From April 2012 to June 2015, World Renew provided US$5,449,793.00 in response to the Syrian Crisis. Of this amount $5.4 million (21.9%) was spent in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and the surrounding region. World Renew provided the following in response to the Syrian Crisis:

- Food Assistance - CFGB
  - $5,449,793.00

- Other Food Assistance
  - $284,237.67

- Non-Food Items
  - $6,858,183.52

- Overhead on Private Donations
  - $138,545.97

Total
- $13,904,948.77

World Renew received $7.5 million (29.7%) of the funds it had received for work in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and the surrounding region. World Renew had spent all of this amount because of its partnership with Arab Woman Today / Arab Centre for Consultation and Research (FMEEC), to provide monthly food assistance, rent and fuel subsidies to 1,825 Syrian families since July 2013. Due to insufficient funding, they have had to reduce this to 1,225 families per month. This will continue until October 2015.

From Beirut to Mosul, from Amman to Aleppo, an entire geographic region has been torn apart by war. For more than four years, violent clashes, bombings, kidnappings, and human rights violations have been a part of everyday life and millions of innocent civilians are paying the price. Entire cities have been razed by bombs, streets have been displaced by fires, and religious divides have placed huge barriers on neighboring communities. Basic necessities such as food and medical care have become luxury items that have caused the greatest humanitarian disaster of our time. You are responding.

Because of you, World Renew has been able to bear witness to the love of Christ in the midst of this crisis. For the past three years, World Renew has been providing food, blankets, shelter and other essential amenities to vulnerable families.

Within Syria, World Renew is working with the Lebanon Society for Educational and Social Development (LESED) and the Federation of Middle East Christian Aid (FMEEC), to provide monthly food assistance, rental assistance, homes, emergency supplies, building, cooling tools, and housing to 2,300 displaced families in four crisis. The non-food part of the program was implemented in the fall and winter of 2013-2014 and the food component will continue until September 2015.

In Jordan, World Renew provided food assistance to 1,891 families from 2013-2014 through alliances with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and together with the local partner Arab Women Today / Arab Centre for Consulting and Training (FMEEC). Since January 2015, World Renew is assisting 690 families with food per month. This will continue until October 2015.

In Lebanon, World Renew worked closely with its local partner the Lebanon Society for Educational and Social Development (LESED) to provide food assistance to 2,853 Syrian families since July 2013. Due to insufficient funding, they have had to reduce this to 1,225 families per month and will complete this program in October 2015.

In Iraq, World Renew worked with local partner Hope, Peace and Joy (HJP) to provide rental assistance, food packages and primary health care services to 700 displaced families. World Renew is also supporting food banks, as the region’s capital, and other local partners, to provide emergency food assistance to vulnerable families.
Fatema and her husband Farid first came to Lebanon four years ago after fleeing horrific violence in their hometown in Syria. When they arrived, their life was a lot like yours. Farid worked as a shoemaker and made a steady living. While they were not wealthy, they were comfortable and had dreams of starting a family and building a future together.

As the war in Syria continued, Farid and Fatema stayed and made a steady living. While they were not wealthy, they were comfortable and had dreams of starting a family and building a future together. Fatema recalls with a sad look on her face. In addition, the families are struggling to provide for even the most basic needs of their children.

For the past nine months, for example, they have shared their two rooms with Fatema’s sister, brother-in-law, and their two children. It is crowded. At night they lay fans on the floor and take up the entire floor space to sleep. Fatema says that her three young children are comfortable because they have only been displaced six times by the war – four times in Syria and twice in Lebanon. They all had to flee for their lives because of their Kurdish origins. They went to the camp in the hopes of finding safety.

“My heart was very heavy as I left Ahmad. I wish we could provide more help. Please join me in praying that God will provide relief to families like the one I met in Lebanon,” said By Kristen deRoo Vanderberg.

Since August 2014, World Renew has been working with local partners in Iraq to respond to the needs of hurting families who have fled horrific violence caused by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). By May 2015, this humanitarian outreach received an additional $10 million in support thanks to a contribution from the Canadian Government’s International Humanitarian Assistance Directorate.

Food Vouchers Provide Food and Hope to Syrian Refugees

By Kim Little

Ahmad and his family live in a small apartment in the Sharya camp surrounding Beirut, out of reach from the offices of LSESD. His apartment is on the top floor of an old building, with mold sporing the bare walls and a thin carpet covering the ancient tiled floor.

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Ahmad’s oldest daughter is 16 years old. She was able to find a place in the Lebanese education system and is now attending Arabic Literature. Ahmad was thankful for the opportunity to continue her education (many her age have not had the chance). However, he was not able to follow her first year because of his need to support his family. They recently heard from their families in Syria that they have been accepted by the Lebanese education system and all of their hopes have been restored. When it is safe to return to Syria, they will keep nothing but安定, hopes of finding safety.

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Through this support, World Renew is partnering with Medair to provide health care services to 24,000 people living in the Syria refugee camp in the Rankush region of Iraq. Sharya camp opened in November 2015 with a maximum capacity of housing 20,000 people. It is already full, but meeting the needs of this growing population has been difficult.

For example, World Renew’s medical clinic is located in a new camp opened in June. “It is home to thousands of families who have faced staggering aggression and violence. In this new camp, there is no furniture – just two thin, foam mattresses piled up against two of the walls of the living area. Ahmad and his family feel blessed because they have a full kitchen of old, used appliances gifted to them by neighbors and friends.”

Despite this adversity, the family is plugging further and further into debt. They have borrowed roughly $5,000 from friends and neighbors to help them get by. They have no idea how they will ever pay this back. As we were leaving, Ahmad asked if there was any opportunity to resettle to Canada. They are already registered as refugees with the UNHCR. While Canada has accepted 15,000 Syrian refugees in Canada. Ahmad and his family spoke frankly. They felt that their education as scientists is a real advantage in English. Ahmad’s daughter has only limited knowledge of English. Arabic literature was not only spring open to her in the Sharya camp. Ahmad’s three other daughters are even more fortunate. The elementary school chain teaches Ahmad’s children non-English, and they unwillingly adjust to the curriculum. They are extremely thankful for these vouchers.

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