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Yana 12 Years Old
Victor 2 Years Old



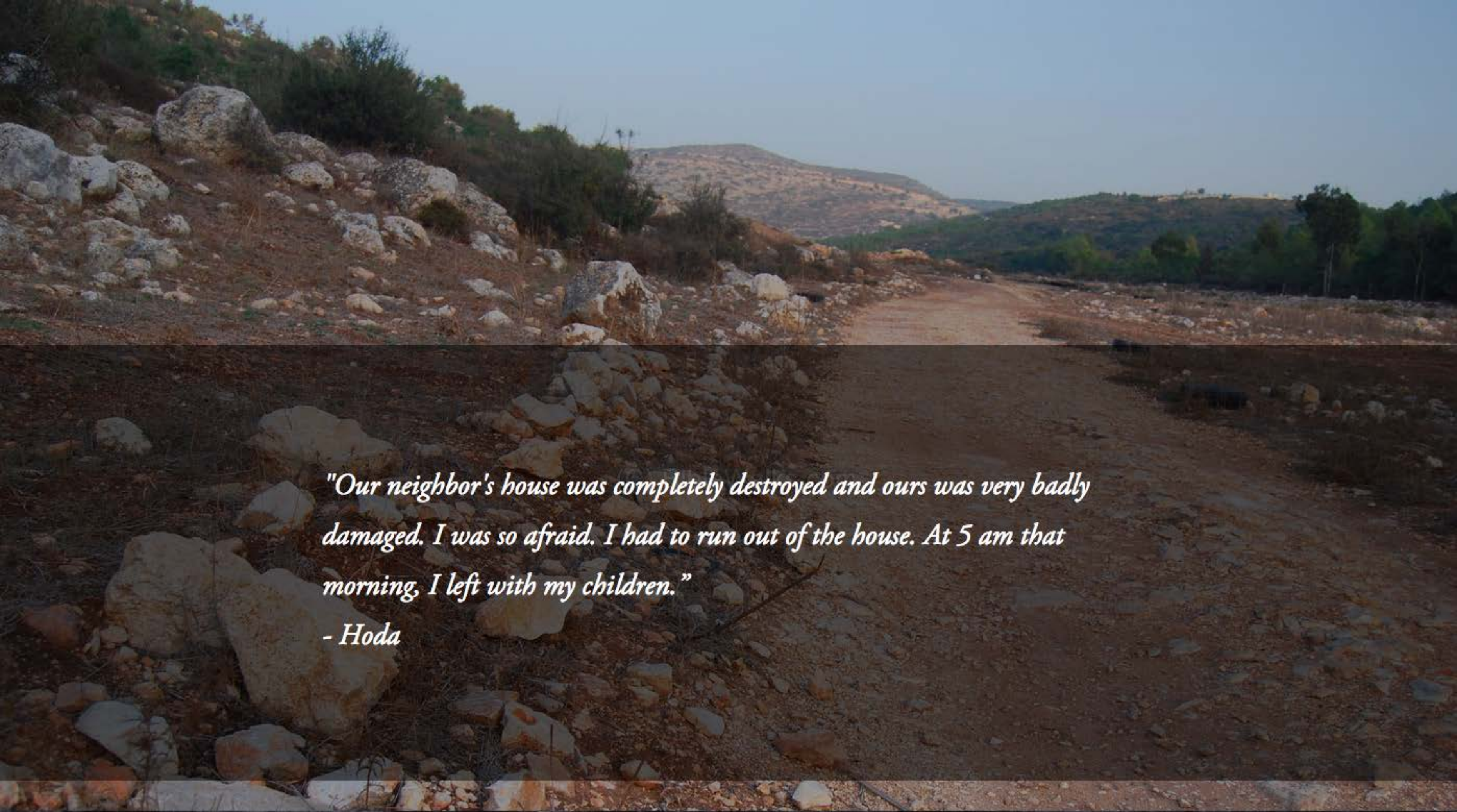
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Rima Grandmother
Ammar 10 Years Old

A landscape photograph showing a dirt road winding through a rocky, hilly area. The foreground is filled with large, light-colored rocks and sparse, dry vegetation. In the background, there are more hills and a line of trees under a clear sky. The overall tone is somber and desolate.

Hoda, Aadam, Bilal, Sora, & Mohamad used to live comfortably in their home in, As Salamiyah, the Syrian city in the Hama governorate. A recent attack has left the family with no choice but to become displaced within their own country. The only question now is where can they turn to?

A landscape photograph showing a dirt road winding through a rocky, hilly area. The foreground is filled with large, light-colored rocks and sparse, dry vegetation. The road leads into the distance, flanked by more rocks and some greenery. In the background, there are rolling hills under a clear sky.

"Our neighbor's house was completely destroyed and ours was very badly damaged. I was so afraid. I had to run out of the house. At 5 am that morning, I left with my children."

- Hoda

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You hear that other IDPs are heading to Douma, Damascus! Click here to take this path.





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Human Targets

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You are displaced to an area that had a high density of other internally displaced people. This seems hopeful at first, until you realize that you have become the target of your own government. Since 2011, most all IDP displacement locations have been targeted or hit by regime violence and air strikes. Douma, a neighborhood in Damascus, for instance, became a hotspot that was targeted, as a result of the presence of IDPs and protesters. And in 2014, 40 per cent of IDPs in need of shelter assistance were living in Aleppo governorate, which has been particularly hard-hit by the conflict.

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Human Targets

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40%

of Syria's IDPs that were in need of shelter were in Aleppo in 2014



Syria
7,600,000

Columbia
6,044,200

Iraq
3,376,000

Sudan
3,100,000

DR Congo
2,756,600

Syria is responsible for the largest number of internally displaced people in the world today.

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You have relatives living in Homs.
Click here to take this path.



A photograph of a destroyed urban area, likely in Syria. The scene is filled with rubble and debris from destroyed buildings. In the foreground, a young boy with dark hair, wearing a green and white striped shirt, stands looking directly at the camera. Behind him, another person is bent over, possibly searching through the rubble. The background shows more damaged buildings and a narrow alleyway. The overall atmosphere is one of devastation and displacement.

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Searching for Shelter

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You try to stay with relatives in Homs but when the town is dismantled by airstrikes you realize you need to seek alternative shelter. The majority of IDPs stay with relatives, but more than 173,000 have fled to public shelters. Inside Syria's borders there are about 8 official shelter camps and 25 provisional sites along the Turkish border (collective centers, schools, mosques, sports facilities) but with the massive amounts other IDPs coming to the border daily despite terrible conditions you soon realize that the only home for you now is a makeshift shelter in the shell of a half-built five story apartment block. Building materials are scattered around like toys; large holes in the walls offer no safety against the drop to the earth below.

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Searching for Shelter

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8

number of official shelters
along the Turkish border

25

number of provisional shelters
along the Turkish border



 = 1,000 People

173,000

seeking shelter on the Turkish border

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If you keep moving North you might
at least make it to a border camp.



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Surviving a Border Camp

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You are displaced to a border camp where conditions are at best, survivable. You now have to face the reality of the likelihood that you or your family might now be affected by life threatening health problems do to population crowding and sanitation. The conflict has disrupted health services and vaccinations across the country and health facilities in conflict zones face the reality of disease outbreaks. Mass instances of Polio have been reported in Syria with plans for vaccination efforts from various programs. The areas most in need have high numbers of IDPs, have suffered extensive damage and destruction and are difficult to access.

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Surviving a Border Camp

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57% of public hospitals are severely damaged



37% of public hospitals are severely damaged

40% of Syria's ambulances are destroyed

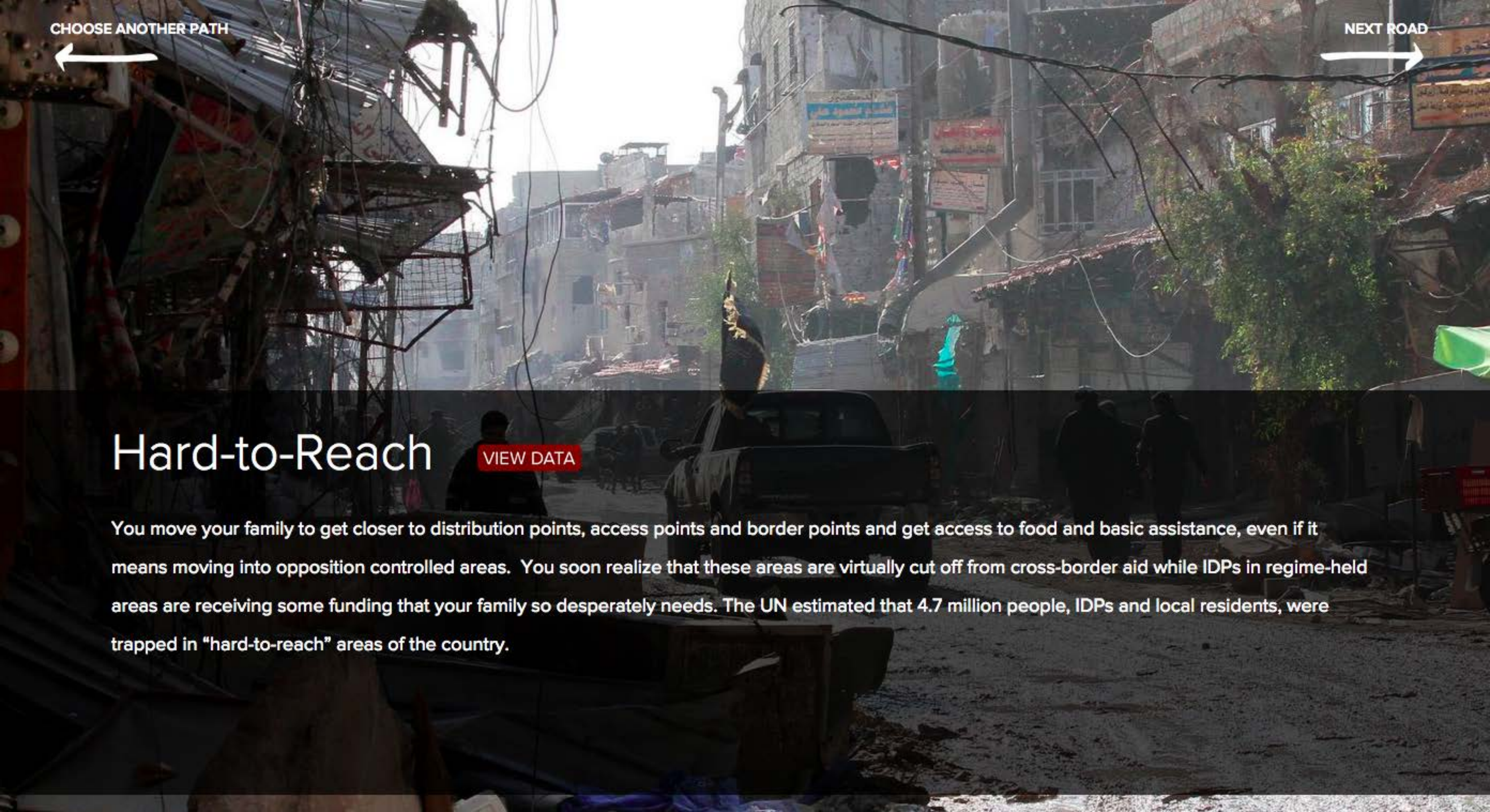


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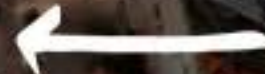
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If you take a detour here you might find a distribution point where you could find food for your family.



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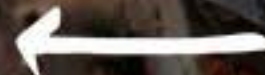


Hard-to-Reach

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You move your family to get closer to distribution points, access points and border points and get access to food and basic assistance, even if it means moving into opposition controlled areas. You soon realize that these areas are virtually cut off from cross-border aid while IDPs in regime-held areas are receiving some funding that your family so desperately needs. The UN estimated that 4.7 million people, IDPs and local residents, were trapped in “hard-to-reach” areas of the country.

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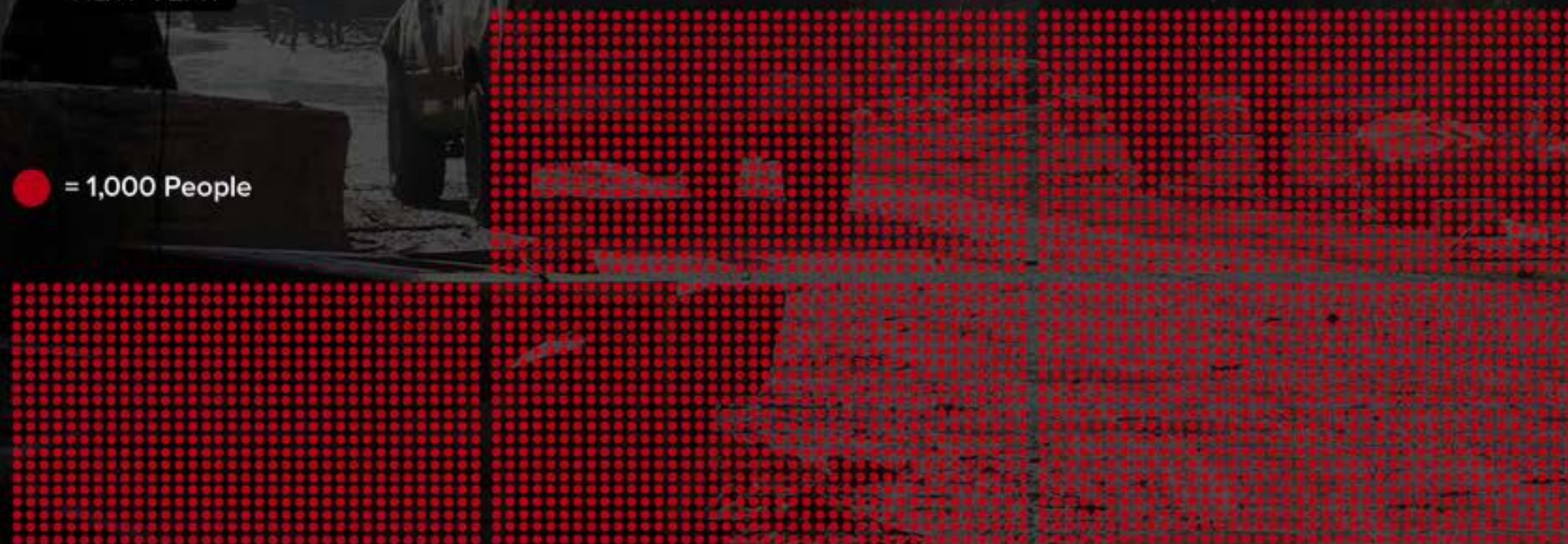
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4.7M

people were trapped in
“hard-to-reach” areas (UN)

● = 1,000 People



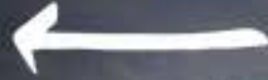
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You're not sure if your children will be able to make the journey on foot. Will you turn back?

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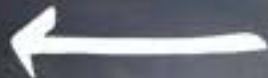


This is the Road to Recovery

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Your family keeps asking when you will return home and what it will be like after the conflict is over. Chances are that returning is not going to be an option in the near future because 1.2 million homes, or 30% of the country's housing is thought to have been damaged or destroyed. Syria's education, health care, and agriculture systems have all taken nearly un-survivable hits and are looking at a winding road to recovery. For now, there is no work, no income and very little food. "We had a very good life before the war but now everything has changed," she says. "There is no work here so we can't earn money to buy food. We eat once or maybe twice a day, mostly just bread and oil."

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This is the Road to Recovery

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● = 1,000 Homes

30%

of Syria's Infrastructure has
already been destroyed



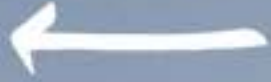
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You're ready to take the long trip on foot in an attempt to cross international borders and seek asylum.

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Seeking Asylum

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In a last resort attempt to find safety for your family you embark on the heartbreaking journey to cross the border and reach safety as a registered refugee. "The journey to Europe is very cumbersome, and it's not cheap so you have to have a certain level of resources to do it," says Carsten Hansen, Middle East director for the Norwegian Refugee Council. About 2,500 people have died trying to cross the Mediterranean into Europe with many others making Desperate attempts to reach safety. The number of Syrian refugees increases daily and because of this borders worldwide are being close to incoming refugees. This causes hopeful refugees to become internally displaced instead, and is one of the largest reasons for IDPs.

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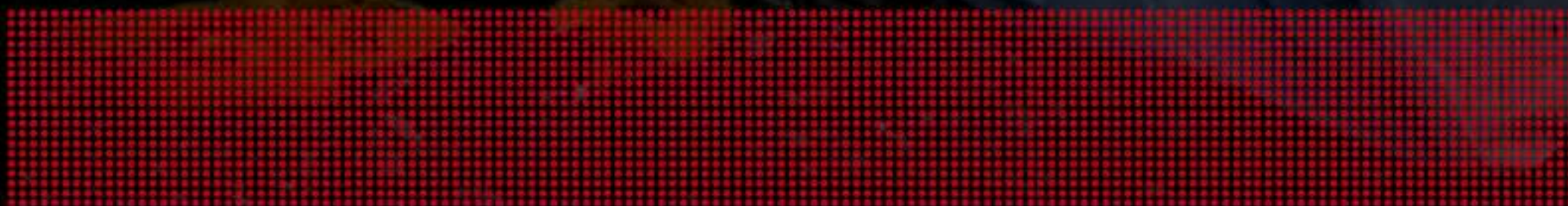
Seeking Asylum

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2,500

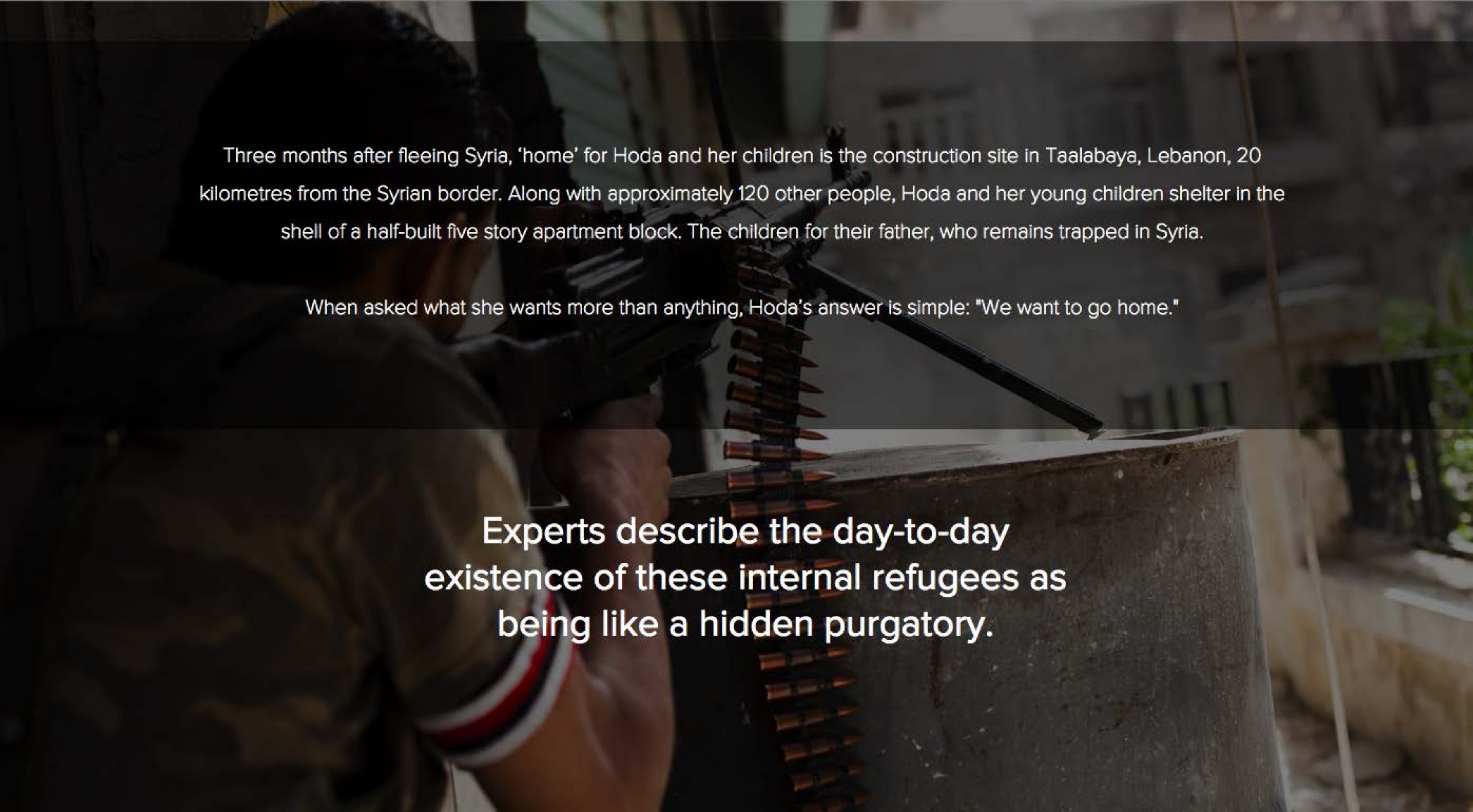
people have died trying to
cross the Mediterranean

 = 1 Person



A photograph of a refugee camp. In the foreground, a man with a beard and dark hair, wearing a grey and white striped long-sleeved shirt and dark pants with the 'adidas' logo, holds a young child with curly hair in a red shirt. To the left, a young boy in a striped shirt stands looking towards the camera. In the background, there are several large, grey, makeshift tents made of plastic or tarp, supported by ropes. Other people, including men and children, are visible in the background, some standing and some sitting. The ground is dirt and littered with debris. The overall atmosphere is one of hardship and displacement.

Every minute 1 Family becomes a
refugee stuck in their own country

A person wearing a camouflage uniform is seen from the side, aiming a machine gun from a concrete bunker. The machine gun is mounted on the bunker, and a long magazine of ammunition is visible. The background shows a cityscape with buildings.

Three months after fleeing Syria, 'home' for Hoda and her children is the construction site in Taalabaya, Lebanon, 20 kilometres from the Syrian border. Along with approximately 120 other people, Hoda and her young children shelter in the shell of a half-built five story apartment block. The children for their father, who remains trapped in Syria.

When asked what she wants more than anything, Hoda's answer is simple: "We want to go home."

Experts describe the day-to-day existence of these internal refugees as being like a hidden purgatory.