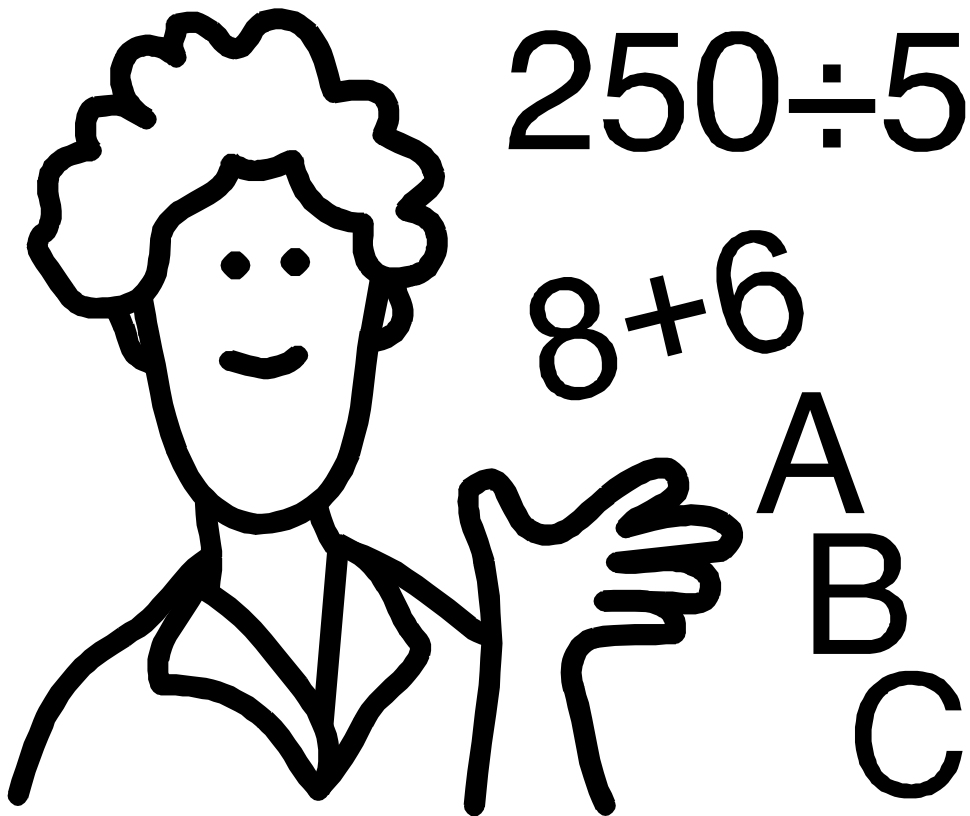




Barriers to Education for Syrian Refugee Children in Lebanon

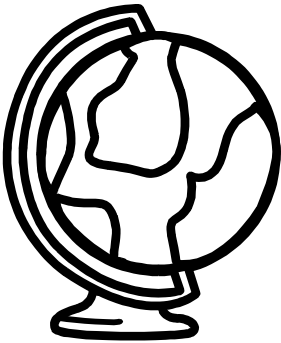
Education for children from Syria who live in Lebanon





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.

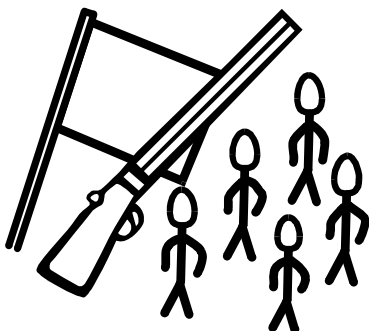


What is this report about?

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

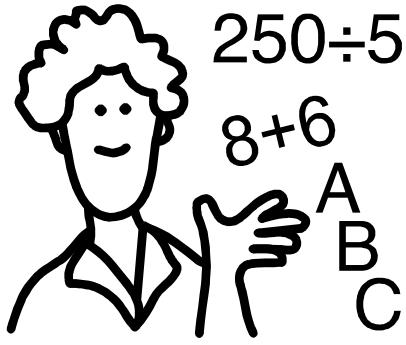


Lebanon is a country in the Middle East. It is next to Syria.

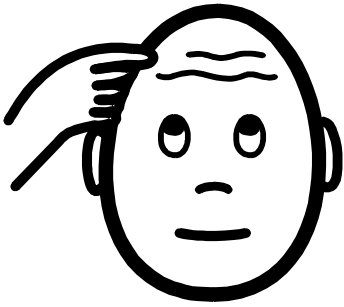


Lots of children from Syria now live in Lebanon.

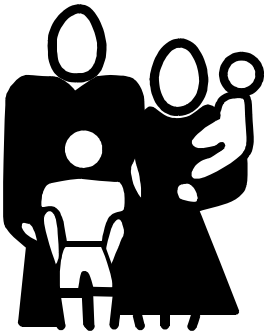
They had to leave Syria because of war.



This report looks at education for these children.

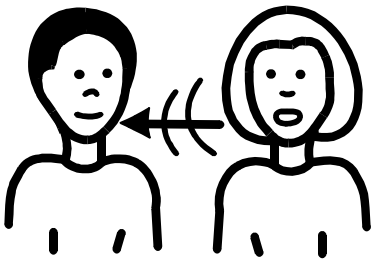


In 2015 and 2016 we looked at what was happening to children from Syria who live in Lebanon.

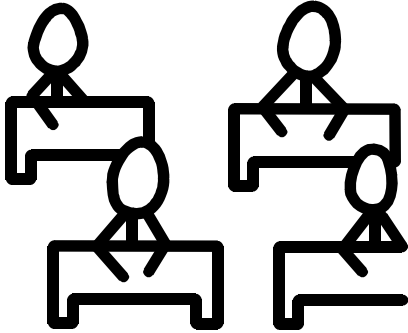


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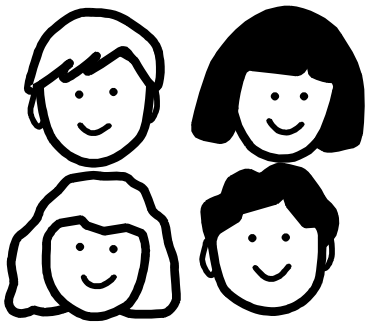
- children and families from Syria
- organisations that give people support
- teachers and people who work in schools
- people from the government in Lebanon



What is happening for children from Syria who live in Lebanon?

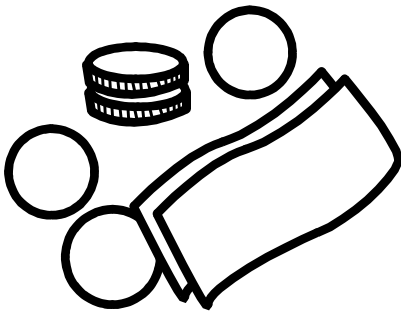


The government in Lebanon has helped children from Syria go to school in Lebanon.

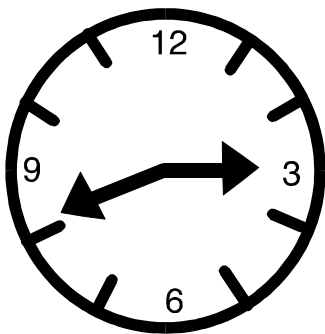


For example:

- more children from Syria can go to school in Lebanon



- they do not have to pay



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

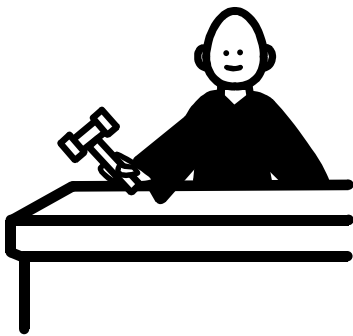
This means children from Syria can go to school as well



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



This is worse for older children aged 15 to 18 and children with disabilities.



The law says all children have a right to go to school.

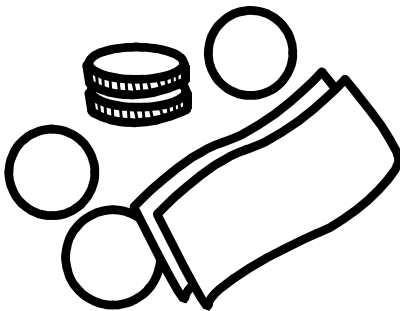
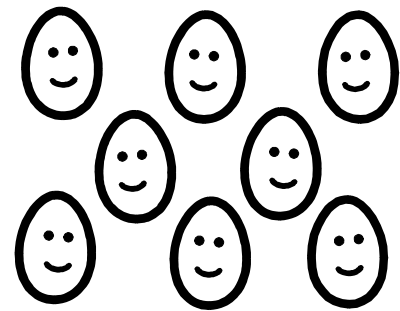
But it is hard for many children from Syria to get an education in Lebanon.

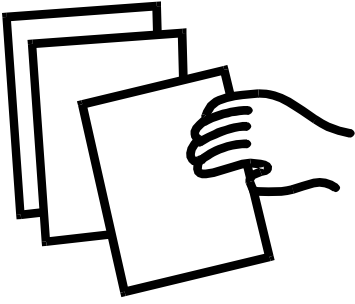
There are many reasons for this.

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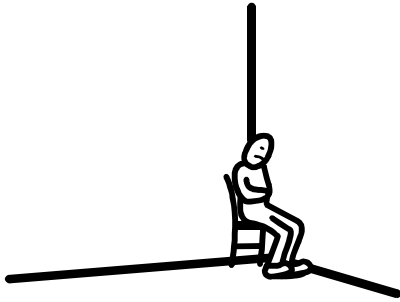
- schools in Lebanon are finding it hard to teach all the extra children

- Lebanon is not getting enough money from other countries to help



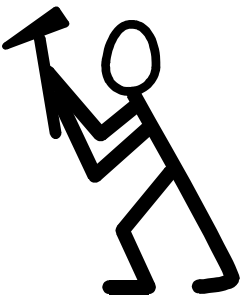


- it is hard for many families to get documents that say they can stay in Lebanon

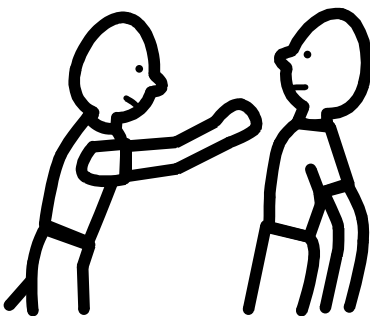


- many families from Syria are not allowed to work in Lebanon

This means they are poor and cannot send their children to school because of things that cost money like transport to school



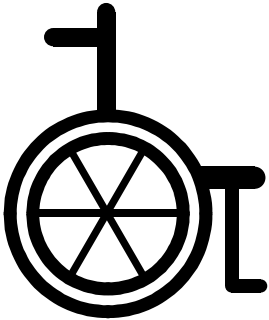
- some children may have to work or get married instead of going to school



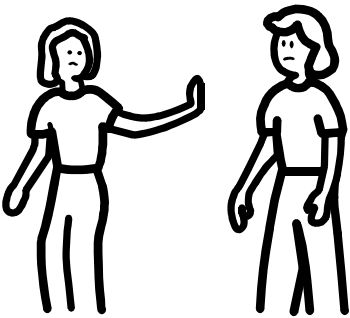
- some children may have to leave school because of bullying or because they do not get enough support to understand the language

There are other problems.

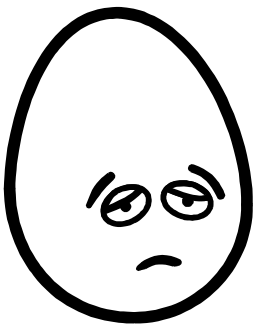
For example:



- it can be harder for girls, children with disabilities and older children to go to school



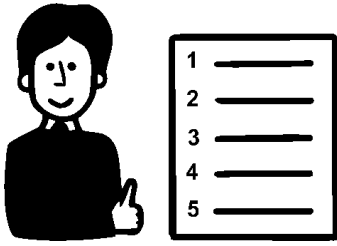
- some schools say no to children with disabilities



These things make it very hard for children from Syria who live in Lebanon.

They need an education to help them do well in the future and have a good life.

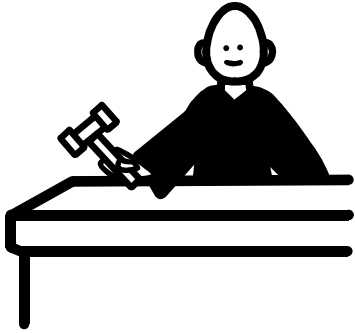
What we want to happen next



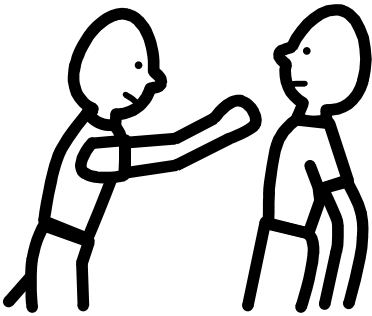
These are things for the government in Lebanon and other groups to do.

The government in Lebanon should:

- change laws and rules to help children from Syria go to primary and secondary school



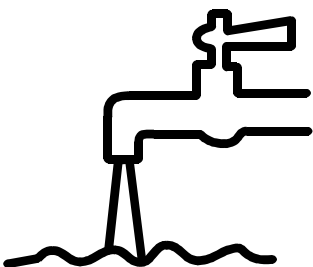
- make sure children from Syria are not hurt by teachers or other children

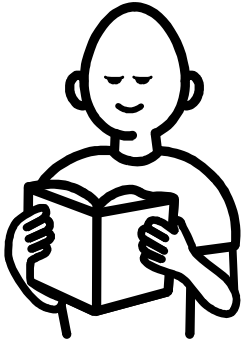


- make sure people can get in trouble if they treat children badly



- make sure schools have good, clean and safe toilets and places to wash

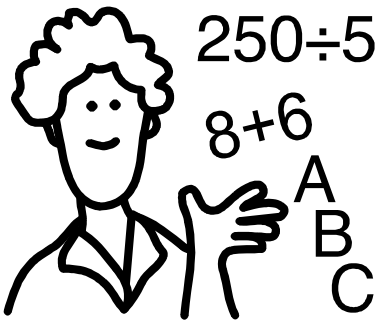




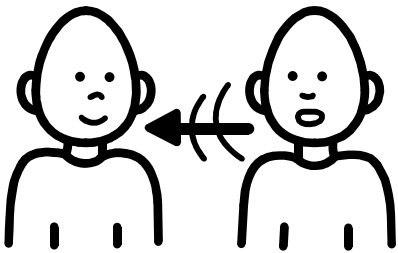
The government in Lebanon should:

- make sure children from Syria who are not at school yet can get a basic education

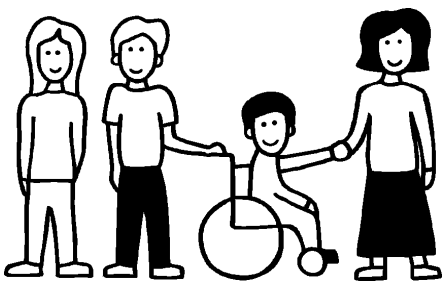
For example, they should be able to learn to read and write



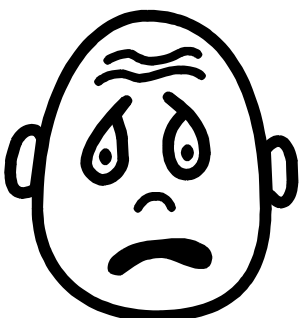
- let teachers from Syria teach in Lebanon



- make sure children from Syria get support with new languages



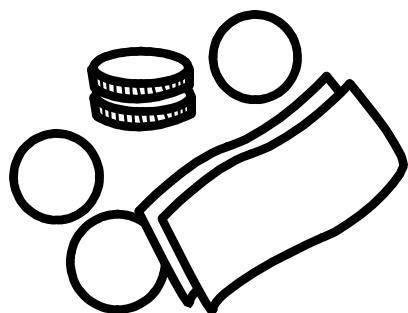
- make sure children with disabilities can learn together with other children and get a good education



- make sure children can get support if they are upset, very sad, or scared

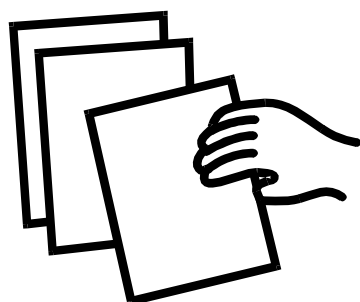
Other things we want to happen

We want Lebanon to:



- make it easier for people from Syria to live in Lebanon

For example, by making sure they do not have to pay extra money to stay there and they have a legal right to stay

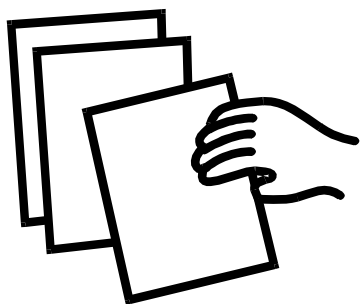


- make sure children from Syria do not need to show legal documents before they can start school

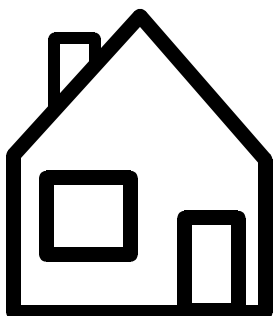


- make sure families from Syria can work in Lebanon so they can afford to send their children to school

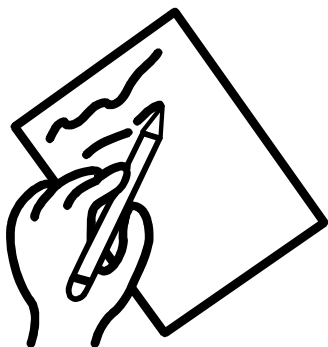
We want Lebanon to:



- make sure all children from Syria who are born in Lebanon have a legal document to show they were born there



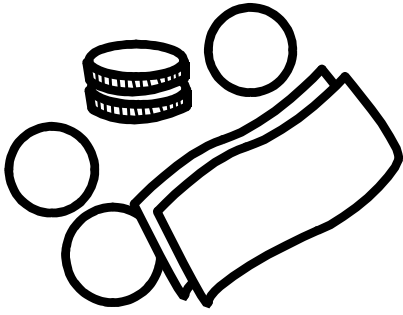
- make sure schools that give education to children from Syria are near where children from Syria live



- agree to do what a document called the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities says.

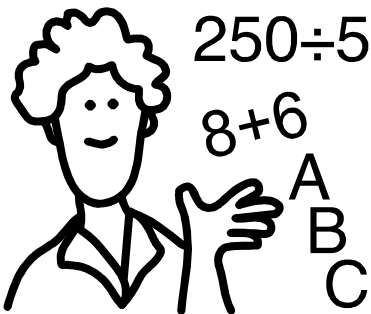
This is an important document about the rights of people with disabilities in the world.

What other countries should do

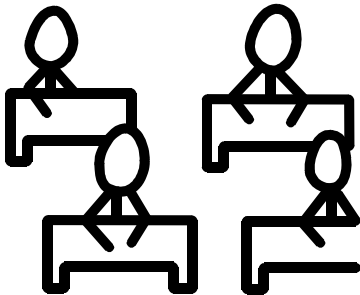


Other countries should help Lebanon do the things in this booklet.

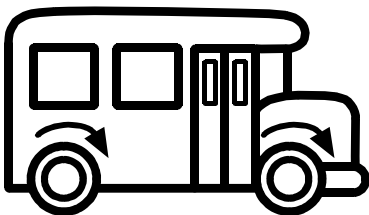
They should give Lebanon money to:



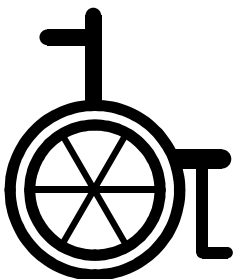
- make schools and education better
- get more teachers and give them training



- help children go to secondary school and get the support they need



- help families pay for school transport



- make sure children with disabilities can learn with other children and get a good education