

Citizenship

# Is the conflict in Syria a children's rights issue?

## Lesson 3 of 6

Mr Humphrys



Oxfam report that **1 in 5** schools in Syria are destroyed.

**In the midst of a bitter winter**, Salim, age 2, tries to stay warm. With temperatures nearing sub-zero, **Salim will face this brutal winter in a snow-covered tent with only the clothes on his back to keep warm.** (Save the Children)

My son, Majd El Dine, is 9 years old. He was in Grade 4 in Syria but here he's in Grade 3. The education system is different here in Lebanon. **They teach science and maths in French. In Syria all the lessons are taught in Arabic.** (Hasna, Parent, Oxfam)

**Um Ashraf's family come together** to break their fast by sharing a meal in their tent in Jordan. Um Ashraf remarks, it is unlike Syria, but all that matters is that we all together and safe. (Um Ashraf, Oxfam)

Halin Hussein, a mother, **shops in a supermarket in Lebanon.** Donations support Oxfam to provide the family with shopping coupons. Halin remarks this allows the family to meet their needs rather than relying on food donations. (Oxfam).



Save the Children is helping by **providing education and play spaces for kids and improving the sanitation and health services for children.** Ahmed attends Save the Children's programs at the camp - where he plays, learns and begins to recover. (Save the Children)

Rubbish is dumped outside an abandoned shopping centre occupied by 90 Syrian refugee families. Although there is an erratic water supply, **there is no waste disposal and rubbish is beginning to pile up.** (Oxfam)

Ahmed, a six-year old child, poses for a photo in one of **48 new wash blocks completed by Oxfam.** (Oxfam)

Many Syrian children have **lost a close relative or have a parent or sibling**, and thousands have been **orphaned or separated** from their families in the chaos of war. (Save the Children)

We often **gather in the makeshift mosque to say our prayers** and meet one another. (Oxfam)

