



# Neighbourhood and the Middle East Policy and operational priorities

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## **Humanitarian Aid Thematic Policies**

### **Protection and the most vulnerable:**

IHL, GBV, persons with disabilities, child protection and education

### **Sectoral policies to ensure quality and coherence in meeting basic needs:**

food, nutrition, health, WASH, shelter; BNA; cash as tool whenever feasible

### **Nexus and cross-cutting issues:**

Roll out nexus beyond six pilots; forced displacement (follow up to GRF and increased attention to IDPs); social protection safety nets; environmental footprint

### **Policy support:**

Strengthening capacity of humanitarian system, innovative approaches and tools, expertise to assist policy development

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### **UKRAINE**

- Protracted and forgotten crisis - 3.5 million in need of HA
- Lack of humanitarian access in the NGCA – targeting civilian infrastructures
- ECHO priorities => Basic needs/NFIs and winterization, Health, Shelter, Protection, WASH, Education in Emergency

### **WESTERN BALKANS**

- > 8 000 refugees/migrants in BiH – only 50% in reception facilities
- Poor coordination of authorities in the humanitarian response
- ECHO priorities => protection, health and outreach assistance to people outside facilities.

### **TURKEY**

- > 4 million refugees – highest number in the world
- Focus on basic needs (ESSN), protection (access to services) education (CCTE, non-formal education) and health (gap filling in primary health care, mental health, physical rehabilitation)
- **No decision on DG ECHO 2020 allocation for Turkey**

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### **SYRIA**

- Complex, protracted and politicised context, recurrent IHL violations, shrinking hum. space
- Response: target the vulnerable throughout Syria, using all modalities (cross-line and cross-border) and multi-sector operations with strong focus on protection and health, flexibility to adapt response if needed, regular advocacy for PoC, access and humanitarian space

### **LEBANON**

- Protracted crisis with protection concerns, high vulnerability of refugees, longer term response
- Response: protection as key entry point, multi-purpose cash assistance for basic needs, integrated multi-sectorial response for acute unmet and sudden needs, EiE, advocacy

### **JORDAN**

- Protracted crisis, limited returns to Syria; Berm (12,000 stranded)
- Response: protection incl. legal documentation, advocacy, health, EiE; transition towards development instruments

### **PALESTINE**

- Prolonged occupation and gradual deterioration, exposure to violence, de-development
- Response: in Gaza, deliver essential services in health, WASH, basic needs, em. preparedness; in W. Bank, respond to demolitions and settlers violence, resilience and advocacy

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### **YEMEN**

- World's largest humanitarian crisis, 24M in need; complex and protracted, shrinking humanitarian space.
- Response: life-saving needs due to conflict, food insecurity/nutrition, epidemics; protection mainstreaming, advocacy.

### **IRAQ**

- Highly unstable situation, still over 4M in need, large-scale displacement (1.4M IDPs, 290,000 in camps)
- Response: focus on most vulnerable including displaced populations inside camps and beyond, and people deprived of their liberty; reduced funding.

### **LIBYA**

- Protracted crisis, low-intensity conflict around Tripoli, mixed migration caseload, pockets of hum. needs.
- Response: focus on emergency health, protection and EiE for the most vulnerable among IDPs, migrants and people with undetermined legal status.

### **SAHRAWI**

- The longest forgotten humanitarian caseload in ECHO.
- Response: focus on food assistance, undernutrition for children under five and pregnant/lactating mothers, WASH sustainable solutions, basic health services and EiE.

### **EGYPT**

- Country of destination and transit for refugees (Syrian and Sub-Saharan, 250 000 registered).
- Response: protection, MPCT and EiE, advocacy for «one refugee» approach.

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