ECHO-Funded Concern
Syria Response Phase III

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In mid 2019, as Concern's phase III multi-sector response funded by ECHO commenced, the humanitarian situation in many parts of Syria remained dire with approximately 1.4 million people in need of assistance, including access to safe water, food, and basic protection services.
Challenges to working in Syria currently center on COVID-19 prevention and closures. While the pandemic has closed borders and limited our work in certain areas (especially data collection), it’s also increased the need and benefit of our WASH programming.
Concern has been in Syria since 2013. In the last year we launched the third phase of our multi-sector emergency response. Our four objectives:

1. Improve water, sanitation, and hygiene services
2. Provide food security assistance for the most vulnerable
3. Multi-sector support to internally displaced people and
4. Mainstream protection in all activities as well as establish protection centers / child-friendly spaces
Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH)
Concern has made significant progress towards rehabilitating water stations and networks, providing emergency safe and clean water for IDP camps, and trucking water into / finding sustainable water supplies for informal civilian camps.
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Water is one of the most basic elements necessary to survive, and the impact of our WASH projects tend to have a high reach in keeping with the nature of this need.

So far, Concern has reached 83,611 Syrians. We plan to reach an additional 162,000 with simple yet effective interventions, including purifying water and rehabilitating existing networks.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) NEXT STEPS

- 5 Water stations to be rehabilitated — estimated reach of 162,000 people
- 4 Water networks identified for rehabilitation
- 20 Water stations identified for chlorination — estimated reach of 100,000 people
Food Security & Nutrition
An estimated 6.5 million Syrians are food insecure, and an additional 2.5 million people are at risk of food insecurity. With ECHO funding Concern has been able to improve food security outcomes.
So far, Concern has reached 1,800 families (an estimated 10,800 individuals).

Our food security interventions include food vouchers, agricultural supply vouchers, and food baskets with 3 months’ support.

64.8% of surveyed families have an acceptable food consumption score (FCS)

35.2% of surveyed families have significantly improved food consumption scores (FCS)

*Of 413 surveyed families
13.2 million people are in need of protection in Syria. Active conflict and new displacement drive widespread, diverse and interlinked protection needs. ECHO funding for this response has enabled Concern to provide multi-sector support vulnerable families in informal camps and settlements.
Emergency Response and Protection

In addition to non-food items, we also have worked with families to repair temporary shelters in IDP camps and provide psychosocial support to children via our Child-Friendly Spaces. These numbers may seem smaller than other areas of work, but are a much larger investment of time and resources to protect the safety and dignity of Syrian civilians.