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Syria Regional Refugee Response

Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey

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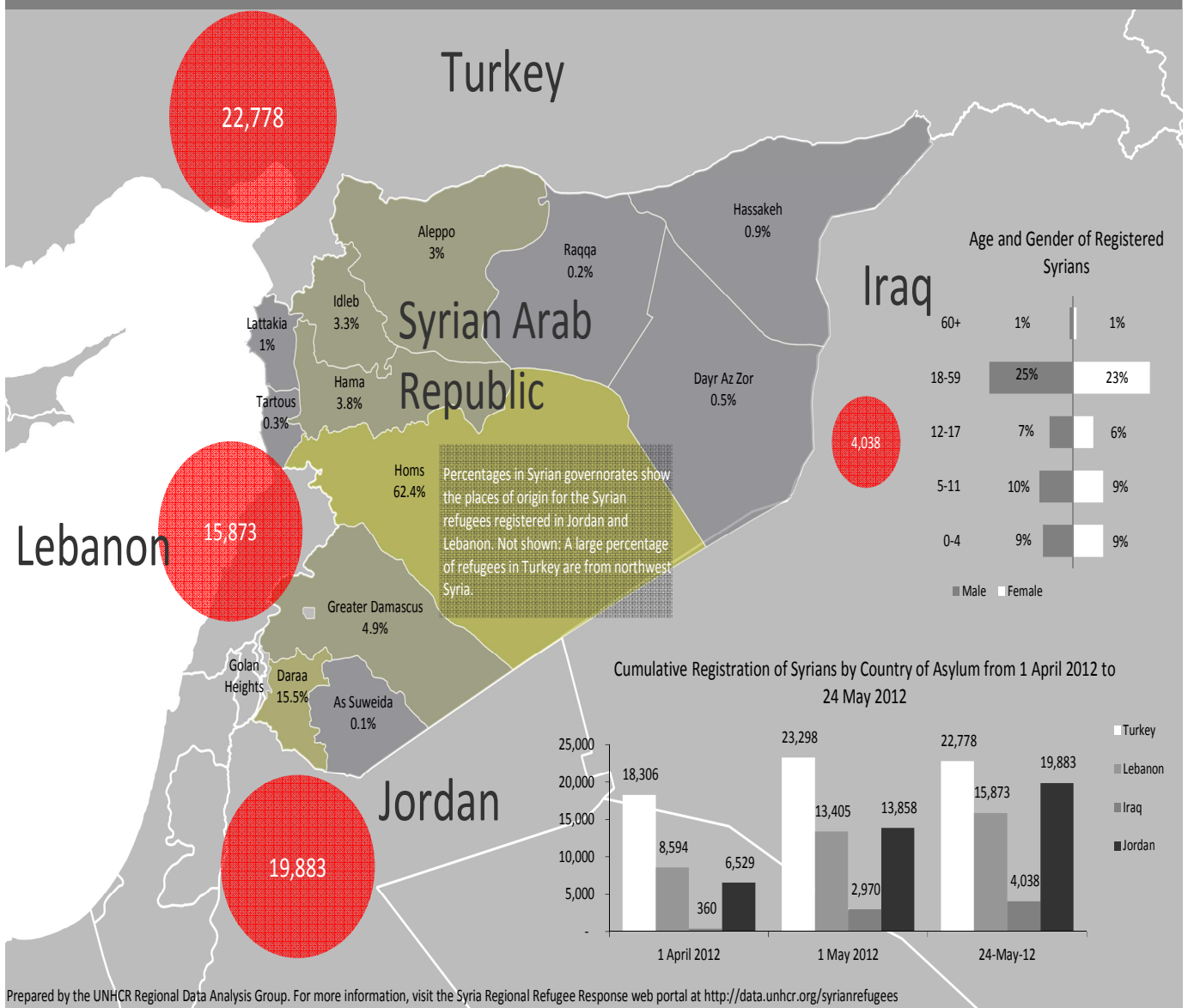
This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations and its partners' response to the influx of Syrian refugees into Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. The response is led by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and is undertaken in full coordination with host Governments. This report covers the period from 16 to 24 May 2012. The next update will be issued on Thursday, 31 May 2012.

Registered Syrian Refugees: 62,572 as of 24 May 2012

Registered Syrian Refugees Almost Doubled in Less than 2 Months



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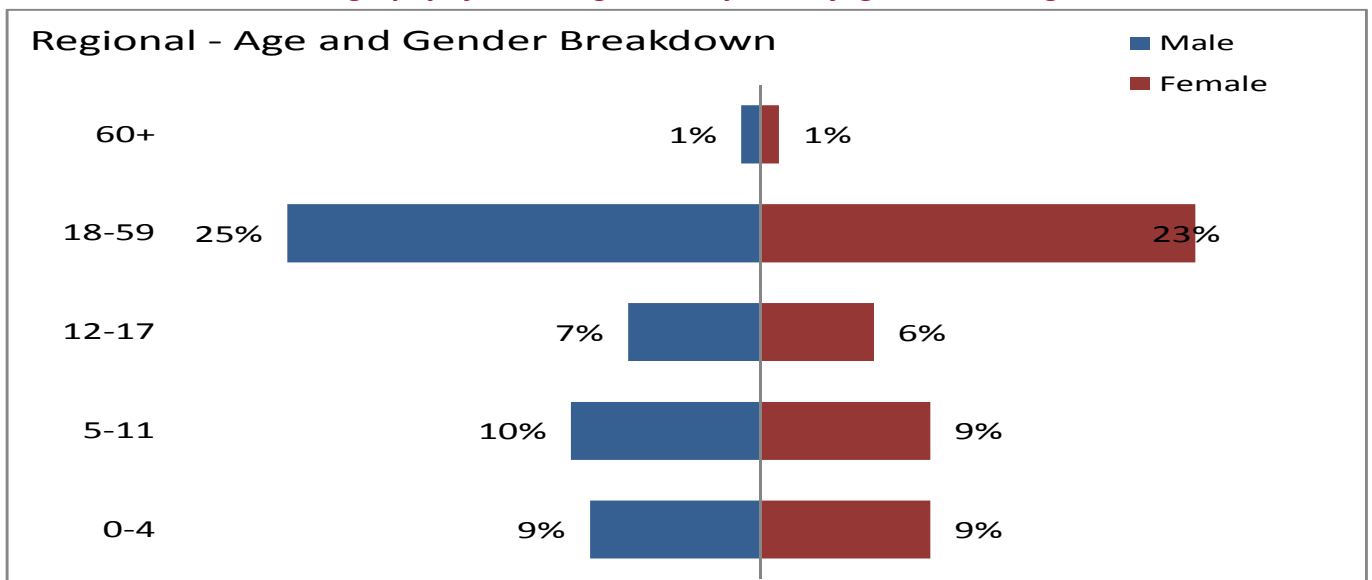


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HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of assisted Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey has reached 73,315 persons this week. This marks an increase of 3,288 persons from the previous week. The total number of Syrian refugees registered in these countries currently stands at 62,572 persons.
- 62.4% of Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon originate from Homs and 15.5% from Daraa. The vast majority of Syrian refugees in Turkey originate from Idleb.
- As per the table below 74% of the total registered Syrian refugees in the neighbouring countries are women and children, and 26% are males above the age of 18.
- The Jordanian Ministry of Health has pledged to provide free access to public healthcare centers to registered Syrian refugees in the country.
- An education rapid assessment conducted by UNICEF in North Lebanon shows that dropout rates might be as high as 50% amongst Syrian refugee-enrolled children in the Wadi Khaled area of Akkar.
- Working Groups for coordinating response and assistance to Syrian arrivals in Iraq have been initiated.
- Arabic reading and writing courses are now being provided for Syrian refugees in the Ceylanpinar Tent Site in Turkey.

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in the Region



II. JORDAN

Highlights

- The total number of Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR stands at 19,011. They are primarily located in the cities of Amman, Ramtha, Mafraq, Irbid, Zarqa and Ma'an.
- An additional 2,500 persons are awaiting registration and some 30,000 have been identified by local organisations as in need of assistance, some of whom have been registered by UNHCR.
- The arrival rate of Syrian asylum seekers in the Bashabsheh transit site averaged over 200 persons per day (in comparison with 100 arrivals per day over the previous weeks). Should such an arrival rate sustain, the existing three sites (Bashabsheh, Stadium and Cyber City) would be full within two days.



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Protection/Numbers

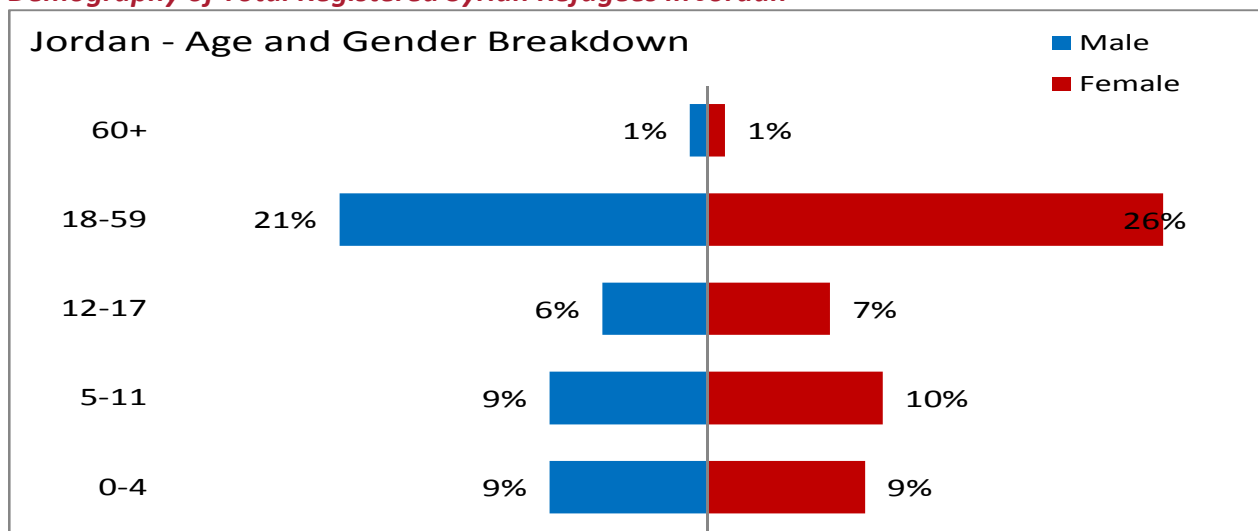
- UNHCR has registered on average 334 individuals per day in Amman and 52 on average per day in Ramtha.
- 34.98% of those who registered in Amman stay in Amman, 28.14% in Irbid, 12.72% in Zarqa, 16.22% in Mafraq, and the rest in various other locations in Jordan.
- Gender balance percentages remain the same in Amman with 53% of those registered being male, and 47% female. In Ramtha, a 5% increase of females and a corresponding decrease for males was reported as compared to last week.
- 4 trainings were conducted which addressed Syrian arrivals on a number of protection issues.

Assistance/Outreach

Transit Sites in Ramtha: Following the signature of the sub-agreement with the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation (JHCO) on 14 May, JHCO and UNHCR have initiated the second phase construction of the King Abdullah Park container site. Based on a site plan prepared by UNHCR, 80 containers will be put in place to host some 800 individuals. In Cyber City, the Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS) has distributed food and NFIs over the last 10 days. **Nutrition:** Following a meeting with WFP, it was agreed that UNHCR will continue to provide complementary food packs until beginning of July. WFP is currently providing one hot meal in Bashabsheh as well as in Cyber City, while it will shift to dry food rations for families in Cyber City once the cooking arrangement are set-up. UNHCR has revised the current food package to adapt to this new situation. 600 complementary individual food packs were sent to Bashabsheh and Cyber City so far. WFP continued its distribution of food rations (rice, pulses, vegetable oil and sugar) via its partners, the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) and the Jordanian Red Crescent (JRC), to 25,000 Syrians who are living in host communities. Over 38 mt of food have been distributed so far reaching 4,235 beneficiaries. **Health:** The Ministry of Health has pledged to provide free access to public healthcare centers to registered Syrian refugees in Jordan. Health services were provided to 201 unique patients during the reporting period. All services were out-patient and were mainly provided by JHAS Ramtha Clinic (89), Mafraq clinic (38) and the Mobile Medical Unit (70). **NFIs:** UNHCR, NGO and UN partners agreed on the standard NFI kits (family, single, hygiene, etc.) to be used for distributions. In Bashabsheh, NFIs continued being distributed to the new arrivals during their two to three-day stay at the transit center. **WASH:** UNICEF continues to provide Syrian refugees with safe drinking water supplies and sanitation and hygiene services at Bashebshe, Cyber City and Stadium transit facilities. International Relief and Development (IRD) is currently assessing and implementing Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) in the North. Under one QIP, 116 garbage bins were procured and delivered to Ramtha Governorate to improve waste management. **Education:** UNICEF has completed joint monitoring visits with the Ministry of Education to 17 public schools with high numbers of Syrian students in Amman, Ramtha, Irbid, Rusaifa and Zarqa, to identify key challenges faced by the Ministry and host communities. To date, UNICEF has assisted a total of more than 1,600 vulnerable Syrian children and family members with psychosocial support and remedial education and some 4,700 Syrian children with information about school enrolment and

necessary follow-up. 1,500 of them have been registered with the support of UNICEF and Save the Children Jordan. Noor al-Hussein Foundation is providing psychosocial support and remedial education to Syrian refugee children in the Cyber City transit facility in Ramtha.

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in Jordan



Coordination

The first WASH Working Group meeting led by UNICEF took place in Ramtha on 16 May. UNHCR has compiled a comprehensive contact list for the UNCT of all actors involved in the Syria situation response, by operational area and by coordination structure.

III. LEBANON



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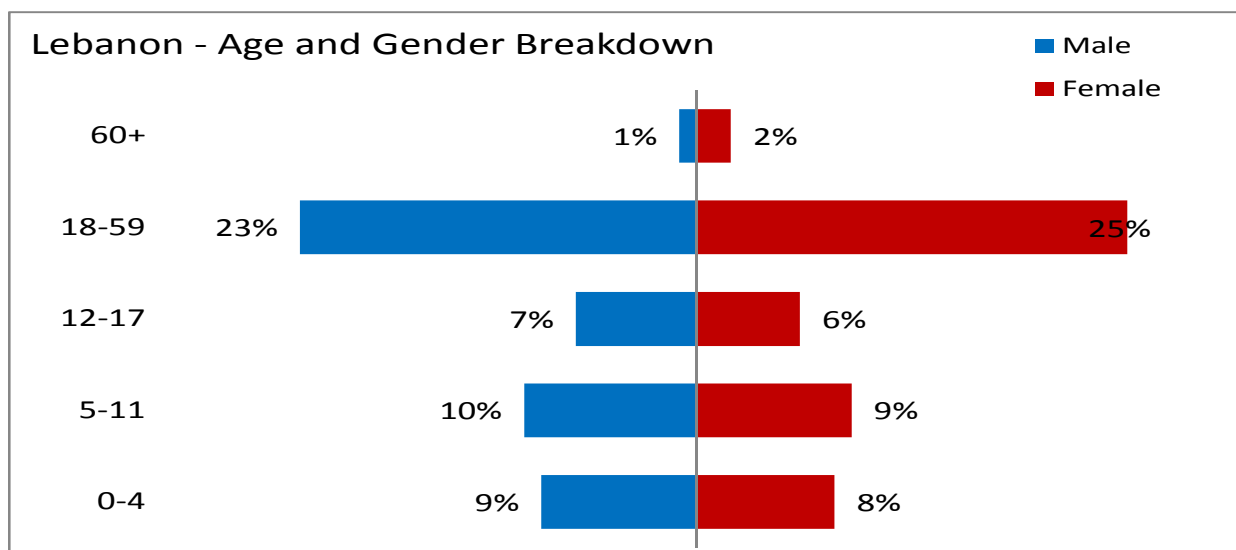
Highlights:

- UNHCR and partners are working with the Government, local authorities and international and national partners assisting some 25,966 Syrian refugees throughout the country. More than half of them, 15,466 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 7,500 in Bekaa, who are pending registration.
- ACTED, has started a gap needs assessment in North Lebanon to determine the most vulnerable communities including Syrian refugees and host populations.

Protection/Numbers

The ongoing insecurity in Tripoli has impeded the movement between Tripoli and Akkar field locations. Nevertheless, agencies maintained essential services for beneficiaries in Akkar as Tripoli was considered insecure. Registration in the North was also disrupted by the events in Tripoli but continued in Akkar where 590 persons were registered. Registration in Aarsal ended last week with 1,415 persons (316 families) registered, the majority of whom are under 18 years of age. An information campaign to raise awareness on the registration process began in Central Bekaa where registration is scheduled to take place in Saadnayel, Bar Elias, Majdal Anjar, Zahle, and Chtoura.

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in Lebanon



Assistance/Outreach

Distribution: The security situation in Tripoli forced the temporary suspension of distribution of food and core-relief items. Some 1,080 displaced Syrians living in Aarsal and El-Ain in the Bekaa Valley received food, hygiene and baby kits over the past week. WFP will distribute food parcels for 7,000 beneficiaries for the month of June in the North through the implementing partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC). During that period WFP jointly with UNHCR will negotiate with the HRC to ensure a smooth transition to voucher modality for July cycle. **Shelter:** An additional 25 unfinished houses in Wadi Khaled were identified as potential residences for some 625 Syrian refugees. The rehabilitation of 18 small collective shelters, each with the capacity to house 3-4 families, was completed last week in Aarsal. 51 more dwellings are in line for renovation. **Education:** A hotline was established for receiving calls from Syrian refugees with questions about education assistance. UNICEF Lebanon completed an education rapid assessment in the North and is currently undertaking an assessment in the Bekaa. The preliminary findings from the North suggest that dropout rates might be as high as 50% amongst the Syrian enrolled children in the Wadi Khaled area of Akkar. The findings also highlighted issues such as lack of transportation, high discrimination against the Syrian students, language barriers (mainly French), and most importantly the non-attendance of school of children aged 15-18. **Health:** Home visits, community awareness sessions and case management services in Tripoli were interrupted due to the ongoing clashes. Referral of urgent medical cases and hospital monitoring continued. There were no reports of Syrian refugees injured in the clashes in Tripoli. In Akkar, vaccinations were provided through the primary health care centers and mobile medical units. The recent registration exercise in Aarsal in the Bekaa Valley, revealed a large number of cases in need of primary and secondary healthcare services. Outreach workers were in turn trained on counseling the Syrian refugees about healthcare services available and the referral mechanism in place. **WASH:** Water tank distribution and water trucking (a house-to-house delivery of water) began in Aarsal, particularly targeting collective shelters that are not connected to existing water networks. UNICEF will partner with DRC in the coming weeks for the distribution of baby/new-born hygiene kits, jerry cans and buckets.

Coordination

Summer preparedness and contingency planning continue to be a priority in the WASH coordination group meetings. Inter-Agency Coordination meetings take place every 2 weeks in Beirut, Quobayat and Bekaa. Sectoral meetings (Distribution, Health, Education, Protection, Shelter, and WASH) are also taking place twice a month in Quobayat and Bekaa.

IV. IRAQ

Highlights

- UNHCR registered a total 4,038 individual Syrian refugees, and 243 Syrian persons await registration.
- Dohuk remains host to the largest number of Syrian new arrivals, with 3,215 individuals, followed by Erbil with 698 individuals and then Sulaymaniyah with 125 individuals.
- Class room cabins have been provided by UNHCR for start of education activities.



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Protection/Numbers

Among the 4,038 registered Syrian refugees are 427 families comprising 1,711 individuals, and 2,327 singles. An estimated 10 to 15 families and 30 to 40 singles enter the Dohuk Governorate on a weekly basis, representing a decreasing trend in the number of new arrivals from Syria. In Erbil, some 2 families and 20 singles approach UNHCR for registration weekly. There are 30 unaccompanied minors under the age of 18 amongst the registered refugees, six of which are single females living with other families.

Assistance/Outreach

Shelter and Infrastructure: The Municipality of Fayda completed the work on site for the expansion of both the families and the singles sections in Domiz camp. 254 tents with foundations were installed in the camp in the families' section and 31 tents will be installed for the singles on the side allocated for them.

Some 180 families have been accommodated in the camp so far. **Health:** Department of Health (DoH) staff continued to provide health services in the new camp, with two doctors, including a female doctor, visiting every week. 40 – 50 cases per day are screened on average by the Medical Unit. The tests came out negative regarding the two identified suspected cases of TB in the camp. The Health Working Group (WG) has been established, co-chaired by UNHCR, WHO and DoH.

WASH: Fayda Water Department continues the provision of 90,000 litres of potable water by tankers per day. Garbage collection by Fayda Municipality also continues. Some 21 water containers were received from Erbil to be distributed to families and singles.

Nutrition: The Department of Displacement and Migration (DDM) in Dohuk continues the provision of three daily meals to Syrian singles in Domiz camp. The WG on food and nutrition will meet with the co-lead of WFP and agree on an alternative solution to address the gap. **Education/Children:** An Education/Child Protection sub-working group has been established. UNICEF will start activities with children, and UNHCR will provide space for child friendly activities. UNHCR and the Department of Education (DoE) organized a meeting to discuss the DoE plan of action and clarified education requirements for the school enrolment of around 175 new-arrival school-age children in the camp. Barzani Charity Foundations distributed school bags, copy books, drawing books, coloured pencils, hand purses, pencils, rulers, erasers, and pencil sharpener to some 136 students in Domiz camp.

Coordination

As follow-up to the inter-agency meeting with relevant governmental departments, diplomatic missions, NGOs and UN agencies held on 13th of May, a process has been initiated for establishing sub-sector Working Groups for coordinating response and assistance to the Syrian arrivals. The WGs have been established on food, nutrition, education, health, water and sanitation, shelter and protection/community services. The WGs will be co-lead by UNHCR and the relevant UN sector lead Agency with technical expertise and mandate in the sector as well as the relevant governmental structure and I/NGOs.

V. TURKEY

Highlights

- The overall number of Syrian refugees in Turkey now stands at 22,778 persons.
- During the last week there have been 681 Syrian-refugee arrivals and 442 Syrian-refugee returns.



Islahiye refugee camp in Gaziantep/The Daily Star-Lebanon/2012

Protection/Numbers

UNHCR observes voluntary return proceedings of Syrian nationals having received protection under the temporary protection of the Government of Turkey. A new registration system is in use in Kilis and the Camp ID Cards will be renewed with fingerprints recorded in a chip that will prevent duplicated registration and/or assistance. The re-registration procedure is also underway. Officials have mentioned that with the new registration system, the Camp ID cards will contain information on individuals' assistance, aid distribution, and health and education status. 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 18 May 2012: Hatay¹: 6,518 refugees; Gaziantep in Islahiye²: 6,345 refugees; Kilis in Oncupinar container site: 9,208 refugees; Sanliurfa in Ceylanpinar: 668 refugees.

Assistance/Outreach

Education: Turkish language and Arabic reading and writing courses are taking place in Ceylanpinar Tent Site in Sanliurfa. Kindergarten is also available for children in the camp. Preparations are ongoing to

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

provide computer courses and Internet connectivity will soon be available for Syrian refugees. **NFIs and Food:** The Government of Turkey and the Turkish Red Crescent Society continue to provide assistance to Syrian refugees registered in their camps.

Coordination

A request from the Turkey UNCT for funding from the Rapid Response window of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) was approved for NFIs assistance to UNHCR, IOM and UNICEF.

VI. STATISTICS

Statistics on Syrian Refugees in the Region

No. of Syrian Refugees	JORDAN	LEBANON	IRAQ	TURKEY	TOTALS
Registered and Assisted	19,883	15,873	4,038	22,778	62,572
Assisted (awaiting registration)	-	10,500	243	-	10,743**
TOTALS	19,883*	26,373	4,281	22,778	73,315

*An additional 2,500 persons are awaiting registration while some 30,000 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.

VII. FUNDING

Organization	Total requirements	Received funding					Regional funding to RRP	Total received	% funded
		Jordan	Lebanon	Turkey	Iraq				
<i>Multi-country - appealing organizations</i>									
International Medical Corps (IMC)	\$600,000*	\$1,500,000	\$1,700,000				\$127,359	\$3,327,359	n/a
International Relief and Development (IRD)	\$1,075,000	n/a	n/a					n/a	n/a
IOM	\$2,880,000	\$0	\$0	\$462,240	\$0			\$462,240	16%
Mercy Corps	\$1,004,500	n/a	n/a					n/a	n/a
Save the Children	\$4,005,000	\$262,000	n/a					\$262,000	7%
UNESCO	\$2,125,933	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
UNFPA	\$3,070,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
UNHCR	\$29,484,870	\$1,578,021	\$1,405,308	\$2,118,303	\$0	\$10,012,425		\$15,114,057	51%
UNICEF	\$7,416,000**	\$1,506,378	\$901,369	\$406,061	\$0	\$1,368,277		\$4,182,084	56%
WFP	\$10,500,000	\$1,268,494	\$1,781,987	\$0		\$252,926		\$3,303,407	31%
WHO	\$1,917,000	\$0	\$0	\$0				\$0	0%
<i>Jordan only - appealing organizations</i>									
ACTED	\$299,800	\$0						\$0	0%
AVSI	\$240,000	n/a						n/a	n/a
Care International	\$280,000	\$0						\$0	0%
Caritas	\$500,000	n/a						n/a	n/a
Center for Victims of Torture (CVT)	\$250,000	\$0						\$0	0%
International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)	\$250,000	\$20,000						\$20,000	8%
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	\$269,035	n/a						n/a	n/a
Jordan Hashemite Charity Organizational (JHCO)	\$7,222,500	\$0						\$0	0%
Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS)	\$900,000	\$0						\$0	0%
Jordan Women Union-Un Ponte Per (JWU-UPP)	\$285,000	\$21,800						\$21,800	8%
Legal Aid	\$30,000	\$0						\$0	0%
<i>Lebanon only - appealing organizations</i>									
Action Contra la Faim (ACF)	\$200,000		\$161,500					\$161,500	81%
Amel	\$802,000		\$521,975					\$521,975	65%
Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC)	\$746,550		\$200,000					n/a	n/a
Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli	\$1,800,000		\$0					\$0	0%
Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	\$645,000		\$296,000					\$296,000	46%
Handicap international	\$250,000		n/a					n/a	n/a
Islamic Relief (IR)	\$1,090,000		\$400,000					\$400,000	37%
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	\$2,550,000		\$2,083,542					\$2,083,542	82%
Première Urgence (PU)	\$516,000		\$0					\$0	0%
Terre des Hommes	\$210,000		\$35,000					\$35,000	17%
War Child Holland	\$195,000		\$112,988					\$112,988	58%
World Vision	\$910,000		\$385,000					\$385,000	42%
Grand Total	\$84,519,188							\$30,688,952	36%

*The Syria Regional Response Plan, which was launched on 23rd March 2012 with a requirement of some USD 84.5 million, is now funded at 36% as per the above table.

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