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The partnership will provide immediate support for the refugees who have arrived on the shores of the Mediterranean, including in Italy, Greece, Malta and the Balkans and will also be directed towards the refugees in and around Syria, including in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon.

£2 million will be directed towards providing supplies for thousands of families including Survivor Packs, Emergency food packs, secure accommodation for extremely vulnerable children and temporary medical facilities.

Following UNHCR's initial response plan entitled Special Mediterranean Initiative Plan, a new Emergency Appeal has been launched for affected countries in the European region in light of the ongoing refugee and humanitarian crisis. The appeal outlines proposed strategies and activities and corresponding financial requirements up to the end of 2016, in order to provide relevant support, operational responses and protection measures in affected countries in Europe, in respect of assessed needs.

[Further details can be found here.](#)

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About UNHCR

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people. In more than six decades, the agency has helped tens of millions of people restart their lives. Today, a staff of some 9,300 people in more than 127 countries continues to help some 54.9 million people.

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