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Media Note

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The United States Government Contributing \$30 Million to the UNHCR/UNICEF Joint Appeal to Provide Educational Opportunities for Iraqi Children in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt

We are pleased to announce that we are contributing \$30 million to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Joint Appeal to Provide Educational Opportunities for Iraqi Children in [Syria](#), [Lebanon](#), [Jordan](#), and [Egypt](#).

We commend the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for its decision permitting all Iraqi children in Jordan access to Jordanian schools with the opening of the fall semester on August 19.

Our contribution to the UNHCR/UNICEF Joint Appeal will help displaced Iraqi students with the cost of tuition, books, supplies and uniforms. It will also fund teacher recruitment and training, remedial classes, psycho-social services, upgrading of water and sanitation services, building of new schools or upgrading of existing structures, and advocacy campaigns encouraging school attendance.

With this \$30 million contribution, the Department of State, directly and through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), has made over \$183 million available this fiscal year to assist Iraqi refugees and internally displaced persons.

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