

## Children and emergencies in 2014

### Facts & Figures

#### *Situation of children*

- Globally, an estimated 230 million children live in countries and areas affected by armed conflicts.
- Nearly 15 million children are caught up in the violent conflicts currently affecting Central African Republic, Iraq, South Sudan, the State of Palestine, Syria and Ukraine.
- In **Gaza**, 538 children were killed, over 3,370 were injured, 1,500 were orphaned and 54,000 left homeless as a result of the 50-day conflict during the summer.
- Over 7.3 million **Syrian** children are caught up in their country's conflict, including 1.7 million living as refugees.
- In the **Central African Republic**, 2.3 million children are affected by the conflict inside the country while 245,000 live as refugees. Since the beginning of the year, 432 children have been killed and maimed, three times more than the figures recorded last year. Up to 10,000 children are believed to have been recruited by armed groups.
- In **South Sudan**, a conflict that is turning one in mid-December has left 750,000 children internally displaced and 326,000 living as refugees. Around 12,000 children have been recruited or used by armed forces and groups. Some 235,000 children under five are suffering from severe acute malnutrition. According to UN verified data, more than 600 children have been killed, over 200 have been maimed, nearly 100 were subjected to sexual violence and 311 were abducted.
- An estimated 2.7 million children are affected by the ongoing conflict in **Iraq**. Women and girls have suffered physical and sexual assault, sexual slavery, trafficking and forced marriage. Some have been sold in open markets. Children have been tortured by ISIL and many have been forced to watch and take part in executions and torture.
- In **Ukraine**, the number of internally displaced children is estimated at 128,000. At least 36 children were killed and more than 100 were injured in Donetsk and Luhansk regions between mid-April and end of October.
- In **Sudan**, an estimated 1.7 million children are internally displaced mainly as a result of conflict.
- In countries stricken by **Ebola**, at least 5 million children aged 3-17 are unable to go back to school because of the outbreak. Thousands of children have lost one or two parents to the disease

### **UNICEF response**

- In **Central African Republic**, a campaign is under way to get 662,000 children back to school as the security situation permits. Since 1 January, nearly 20,000 children have been admitted for severe malnutrition treatment across the country.
- Nearly 68 million doses of the oral polio vaccine were delivered to countries in the Middle East to stem a polio outbreak in **Iraq** and **Syria**. About 1 million people have had access to safe drinking water so far this year in Iraq, while in Syria, UNICEF is providing water treatment supplies that are estimated to benefit 16.5 million people, 42 per cent of them in non-government controlled areas.
- In **South Sudan**, more than 70,000 children were treated for severe malnutrition. Over 100,000 young children and adolescents received child protection services, including psychosocial support.
- In **Sudan**, 92,000 children have been provided with safe learning spaces, nearly 300,000 children received learning materials and about 1.5 million children were vaccinated against measles.

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