



The Rt. Hon. Richard Harrington MP
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Dear Mr. Harrington,

We write as UK-based humanitarian and human rights organisations who are deeply concerned about the protection of Palestinian refugees in Syria and the surrounding region.

We are particularly concerned that Palestinian refugees from Syria are not able to access adequate protection nor comprehensive medical care for serious injuries and other health problems through the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) or the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

In this context, we would be grateful for your clarification of the UK government's position in relation to Palestinian refugees from Syria, responding to the following questions:

1. Are Palestinian refugees from Syria eligible for the UK government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme if they meet the 'vulnerability criteria' used by UNHCR for identifying refugees in need of resettlement? If not, please can you explain why they are not eligible?
2. If Palestinian refugees from Syria are eligible, how many Palestinian refugees from Syria have thus far been resettled in the UK?
3. How many Palestinian refugees from Syria have been resettled to the UK through other schemes?
4. If no Palestinian refugees from Syria have currently been resettled, please can you explain why this is the case?
5. Is the UK government monitoring whether Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon and Jordan are receiving adequate medical assistance through UNRWA?
6. Is the UK government monitoring whether Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Turkey are receiving adequate medical assistance through the UNHCR (noting that UNRWA does not operate in Turkey)?

We will be grateful for your responses to these questions as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Tony Laurance,
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Tareq Shrourou,
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