

Hope in solidarity: COVID-19 and the Syrian refugee crisis

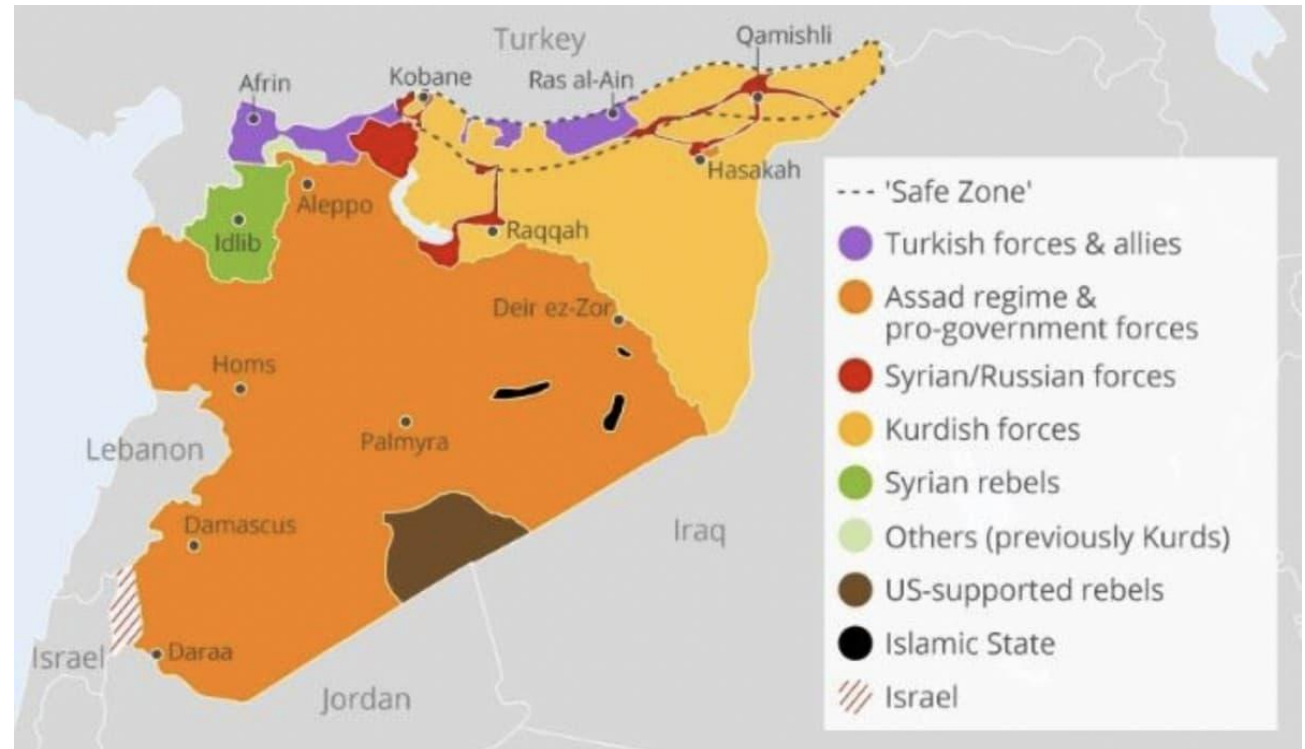
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Syrian Geopolitics Today



Syrian Crisis: context

- Over 5.6 million people have fled Syria since 2011
- Most Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries live in urban areas
- There are 6.6 million internally displaced persons, 13.1 million people in need
- 85% live below the poverty line
- 50% of the health/ medical infrastructure is destroyed
- More than 33% of schools have been destroyed (Dec 2019 data, before violence in NW Syria).



Lebanon Today

- A. Over 6.8 million people live in Lebanon (Almost 1.7 million refugees)
- B. Chronic political, social and economic problems
- C. 40% of the people of Lebanon live below the poverty line



JRS: Response to COVID-19



The new normal -
Social distancing and protection in
social centres

- Over 2,500 confirmed cases in the region
- Limited or no testing for IDPs/ refugees
- Economic turmoil since Oct 2019 – no work
- People need help with food, shelter
- JRS programs have suspended in person activities – all work done remotely
- JRS preparing for distribution of hygiene kits, and food baskets

Condemned to Hope: A Christian perspective on the present situation

- "We are condemned to hope."
- Life of paradox



JRS What are we doing



Education programs



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Education programs



Education for peace program

JRS responds to COVID-19

Doctors prepare medications



Social distancing and hygiene at the MHPSS program

JRS Remote learning

Teachers preparing for WhatsApp Sessions



Presenting math to children in Baalbek

JRS Syria : Remote Learning

Arabic class in WhatsApp



Teaching the letter N to kindergarten classes



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