

Overview of the Jewish Coalition for Syrian Refugees

Reacting to the dire nature and vast scale of the Syrian refugee crisis, in 2013 a special group of devoted Jewish organizations came together to fashion a Jewish response—the Jewish Coalition for Syrian Refugees (JCSR). During the first phase of its work, between June 2013 to August 2015, JCSR allocated more than \$500,000 to aid thousands of Syrian refugees in Jordan through critical medical, nutritional, and psychosocial care.

In September 2015, JCSR began to expand its scope of work to address the needs of refugees and migrants in the greater Middle East and Europe. The second phase of work focused on partnering with organizations in Hungary, Turkey, Greece, Serbia and the Balkan region that were working to aid refugees in the areas of women and children, food, shelter, winterization, non-food items, and provide the much needed psychosocial support for the refugees and the beleaguered first responders.

In total, the Coalition has raised just over \$2M that has been allocated to more than 20 organizations. These funds have been awarded to international partners including UNICEF, Save the Children, International Refugee Committee, and Jewish and Israel-based organizations such as World Jewish Relief, Natan, IsraAid, Israel Flying Aid, Israel Trauma Coalition, HIAS, and Ziv Medical Hospital.

Just this month, JCSR committed to providing funding to World Jewish Relief, KIMIYAA, HIAS, Trag Foundation and IRAP. As a result of these newly allocated funds, these five organizations will be able to continue delivering life-sustaining services such as legal help, shelter, educational support, and mentorship programs as well as basic necessities such as food and medical supplies to refugees in need.