

**Question for written answer E-014587/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Emergency assistance for refugees close to their country of origin

In September 2015, I visited Lebanon and Jordan to meet Syrian refugees in the camps of Minieh and Zaatari.

I held talks with the heads of the UN agencies (HCR and WFP) and the NGOs responsible for managing these camps.

All gave me the same urgent warning: given the downward trend in international aid, there will be insufficient resources by the end of the year to feed the refugees encamped at the borders with Syria and provide them with basic services.

This lack of resources has dramatic consequences and encourages migrants to risk their lives by trying to get to Europe.

On 23 September last, the Member States finally agreed to mobilise an additional €1 billion for the UN agencies to help refugees in the countries bordering Syria.

Against this background, and with winter approaching, can the Commission specify the operational breakdown of this additional aid, which is more necessary and urgent than ever?