



ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WOMEN AND ISLAMIC CULTURES Displaced Arab Women post-2011: Syria, Iraq, and Libya

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- ❖ According to the United Nations, as of 2013, roughly three out of every four Palestinian refugees that fled their homes in Syria into Lebanon are women and children.¹
- ❖ According to a 2014 report by the U.S. Department of State, the large population of internally displaced Iraqi women is particularly vulnerable to being subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking, especially those returning from Syria.²
- ❖ As of 2014, 71% of internally displaced women in Iraq are unemployed.³
- ❖ According to a February 2015 United Nations Population Fund, of those women who remain within Syria, 3 million are women and girls of reproductive age, 500,000 of whom are pregnant.⁴
- ❖ As of August of 2013, 78% of the global total of Syrian refugees is women, 25% of which are of reproductive age, and 40,000 of whom are pregnant.⁵
- ❖ The International Organization for Migration's Displacement Tracking Matrix estimates that of the 2.5 million people displaced since January of 2014 in Iraq, 51% are women, 58% of whom are under the age of 25.⁶
- ❖ As of May 2015, Libya was home to two female-only migrant detention centers, both of which have been recognized as overcrowded, underfunded, without healthcare, and with high rates of sexual assault.⁷
- ❖ According to an August 2015 United Nations Security Council Report, of the 435,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Libya, 290,000 (66%) are women and children.⁸

¹ <http://www.anera.org/stories/relief-aid-for-palestinian-women-refugees-from-syria-anera/>

² <http://www.refworld.org/docid/53aab9ea3.html>

³ <http://www.peacewomen.org/sites/default/files/Improving%20the%20Protection%20of%20Internally%20Displacement%20Women.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/resource-pdf/UNFPA-FACTSANDFIGURES-5%5B4%5D.pdf>

⁵ <http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/UNFPA%20regional%20sitrep%2015%20July-%2015%20August%20%2310%20.pdf>

⁶ <http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Woman-Day-English-FINAL.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/inside-one-libya-s-detention-centres-female-illegal-migrants-1687692480>

⁸ http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/s_2015_624.pdf