

**Question for written answer E-001420/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Humanitarian crisis in Syria

The situation in Syria is the world's biggest and most urgent humanitarian crisis. The UN estimates that 13.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance inside Syria, including 6 million children. Following the Supporting Syria and the Region conference held in London on 4 February 2016, USD 5.8 billion (GBP 4 billion) was pledged for 2016 to meet the immediate needs of those affected by the crisis. A further USD 5.4 billion (GBP 3.7 billion) was pledged for 2017-2020, which will enable partners to plan ahead and to meet longer-term needs. A new approach is needed to respond to the protracted crises. We need to go beyond basic needs and set goals for education and economic opportunities, in order to transform the lives of refugees from Syria and support the countries hosting them.

How is the EU going to help people inside Syria gain access to safer healthcare and education, and ensure that the most vulnerable people, including girls and women, are supported?