

Syrian Crisis - Help Options

1. Examine the Cause

Looking into the cause of these human disasters minute for minute and buck for buck would be more effective, but this ain't my bag today so here's some stuff I found on the net, if you want to get involved with helping kids like this AFTER the tragedy.

2. If you want to help with your time directly

2.1 If you want to head over that way, ie Syria neighbourhood and volunteer in the camps and related, this chick blogs about it and seems like a good starting point <https://www.gooverseas.com/blog/how-to-volunteer-abroad-with-refugees>

3. If you want to help with your time protesting/lobbying

3.1 If you want to be more active and help the poor souls that survive something like this and then have to go through Oz detention center life you can get vocal and protest for their closure and a more equitable treatment of genuine refugees, especially kids . These guys seem petty active <http://www.refugeeaction.org.au/>

3.2 Get vocal at a local government level to sort its shit out about helping people who wanna help. Many counties make it very easy, see Canada's effort <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/welcome/help.asp> and if you want I suspect you might even be able to donate though Canada's effort. If Oz has such a site then go ahead and add it here, I didn't find one, that doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

3.3 This is something Australia doesn't do, but would be great if we did. i.e. get around the government blockade of helping these people and let Oz people help directly by doing a kinda couch-surfing style thing to directly help refugees. If you have the time, lobbying for this kinda deal seems like a win-win to me. <http://www.refugees-welcome.net/>

4. If you want to help monetarily:

4.1 This site has plenty of options for donating cash. Hand in Hand for Syria seems like a good direct option, but do a bit of background/internet check of course. It also has a tool where you can see of the bigger NGO's how much cash actually lands in country and how much gets swallowed up by Admin <http://www.pri.org/stories/2015-09-03/5-groups-doing-important-work-help-refugees-you-may-not-have-heard>

5. And if you want to go through Oz Government Channels

5.1 This fact sheet has a bit of Oz Gov sales pitch to support woeful refugee support effort, but also has some ways you can get involved with those that do make it to Oz. <https://www.dss.gov.au/settlement-and-multicultural-affairs/publications/how-can-you-help-syrian-and-iraqi-refugee-settlement-in-australia>