

When Your Neighbor is Okay, You're Okay: Neonatology and Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

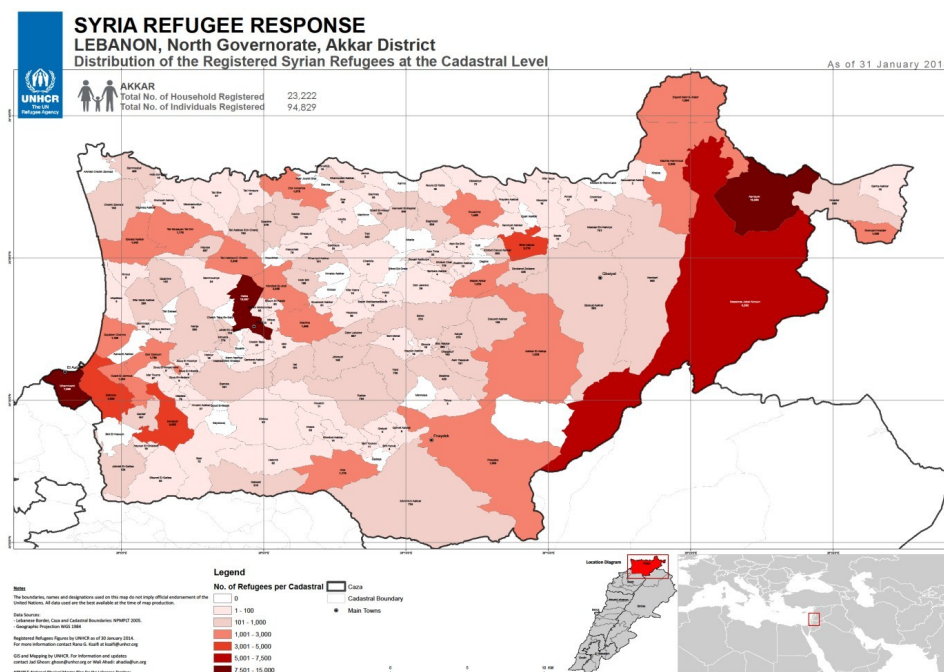
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We discussed the effects of the Syrian war and the impact of the large number of Syrian refugees on their practice of neonatology. I thought it would be an outstanding opportunity for Gaby and Antoun to share their experiences by writing a piece for *NeoReviews*.

The resulting [International Perspective](#) column in *NeoReviews* represents some of their experiences at the [Hopital Notre Dame de la Paix](#), in Akkar, North Lebanon.

In their article, Drs. Falakha, AbdelAhad, and their colleagues Ghais Makhoul and Carole Naufal Makhoul compare data from the Lebanese population to those of Syrian refugees and discuss the dramatic impact of

the refugee influx on their practice, beginning by referencing the Arabic saying: “[When your neighbor is okay, then you’re okay.](#)”

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