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**INTRO**

Fighting in Syria has caused huge damage and losses to agricultural production.

But according to a new report released today by the UN’s Food and agriculture Organization, the sector should be kick-started now, as that would dramatically reduce the need for humanitarian aid.

This latest report presents the first comprehensive nationwide assessment of the cost of the war to the agriculture sector in Syria.

To elaborate more on that is Neil Marsland, a senior technical officer with FAO in Rome.

**QUESTIONS**

1. How would you describe the state of the agriculture sector in Syria?
2. Is now the right time to reboot the agriculture sector?
3. What needs to be done?
4. What are the challenges?