

# 2016 worst year for Syrian children: UNICEF

Syria's children were subjected to unprecedented levels of suffering in 2016, according to the United Nations' child relief agency UNICEF

## At least 652

Number of children killed during 2016 – worst year since records began

## Over 255

Children killed while at or near school

## Over 850

Children recruited to fight in conflict – more than twice as many as in 2015. Children increasingly taking part in combat roles

**647** Children injured – 25 percent increase from 2015

**1.75m** Children out of school in Syria. One in three schools cannot be used

**530,000** Syrian refugee children out of school

**25%** Percentage of Syrian children suffering from stunted development in hard-to-reach or besieged areas

**75%** Percentage of households in Syria using children to supplement their income

**25%** Percentage of victims of incidents involving explosive weapons that are children

**5.8 million** Children in need of humanitarian assistance in Syria

