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# New ways to support women, children and young refugees with disabilities from Syria





## Who we are

We are called the **Women's Refugee Commission.**



We speak up for women, children and young people who are forced to leave their homes because of war, violence and other problems.



People who have to leave their homes or countries like this are called **refugees.**



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We work to:

- make the lives of women, children and young refugees better
- make sure they get their rights
- make sure they have a big say in what happens

# What is this report about?



This report is about support for women, children and young refugees with disabilities from Syria.



Syria is a country in the Middle East.



Many people have been forced to leave Syria because of war and violence.



This has been happening for 6 years.



People who have left Syria like this are called **refugees**.

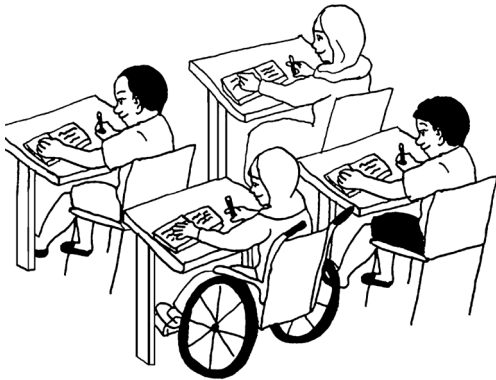


There are organizations that support refugees.

The organizations are looking at new and better ways to support refugees.



We looked at lots of information to find out what is happening with this.



We also looked at some projects to support young people in Iraq and Lebanon.

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This report looks at:

- different ways to support refugees from Syria
- how they are working for women, children and young people with disabilities
- what we think should happen next



# What is support like for refugees from Syria?



Most support for refugees has been about making sure they are safe and get the things they need.

Like food and somewhere to live.



But there are some new ways to support refugees as well.



The new support looks at how to keep people safe.

But it also looks at how to help people cope and do well when there are problems.

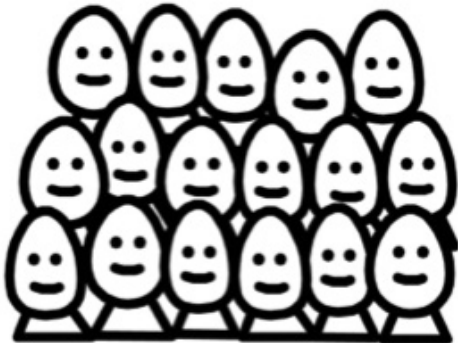


We looked at how this support is working for women, children and young refugees with disabilities from Syria.

## The main things we found out



We looked into how organizations are supporting refugees from Syria.



We found that organizations often see people with disabilities as one group of people.



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But people with disabilities are made up of lots of different people.

For example, there are women and men. And there are people with different disabilities and ages.



Organizations do not always look at this.

This means they do not always know which people with disabilities need the most help.



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Organizations do not always look at what people with disabilities can do for themselves.



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They may think that people with disabilities just need help or cannot do things on their own.



There is not much information about what young people need or can do.

This means young people with disabilities too.



We found that new support for refugees may work better for women, children and young people with disabilities.



This new support is not just about keeping people safe.

The support also looks at how to help people and communities to:



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- cope better when big problems happen like war and violence
- work together to see what needs to happen
- earn money and get what they need
- use their skills and learn new skills
- make their own choices and have a say in what happens
- get better and do well in the future



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We think that support like this will be better for women, children and young refugees with disabilities from Syria.



It will also be good for people from other countries where there are problems like war or violence.

## What we think should happen next



There are some things that we think should happen next.

Most of them are for organizations that support refugees to do.



Organizations should see that people with disabilities are not all the same.

They are made up of lots of different people.



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Organizations should:

- find out what everyone needs to be safe and what they already do to keep safe
- make sure that everyone gets the right support.

This is because women, men, children and people of all different ages will need different support



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Organizations should see that people with disabilities are not just people who need a lot of support.

They have skills and things they are good at too.



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So we think that organizations should try out new support for women, children and young refugees with disabilities.

The support should help to:



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- find out what refugees with disabilities can already do and what skills they have
- help refugees with disabilities to cope and do well when big problems happen



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Organizations should help make sure that women, children and young refugees with disabilities can:

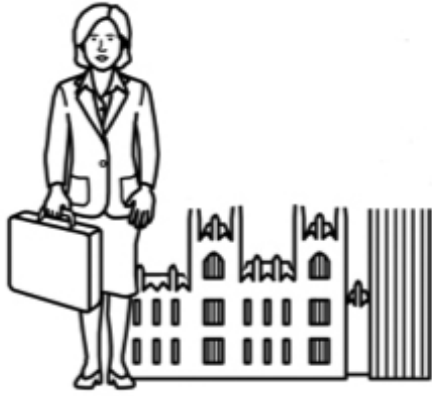
- join in with things that other refugees do
- have a say in what happens
- make their own choices



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This will help women, children and young refugees with disabilities to:

- be safer
- cope better



Governments that give money to support refugees should help with this work.



For example, they could pay for more support for different groups of refugees with disabilities to cope and do well.



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