

## Must keep moving- the journey towards a better future

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On the border between Macedonia and Serbia the temperatures in December and January are already around 0 Celsius but still the flow of refugees continues. The NGOs and volunteers try to provide warm cloths, food, and medical care as the thousands pass thru each border checkpoint for registration at all hours, day or night, they wait for the trains to take them onward, lighting open fires by the tracks to keep warm at night. Volunteers patrol the tracks and the registration lines, trying to find those who need urgent help, but supplies often run short

Over 1,000,000 refugees have made the journey from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq to Europe in 2015. Over 50% are Syrians. They come carrying almost nothing from their former lives, healthy young men alongside the handicapped, Mothers and babies, elders and children, fleeing civil war, terror attacks and the threat of ISIS ,trying to find a better future in the EU countries, but nobody knows what the future holds for them there.

They pay smugglers to take them across the border from Syria into Turkey, than again to cross the Aegean sea to Greece, but even there the journey is far from over, by train, bus and on foot they travel onward for several days, even weeks

"We had everything back home, a good life before the war. Now there is nothing, no water, no electricity and the fighting is constant. I have a daughter and I am pregnant, I had to leave, had to find a safe future for my children" says a young woman from Aleppo.

Estimates of deaths in the Syrian conflict since it began in 2011 vary, with figures ranging from 140,200 and 340,125, per opposition groups, More than four million refugees escaped the civil war in Syria, another eight million are displaced inside Syria.



Syrian refugee gathers his strength after 5 km walk from the train station on the Macedonia border and into Serbia.





Syrian mother and daughters trying to cross the border from the Macedonia to Serbia





Blankets, sleeping bags, empty bottles and food wrappers left on the ground, after scores of refugees spent the night out in 0 Celsius temperatures





Young Syrian girl carrying the family's belongings, leading the way across the border to Serbia.





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Syrian refugee make the harsh crossing from Macedonia to Serbia.





Afghani Refugees try on warm winter clothes in a Belgrade aid centre



Syrian family receives food rations from the Red Cross in Presevo



Morning food distribution, UNHCR, Sid transit camp, Serbia- Croatia



Syrian refugees line up for hours to register in Presevo camp, Serbia





A Serbian guard watches over Syrian refugee waiting for registration in Presevo camp.





A reflection Syrian refugee woman outside the Medical centre in presevo,



Refugees waiting for the registration in Presevo camp.



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Coming across the border at all hours, day and night, registration in Presevo camp.





Refugees waiting for the bus to Croatia, those who want to save money using the train.



Refugee woman holding her son at the bus station, the family have no money for the rest of the journey.



A Syrian family gets on the bus to Croatia



Syrian couple in the bus to Sid, their next station on the journey to safety Serbia Croatia border.





Refugee gets the train to Sid on Serbia Croatia border









Syrian kid in the bus to Sid on Serbia Croatia

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