- Organised crime
- Hostility towards the international force, international civil organisations and/or local NGOs



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