

Update No. 9
Syria Regional Refugee Response
Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey
14 June 2012



This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations and its partners' response to the influx of Syrian refugees into Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. The response is led by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and is undertaken in full coordination with host Governments. This report covers the period from 07 June to 14 June 2012. The next update will be issued on Thursday, 21 June 2012.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of assisted Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey has reached 86,398 persons this week. This marks an increase of 5,015 persons from the previous week. The total number of Syrian refugees registered in these countries stands at 77,933 persons.
- Humanitarian agencies in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey are currently revising the Syria Regional Response Plan (RRP). The revised RRP will cover needs till the end of 2012 and will be presented to donors in Geneva on 28 June 2012.
- The third high-level meeting of the Syria Humanitarian Forum took place in Geneva on 5 June 2012 bringing together around 300 participants from Member States, regional organizations, United Nations agencies and international and non-governmental organizations. The UNHCR Regional Refugee Coordinator briefed the Forum on the outflow of refugees into neighbouring Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, highlighting the generosity of host governments, the strong coordination between the UN and local authorities and effective humanitarian response to Syrian refugees by seven UN agencies and 28 NGO partners.

II. JORDAN

Highlights

- The total number of Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR stands at 24,151. They are primarily located in the cities of Amman, Ramtha, Mafraq, Irbid, Zarqa and Ma'an.
- In Amman, the trend of 30% no show for scheduled individuals continued on a daily basis, while the appointments given to Syrian applicants on average went up to 107 individuals per day as compared to 70 the previous week.
- IOM will establish a primary health centre at King Abdullah Park once opened.



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Protection/Numbers

The average daily arrival rate rose last week, with a total of 693 individuals that arrived to the sites, out of which 496 persons were bailed out. 54% of those who registered in Amman are male, while 45% are female, marking a 5% increase in the number of males registered as compared to last week and a corresponding decrease in the number of females registered. In Ramtha, the percentage of females went up to 51% and that of males went down to 49%; a 6 percent decrease for males and a similar increase for females registered as compared to the previous week. 55% of those who registered in Amman are from Homs, 22% from Daraa, 6% from Damascus, 11% from Hama, and the rest from various other cities in Syria. 54% of those who registered in Ramtha are from Homs, (down from 87% the previous week) and 31% from Daraa, a substantial increase as compared to 13% last week.

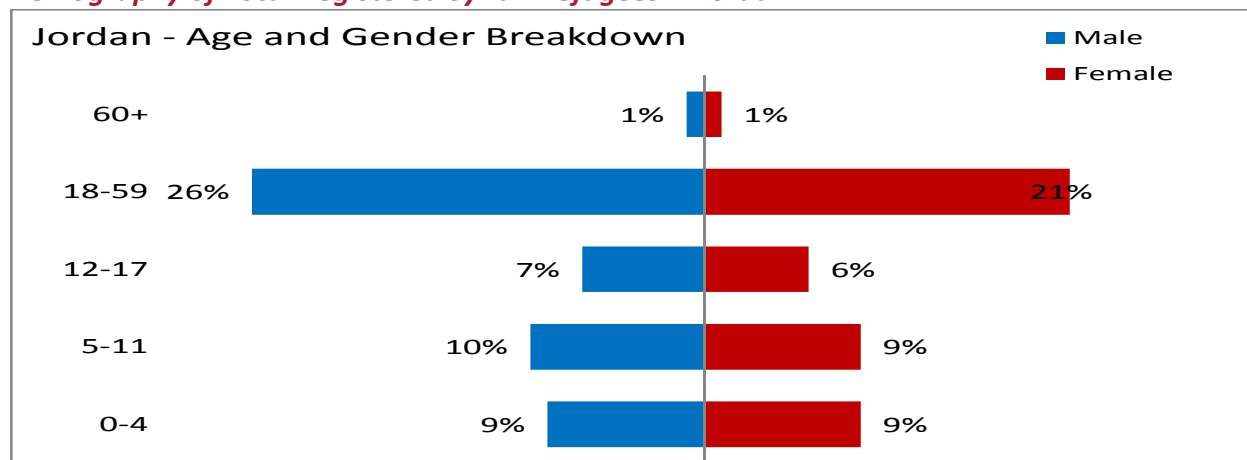
Assistance/Outreach

King Abdullah Transit Site in Ramtha: Significant efforts have been made during the reporting period to make King Abdullah site operational (accommodation and basic facilities), given the urgent need to close the sub-standard Stadium site hosting single males and proceed with their transfer to a more decent place.

Assistance in Transit Sites: UNRWA will make available a mobile dental unit once a week (starting from this week) at Cyber City and Sports Stadium (King Abdullah Park) and will be providing dental services to all residents at the facilities. 1,500 complementary food packages were delivered to Bashabsheh and Cyber. 278 patients received primary and secondary health care services mainly through the Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS) clinics and mobile units. **Financial Assistance:** UNHCR will launch financial assistance to Syrian refugees in Jordan effective this month. This assistance will be mainly targeted towards shelter/rental fees for a period of three months. 22 cases (73 individuals) received one-time urgent cash assistance of 100 JDs over the last week. **WASH:** Implementation of the waste management awareness campaign continues as well as sanitation awareness campaign to all residents on a daily basis. ACTED continues to provide wash services on the site and no shortage of water is observed. **Education:** The number of Syrian children attending public schools in Jordan has reached more than 7,300. UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Education to provide these children with free access to education. **Syria**

Regional Response Plan (RRP) Revision: During the reporting period, sector working groups at Amman level have facilitated the review of the progress made against initial RRP targets, and have revised RRP programmes until end of December 2012, with the new population planning figure of 70,000 individuals. Close to 50 UN agencies and NGOs were involved in this process.

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in Jordan



Coordination/External Relations

Refugees International (RI) visited the refugee sites in Jordan. Upon completion of their field mission, RI statements in the media underlined the difficult access for humanitarian workers to dispersed refugees, the high number of Syrian families in need of financial assistance, facing risk of eviction and the need of funding against the Syria Regional Response Plan (RRP). Refugees International, DFID and German Parliamentarians were received at Syrian-refugee hosting sites in Jordan and briefed on the situation of the Syrian asylum-seekers. Working alongside the Government of Jordan, including the relevant Ministries and municipalities where large numbers of Syrians are hosted, UNHCR has worked to ensure a consolidated and coordinated Inter-Agency response, engaging fellow UN agencies and local and international non-governmental partners. UNHCR teams hold regular inter-agency meetings on a bi-weekly basis at the central level in Amman, along with regular sector working group meetings, and field coordination meetings at the field level, including in Ramtha, Mafraq, Zarqa and Ma'an. In addition, a monthly Inter-Agency briefing for donors and operational partners is facilitated in Amman by UNHCR Jordan.

III. LEBANON



Highlights:

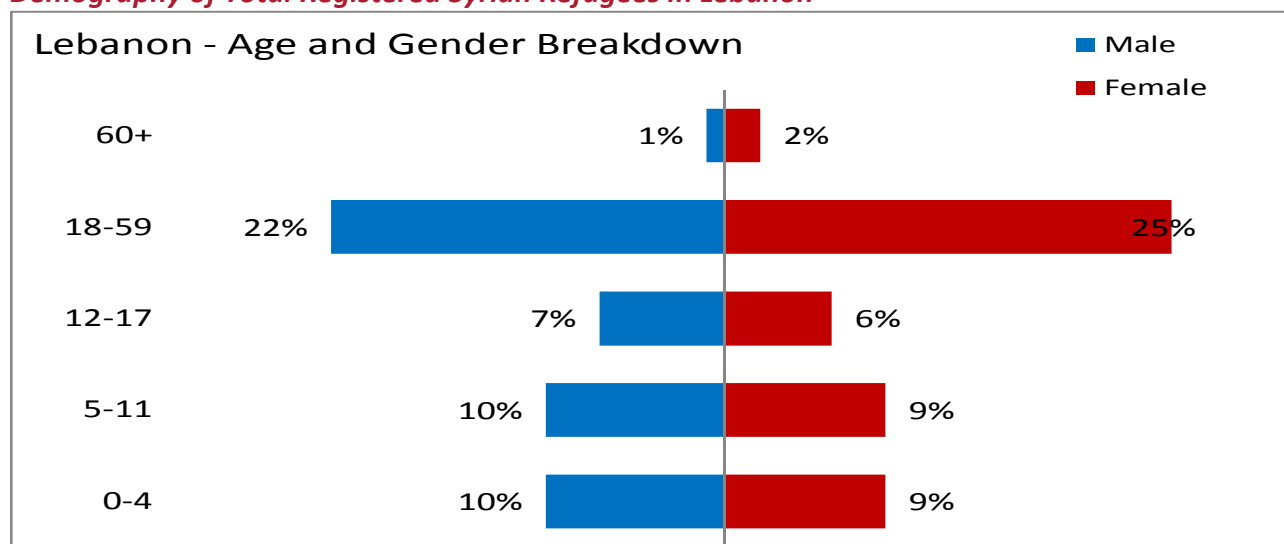
- Some 28,702 Syrian refugees are being assisted throughout the country. 20,702 have been jointly registered by UNHCR and Lebanon's High Relief Commission (HRC) in the North. UNHCR and partners are assisting an additional 3,000 Syrian refugees in Tripoli and 5000 in Bekaa, who are pending registration.
- UNHCR, HRC and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) started the first centralized distribution initiative through the house of the Rama village mukhtar Ali Badawi.

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Protection/Numbers

In North Lebanon, UNHCR and the HRC started the first onsite centralized registration at the Bire (Akkar) Social Development Center (SDC) of the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), where over 100 persons were registered the first day. Additionally, the provision of registration certificates to all displaced Syrians families that have registered with UNHCR and the HRC commenced. Some 260 registered families received UNHCR registration certificates. Registration in Central Bekaa was extended as displaced families continued to approach UNHCR registration centers.

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in Lebanon



Assistance/Outreach

Food and NFIs: Due to the insecurity in Tripoli, distribution and assistance have been disrupted. However, UNHCR reached an agreement with Muslim Aid to distribute up to a 1,000 food, hygiene and baby kits to displaced Syrians in accessible areas in Tripoli. Out of the total of 4,524 people (754 families) registered in over 20 villages in Wadi Khaled, 3,996 people (666 families) received 666 food kits, 666 hygiene kits and 257 baby kits. Save the Children also provided 107 hygiene kits for families with more than seven members. **Shelter:** In the Bekaa Valley, basic shelter rehabilitation began in seven new houses in Aarsal, two in Saadnayel and two in Fakeha, including installation of windows, doors, toilets, water tanks and roofing where necessary.

Health: International Medical Corps (IMC) set up a case management team composed of a psychologist and a social worker to provide house-to-house primary healthcare support to displaced Syrians in Berkeyel, Halba and surrounding villages in the North. IMC, together with the World Health Organization (WHO) have developed a plan to procure chronic medication to some of the IMC-supported primary healthcare centers in the North. **Education:** Concerns over the security situation in the North continue to impact class attendance. Nonetheless, over 540 children registered in remedial classes this week, 385 of whom are Syrians and 155 of whom are Lebanese.

Coordination

Working alongside the Government of Lebanon, notably the High Relief Commission, the Ministry of Social Affairs and municipalities, UNHCR has worked to ensure a consolidated and coordinated inter-agency response, engaging fellow UN agencies and local and international non-governmental partners. UNHCR teams hold regular inter-agency sector-based meetings on a bi-weekly basis at the central level in Beirut, and at the field level in the North and in the Bekaa.

IV. IRAQ

Highlights

- UNHCR registered a total 4,941 individual Syrian refugees, and 465 Syrian persons await registration.
- A UN Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) to Domiz camp is planned for the 20th of June.



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Protection/Numbers

Among the registered persons all over the Kurdistan region, 30 are unaccompanied minors and separated children under the age of 18, of which 6 are single females living with other families. Duhok remains host to the largest number of Syrian new arrivals, with 3,519 individuals, followed by Erbil with 791 individuals and then Suleimaniya with 239 individuals. An estimated 20 to 25 families and 100 to 120 singles continue to enter Dohuk Governorate and approach DDM and UNHCR for registration on a weekly basis. In Erbil, some 2 families and 30 singles approach UNHCR for registration weekly. The camp population totals 1,238 persons, including 1,098 individuals in family composition and 140 singles, while 450 singles continue to live in a mosque nearby the camp. Out of the 4,941 registered individuals, 24% are females, 77% are males, and 59% are single males, with the remaining made up mostly of head of families.

On the 5th of June 2012, the Ministry of Interior issued a Ministerial Note authorizing the residency directorate in Dohuk to grant temporary residence for 6 months to Syrians living in Domiz camp; issuance of residency cards began on the 10th of June.

Assistance/Outreach

Shelter and Infrastructure: 254 tents were set up in Domiz camp in the families' section and 35 tents in the Singles' section. The singles continue to report the need to be provided with electricity, latrines and bathrooms. The remaining singles in the mosque and in big tents seek relocation to smaller tents as well as assistance. Casting foundations for 124 individual cooking areas and 75 roofs have been completed. UNHCR and IOM have distributed NFIs packages to 140 singles living in 35 small tents, while Qandil has distributed garbage containers. **Health:** Daily healthcare services are provided through the medical unit established in the camp by the Department of Health (DoH). The average number of cases screened by the Medical Unit continues to be 40 -50 cases per day. **WASH:** Fayda Water Department continues the provision of an average 90,000 litres of potable water by tankers on daily basis. DoH is distributing chloride tablets for family water storage tanks every three days. Fayda Municipality continues garbage collection in Domiz camp.

Nutrition: DDM continues the provision of three hot meals a day to the single males, while providing dry food rations to the families. WFP is considering the provision of food rations to the population in Domiz as of July, while assessing the situation of other Syrians in preparation for distribution of food vouchers.

Education: Several steps have been taken to secure education for 175 school-aged children during summer time. UNICEF is deploying efforts to secure the text books and the curriculum from Syria and teachers were selected from among the refugee population. ACTED is running a child-friendly space in the camp and has registered the children in preparation of various activities planned to take place in the camp.

Coordination

On the 9th of June, the fourth Inter-Agency coordination meeting with UN agencies and operational partners on the Syria Situation was held. The meeting, coordinated by UNHCR, was an opportunity to be updated on working groups' efforts as part of the Syrian Response. The event was also used to initiate the launch of the Regional Response Plan for the Syrian Situation (RRP) revision process. Guidelines, process and formats for the RRP were agreed on and shared. In follow up, sector working groups have reviewed the progress made against initial RRP targets and revised the RRP programmes until the end of December, based on a population figure of 10,000 individuals. On the 10th of June, a coordination meeting was held in Dohuk at the Governor's office. The meeting aimed at seeking ways to improve electrical installation and power supply at Domiz camp, as well as replacement of the water tinkering with water supply in the camp.

V. TURKEY

Highlights

- The overall number of Syrian refugees in Turkey now stands at 28,139 persons.

Protection/Numbers

A sizeable increase of Syrian refugees crossing the border was observed during the last week as the Syrian refugee population increased to 28,139 persons, reportedly due to fears of insecurity from their areas of origin.

Newly arrived persons are being transferred to the Ceylanpinar Camp in Sanliurfa and the current population of the camp has reached 4,946 persons since the capacity of the camps in Kilis and Gaziantep is almost full. Syrian refugees in Turkey are assisted by the Turkish Red Crescent Society in the border provinces of Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis and Sanliurfa.

Syrian refugees in Turkey by region as of 12 June 2012:

- Hatay population¹: 6,949 individuals
- Gaziantep population in Islahiye²: 5,649 individuals
- Kilis population in Oncupinar container site: 10,445 individuals
- Sanliurfa population in Ceylanpinar: 4,946 individuals

¹: The population of the Kuyubasi/Karbeyaz, Yayladagi 2 (YIBO), Altinozu I (TEKEL) and Reyhanli camps in Hatay was moved to Islahiye camp in Gaziantep and to Oncupinar container site in Kilis.



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Assistance/Outreach

NFIs and Food: The Government of Turkey and the Turkish Red Crescent Society continue to provide assistance to Syrian refugees registered in their camps. **Education:** Reportedly 4,251 children in Kilis, Oncupinar Container Site, 805 in Hatay and 600 in Gaziantep, Islahiye Camps are receiving education.

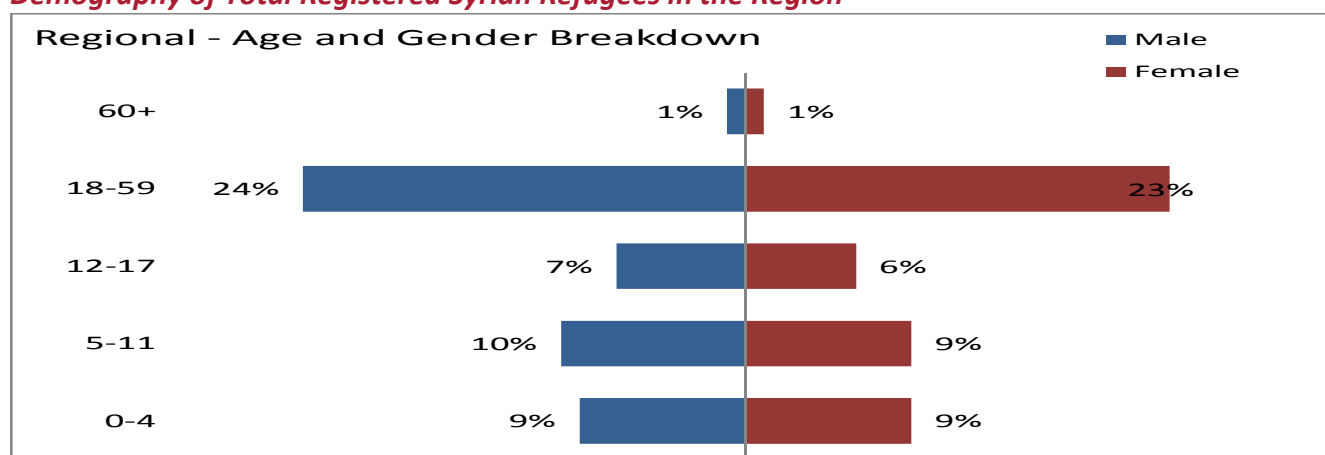
VI. STATISTICS

Statistics on Syrian Refugees in the Region

No. of Syrian Refugees	JORDAN	LEBANON	IRAQ	TURKEY	TOTALS
Registered and Assisted	24,151	20,702	4,941	28,139	77,933
Assisted (awaiting registration)	-	8,000	465	-	8,465**
TOTALS	24,151*	28,702	5,406	28,139	86,398

*An additional 500 persons are awaiting registration while some 30 - 50,000 have been identified by local organizations as in need of assistance, some of whom have been registered by UNHCR. **Figures are based on estimates and thus might vary.

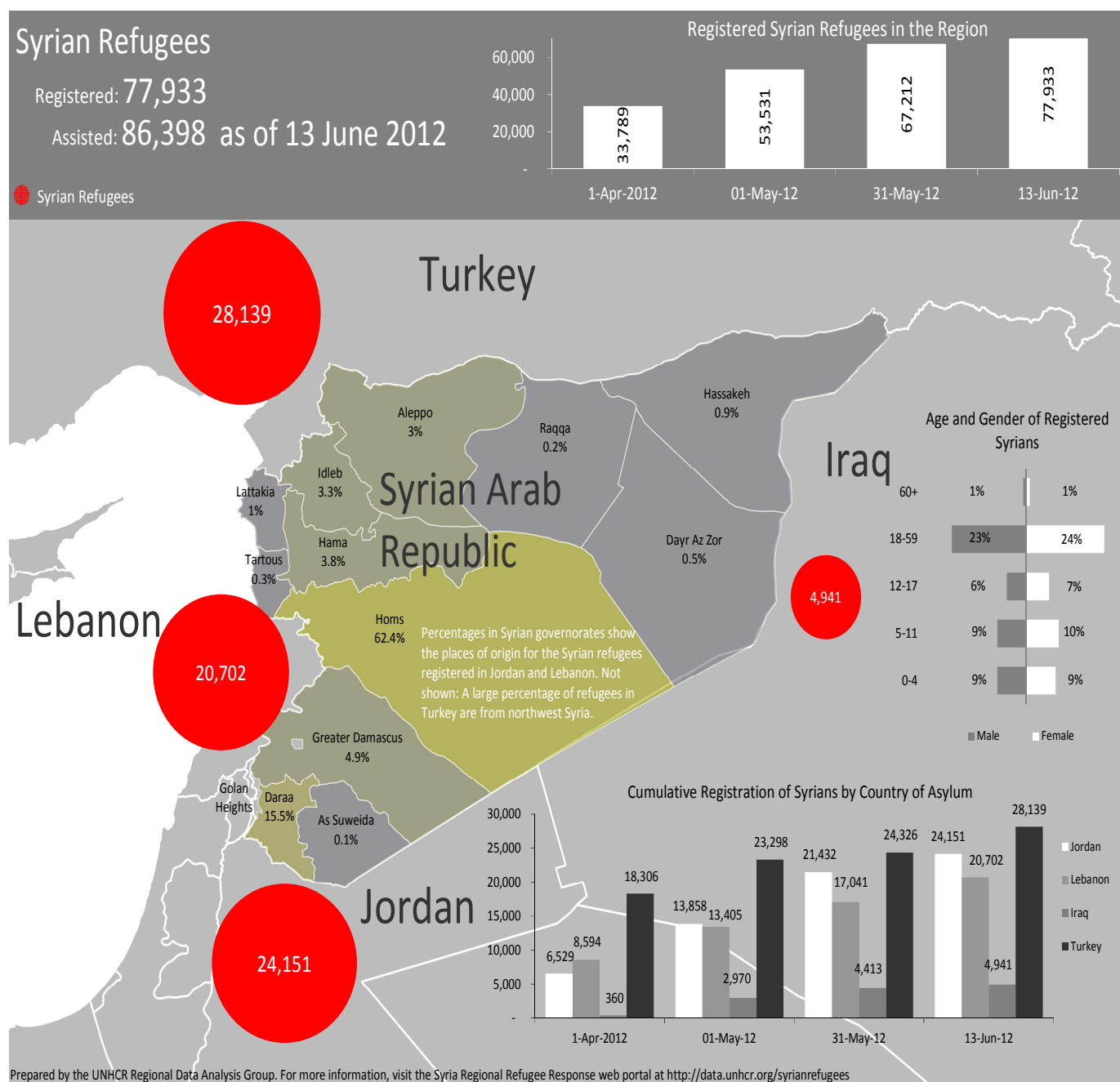
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Funding: The funding overview for the RRP is provided once a month on the Syria Regional Refugee Response Update of the last week of the month. The last updated overview was provided in Update No. 6 of 24th May where the RRP was funded at the level of 36%. For more details please go to <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>. The next funding update will be provided in the next Syria Regional Refugee Response weekly Update on 21 June 2012.

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Individual Country Situation Reports are also available on <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>



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