Education for children from Syria who live in Jordan
Who we are

We are called Human Rights Watch.

We work to make sure everyone in the world is treated fairly and gets their rights.

What is this report about?

This report is about children from Syria who live in Jordan.

Jordan is a country in the Middle East. It is next to Syria.

Many children and families from Syria now live in Jordan.

They had to leave Syria because of war.
What is happening to children from Syria who live in Jordan?

The government in Jordan has helped more children from Syria go to school.

For example:

- there are more teachers

- school is free for children from Syria

- some primary schools give classes to all children in the morning and children from Syria in the afternoon

This means some children from Syria can go to school as well.
There are plans to make education better for children from Syria who live in Jordan.

For example, there are plans to

- make sure more children from Syria can go to school

- make schools better and build more schools

Other countries said they will give more money to help with this.

There are more children from Syria going to school now than before.

But too many children from Syria are not going to school.

This is worse for older children and children with disabilities.
Why are so many children from Syria not in school?

There are many problems that stop children from Syria going to school in Jordan.

More money needs to be spent on education.

There are rules that stop many children from Syria going to school in Jordan.

For example, children from Syria need to have some documents before they can start school.

These documents can be very hard to get.

And many families left their documents behind in Syria because they had to leave quickly.

This makes it harder for older children to go to school.
There are plans to give classes to children who have been out of school for a long time.

This will help them catch up with other children and go back to school later on.

But these classes are only for children aged 8 to 12.

There is not much help for older children.

Many families from Syria are poor.

They cannot afford things like transport to school.

Many families cannot work.

They need a document that says they can work in Jordan.
Jordan made it free to ask for this document. But it is hard to get.

This means many children have to leave school to earn money for their families.

Some children work in jobs that may be unsafe.

Many families from Syria have to live in refugee camps.

It can be harder for children from Syria in these camps to go to school.
There are other problems.

For example:

- schools are finding it hard to teach all the extra children
- some children get to go to school for more hours than other children
- some teachers do not have the right training to help children learn
- many children from Syria are hit or bullied by teachers or other children

Some children have to leave school because of this.

Because of these problems many children do not stay on at school and finish their education.

Instead, some children work in dangerous jobs. And some girls get married before they are adults.
What we want to happen next

These are things for the government in Jordan and other groups to do.

The government in Jordan should:
- make it easier for children from Syria to go to school, college and university
- change the rules that stop children from Syria going to school
  For example, make sure children can still go to school if they do not have certain documents
- give education to older children who are not in school
The government in Jordan should:

- make it easier for teachers from Syria to teach in Jordan
- get more teachers and give them the right training
- work with other groups that can help make education better
- do more to stop teachers and children hitting and bullying children from Syria
- work to make education better for all children from Syria
  For example, children in refugee camps and children with disabilities
- make sure children from Syria can get birth certificates
The government in Jordan should:

- make it easier for people from Syria to work in Jordan

For example, make it easier for them to get documents that say they can work in Jordan

And stop making people go to refugee camps or back to Syria if they do not have these documents

- make sure children who work are safe and get their rights

- agree to do what a document called the Convention on Refugees says

This document is about the rights of refugees in the world
Other organisations in the world should:

- give Jordan enough money to make education better for all children. This means children from Syria too

- keep giving money and support to families from Syria

- make sure all children in Jordan get the same amount of education

- help Jordan check how well children from Syria are doing at school

- make it easier for families from Syria to earn money in Jordan

This will help stop children leaving school to work or get married
Other organisations in the world should:

- help families pay for school transport
- make sure children with disabilities can learn with other children and get a good education