

## Key Stage 2-3

### Mohamed's story

Mohamed is 12-years-old and lives with his mum, dad and six sisters in a refugee camp in Lebanon.

He is from Syria and the war there has made life extremely difficult. After an explosive hit their home, the family had to move out for safety.

They had to keep moving from village to village and so since 2011 Mohamed and his sisters have not been in school.



“I was very scared by the noise and the explosives and often could not sleep at night.

We are now living in a refugee camp in Lebanon, along with hundreds of other Syrian families. Our home is just two rooms and a small kitchen for the eight of us.

I had just finished grade 2 when I had to leave school. I enjoyed mathematics the most, as I found it easy.

I miss school. My parents don't have the money to pay for school fees in Lebanon and no transport to get us to school.

I am now working most days, selling fruit and vegetable to the surrounding area. A truck picks me up at 8am and drops me back at 5pm.

I get under £2 per day. I would rather be back at school.



There is not much to do at the camp, sometimes I play with my friends or help at home with the chores. In winter, the snow is sometimes so deep that we cannot leave our rooms.

If I could go back to education I would want to study to be a doctor, so I could return home to Syria and help people who had been hurt in the war.”

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