Current refugee crisis – this is what German foreign policy is doing

Tasks, data and facts
At the current time, there are more than 65 million people in the world who have fled their homes.

Germany
at bilateral level and working closely with European institutions and partners

- is working to promote closer cooperation between the EU and the most important African countries of origin and transit (migration management and combating the causes of flight – Valletta process)
- is taking in Syrians in need of protection from Turkey together with other EU partners and is supporting Turkey and Greece as they deal with the refugee crisis
- is working actively to find political solutions to crises and conflicts
- is providing humanitarian assistance in the form of emergency accommodation, food and medical care
- is creating prospects for those remaining in their countries of origin
- is providing information on the dangers of flight and illegal migration. Those putting their fate in the hands of traffickers are risking their lives!
Our support in the key countries of origin and main transit countries

Syria and its neighbouring countries

With a total of more than two billion euros, Germany is the third largest bilateral donor of humanitarian and structural assistance in Syria and its neighbouring countries.

Examples:

- medication and supplies for hospitals
- restoring electricity and water supplies
- 5 million euros for materials and equipment for the White Helmets (group of Syrian volunteers/first-aiders)
- medical care for 360,000 people in Aleppo, Idlib, Hama, Latakia and Homs through the aid organisation Islamic Relief Deutschland
- mobile grain mills to provide bread for some 500,000 people
- support for community centres and pro-democratic radio stations
With a sum of 570 million euros, Germany was the largest donor to the World Food Programme during the Syrian crisis in 2016. Some 200 million euros are being made available to supply food in Syria and some 370 million euros to bring supplies to the people affected in the neighbouring countries of Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and Turkey. Families, for example, receive money cards from the World Food Programme which are charged up every month enabling them to do their own shopping and provide for their needs independently.

In the school year 2014/2015, 49,000 Syrian refugee children and 11,000 Lebanese children were able to attend lessons together at school with the help of the German Government (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development). In cooperation with UNICEF and the Lebanese Government, up to 200,000 children were able to attend school together this year through the school programme RACE (Reaching all children with education). More are to follow.
more than 800,000 people

With the German Red Cross as project partner, our humanitarian assistance has reached more than 800,000 people in a regional project taking place in Syria and the neighbouring countries of Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey over a period of 18 months.
Iraq

In the areas liberated from the so-called Islamic State (IS), we are working to make it possible for the people to return home as quickly as possible and to stabilise those areas.

Examples:

- five mobile clinics to look after up to 45,000 people in the provinces of Diyala, Nineveh and Saladin
- diggers and generators for the town of Sinjar to make preparations for people returning
- support for the United Nations Development Programme by providing access to water, electricity, healthcare and schools for 180,000 people in Tikrit
- since early 2014, ca. 160 million euros for emergency measures for internally displaced persons in the region of Kurdistan.
Afghanistan

With a total of 430 million euros a year, the German Government is the world’s third largest bilateral donor.

Examples:

- intensifying the integration of internally displaced persons where they now live
- reducing the burden on host communities by helping build emergency accommodation, drinking-water wells and bridges
- reconstructing the provincial parliament in Kunduz that had been destroyed by the Taliban
- Together with Caritas, we are implementing a project in Afghanistan to help more than 1000 families who lack a male head of the household by providing better drinking water, sanitary facilities and food
#RumoursaboutGermany: We warn potential refugees of the dangers of traffickers and illegal migration, tell them about the legal and day-to-day situation in Germany and the dangers of irregular migration.

In Afghanistan alone, we have reached more than 2 million people via social media with our video campaign “My home Afghanistan” (#Idomypart).

Deutsche Welle provides information all over the world via television, radio, websites and social media. In Afghanistan and Pakistan, Deutsche Welle reaches more than 1.6 million people in their own languages with its social media blog “Flight to Europe”.