

# STOLEN FUTURES

The hidden toll  
of child casualties  
in Syria

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Syrian mother Jadiya grieves as she sits on March 17, 2012 with her two sons, one of them holding a picture of his four-year-old brother Iyab who was killed in an attack by government forces on the area on February 27, in Sermin, just eight kilometres (five miles) east of the rebel stronghold of Idlib, and not far from the Turkish border. Ricardo Garcia Vilanova/AFP/Getty Images

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