



SYRIAN REFUGEES

INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL UPDATE

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KEY FIGURES

3.2 million

Syrian refugees have fled to neighbouring countries and North Africa

1.8 million

Refugees and vulnerable members of impacted communities are receiving food assistance in 2014

1.2 million

People have been provided with access to safe drinking water in 2014

795,000

People have benefited from shelter assistance in camp and non-camp settings in 2014

700,000

People have benefited from the distribution of basic household and core relief items in 2014

FUNDING

USD 3.7 billion

requested for the situation

Gap
49%



Funded
51%

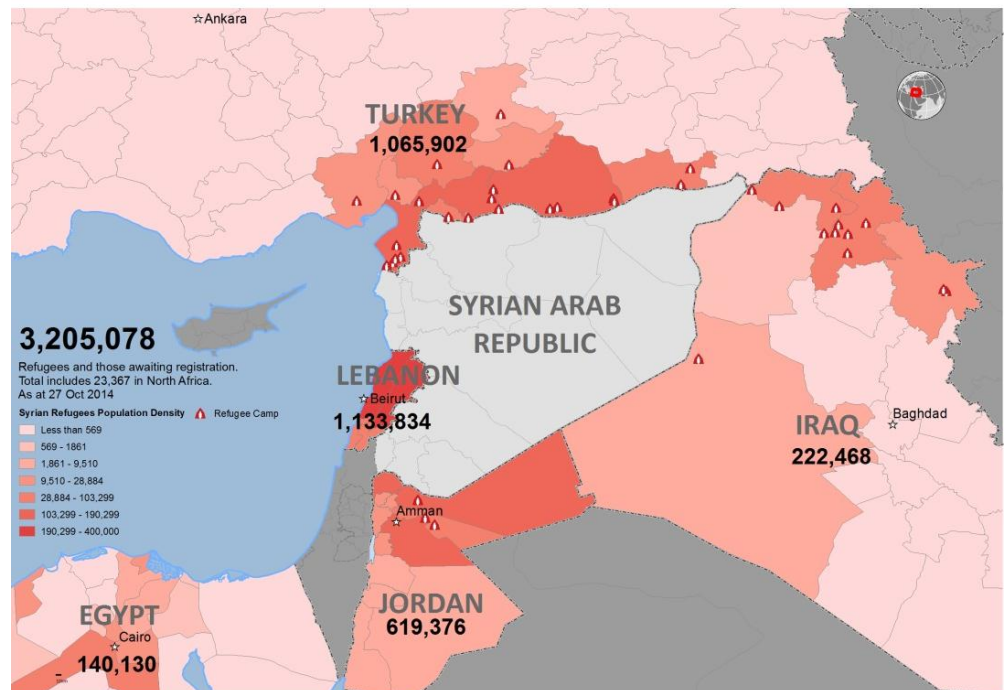
PRIORITIES

- 2015-2016 planning
- Winterization for 1.5 million vulnerable refugees including the distribution/ replacement of winter relief items, upgrades to shelter and seasonal cash allowances

HIGHLIGHTS

- An escalation of conflict in northern Syria has resulted in renewed waves of Syrian refugee arrivals in **Turkey** and **Iraq**. Of the over 190,000 Syrian refugees who have crossed into Turkey since 19 September, some 13,000 have continued their journey into Iraq's northern Kurdistan region (KR-I), the majority entering through the Ibrahim Khalil border checkpoint between Turkey and the KR-I's Dohuk governorate.
- On 24 October the Government of **Lebanon** formally adopted a plan which calls for the implementation of certain measures, including to restrict the entry of Syrian refugees to Lebanon. This latter policy has been in effect for several weeks, resulting in a substantive reduction in the number of Syrian refugees approaching UNHCR for registration.
- Donor generosity has helped WFP avoid anticipated cuts to food assistance during October. However, WFP still faces a time-critical shortfall in its regional operations from November onwards. The number of Syrian refugees supported with essential food assistance and supplementary programmes will be significantly limited just before winter should additional contributions not be forthcoming.

A total of **3.2 million** people of concern



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

As insecurity and violence continue to cause displacement within Syria and across the region, more than 90,000 Syrians have been registered on average each month this year in countries in the regional refugee response.

Humanitarian needs remain enormous. Government services and local communal services are under strain due to the increased demand, impacting service quality for both refugees and nationals, and threatening social cohesion.

Further, since 19 September, the Government of Turkey is leading the response to more than 190,000 new arrivals following an insurgency of the Islamic State in northern Syria. The UN and NGO partners on the ground are coordinating their response in the sectors of shelter, health, WASH, NFI and food throughout the Suruç region. It is estimated that 80,000 Syrians are in Suruç and its surroundings, with 3,900 sheltering at the District Boarding School (YIBO), and 1,200 currently at OnbirNisan (both locations are at full capacity). Key needs also remain unmet for refugees living with host communities, particularly for Non-Food Items.

The arrival of Syrian refugees into Jordan fell markedly in early October. The Government of Jordan continues to extend protection to Syrian refugees within the country, but is increasingly concerned of the potential security implications of the crises in neighbouring Iraq and Syria.

In the region, some 400,000 refugees are accommodated in refugee camps, and outside of camps, it is estimated that 38 per cent live in sub-standard shelter. With the forthcoming winter, the provision of winterization items to the most vulnerable is an ongoing concern for humanitarian and government actors. Winterization efforts are underway with the distribution of winterization kits and shelter rehabilitation and upgrades ongoing.

Over 150 agencies and aid groups, together with the governments of neighbouring countries, are working together to protect Syrian refugees and assist them with meeting their basic needs, improve access to education and medical care, and provide basic goods such as tents, food and safe WASH facilities.

Monthly sectoral dashboards are published on the [Syria Regional Response Data Portal](#), detailing sectoral priorities, achievements and needs by country and regionally.

Humanitarian partners project that there will be 3.59 million refugees by December 2014 and annual budget requirements of US\$ 3.74 billion, which remains 49 per cent unfunded. Donors have contributed more than \$4.1 billion to successive regional response plans since 2012. However, \$1.8 billion more is needed by the end of 2014 to meet the basic needs of vulnerable refugees, especially with the onset of harsher winter conditions.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Protection

LEBANON

- Some 4,200 persons benefited from legal assistance on regularization of legal status, birth registration, housing, marriage registration, personal status and general security concerns by UNHCR, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Makhzoumi Foundation, AJEM and partners. An additional 6,508 individuals took part in legal awareness sessions on the regularization process.
- UNICEF and humanitarian partners completed the training of medical staff on gender based violence (GBV) and clinical management of rape in twelve medical facilities across the country.

TURKEY

- In response to the latest refugee influx from Ain al-Arab (Kobane), UNICEF and the Ministry of Family and Social Policies are developing awareness sessions for Syrian families residing in temporary accommodation facilities in Suruç. The training will focus on the refugees' status and rights in Turkey, child protection, registration, hygiene and reproductive health.

JORDAN

- Since January, UNICEF and partners have reached 144,884 children (52 per cent girls) with psychosocial support services through a network of 132 child and adolescent friendly spaces and multi-activity centres in camps (63) and host communities (69). These interventions reached some 20,000 children in September.
- With the commencement of the 2014/2015 school year, UNICEF – with the Ministry of Education, Sharek Academy, and Save the Children – began rolling out two large-scale initiatives to end violence against children as part of the Ma’an Campaign towards violence-free schools. Double-shifted schools are targeted in a training of trainers program to build the capacity of principals, teachers, parents and students to reduce violence in schools and communities. The Tarbiyah Program, which aims to reinforce positive social behaviours among teachers and students, will also be scaled up.

IRAQ

- The regional ‘Paint Outside the Lines’ project is a UNICEF, ACTED collaboration with AptArt to increase the access Syrian refugee children have to creative and positive channels of expression. So far almost 250 children in Qushtapa, Kawergosk and Darashakran camps have contributed to completing five large scale pieces and four canvases. The programme will soon be implemented in Domiz camp.

EGYPT

- In 2014 to date, 4,652 Syrian boys and girls had access to psychosocial support services through nine Child Friendly Spaces.

Education

LEBANON

- It is estimated that 42 per cent of Syrians in Lebanon are school-aged children and more than 300,000 are out of school. On 18 October, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) issued a circular welcoming the enrolment of up to 100,000 Syrian children in the first shift in public schools. In line with their current funding levels, UNICEF and UNHCR have already committed to ensuring the enrolment for a minimum of 45,000 children while other education actors have pledged to fill the gap. UNICEF and UNHCR continue to be in discussion with MEHE on the scale and modalities of the second school shift.
- UNICEF is adopting Raspberry Pi computers as an affordable and innovative solution to support learning in numeracy, literacy and technology. The six-week Pi for Learning pilot programme was launched in mid-September to provide refugee children access to learning opportunities in non-formal education programmes. The pilot will benefit 150 children in Beirut, the South and the Bekaa.

TURKEY

- UNICEF with AFAD has begun the second phase of the school building project, with UNICEF funding the construction of 13 schools in nine provinces. Four schools are close to being finalized in Nizip, Islahiye, Osmaniye, and Akcakale.
- As part of the Back to School campaign, UNICEF has provided 107,030 school bags and stationery kits to 21 camp and five host community schools. UNICEF also provided school bags and 1,120 education sets to YIBO.

JORDAN

- The 2014/2015 school year started on 24 August and the “Back to School” campaign reached over 100,000 people in camps and host communities. Over 17,000 children were out of schools during the year 2013/2014. Enrolment records in camps show an increase compared to last year, with nearly 19,500 students attending school in three camps. Temporary learning spaces are set up in Zaatari to reduce overcrowding, textbooks and school supplies were distributed and UNICEF is working with the Ministry of Education (MoE) to recruit and train additional teachers. Enrolment is also being facilitated for new arrivals in Azraq. For host communities,

the MoE has not yet released enrolment figures. However, reports indicate high enrolment of Syrian students, waiting lists and a recommendation for expansion and double-shifting schools.

IRAQ

- As a result of UNICEF and partners' social mobilization and awareness campaigns, 14,555 children have enrolled in schools in refugee camps. Ongoing challenges include a lack of appropriate teaching and learning materials, and the financial difficulties faced by the local authorities in providing teachers' salaries, which have impacted on scaling up access to schools for Syrian refugees.
- In close cooperation with the KR-I MoE and the Department of Education of Erbil, UNICEF has organized a two-week pre-service teacher training in three refugee camp schools (Kawergosk, Basirma and Qushtapa). 124 teachers (63 males, 61 female) received training on child-centered methodologies and gained skills to improve lesson planning and conduct learning assessments.

EGYPT

- To support students that need remedial classes, video recording of selected lessons from the Egyptian curriculum taught by Syrian teachers was approved by the MoE, and lesson planning is underway.
- Community based kindergartens (KG) will continue for 310 Syrian boys and girls aged 3-5 years in the 2014/15 school year. Identification of NGOs to establish new KG classrooms for Syrian children is in progress and five NGOs in Cairo, Giza and Alexandria will establish 18 KGs and enroll 450 Syrian children for the current academic year. In addition, 30 KG classrooms were provided with furniture and educational materials.



In an effort to support his family, Syrian refugee Mahmoud helps out at a metalworking shop in New Damietta, Egypt. The 14-year-old has not attended school since his family arrived from the Damascus area a year and a half ago. UNHCR | S. Nelson



Food Security and Nutrition

LEBANON

- In light of continued tensions in Arsal, which have made the area inaccessible to WFP since July, e-card distributions to new beneficiaries have begun at a UNHCR registration site in Zahle, some 70 km from Arsal. Around 700 WFP e-cards have already been delivered - approximately half of all newly registered refugees. The cards enable WFP to deliver assistance to beneficiaries irrespective of access, as entitlements are automatically transferred each month and are redeemable in any WFP-contracted shop in Arsal.
- The Nutrition Sub-Working Group is working with the Ministry of Public Health to establish an inclusive work plan for nutrition, including preparedness for emergencies.

TURKEY

- Food support continues to be one of the priority needs identified as a result of the recent mass influx. WFP delivered the first batch of food assistance delivered to the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) in early October. The total planned WFP food assistance is sufficient for TRC to provide hot meals to 30,000 people for one month. Sub-governorate authorities, the Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality and the TRC are providing hot meals at two AFAD temporary accommodation centres. On 14 October 63,000 hot meals had been offered to 21,000 Syrian refugees. Several other actors are also providing food assistance in and around Suruç.
- WFP continues to assist all refugees living in 21 camps (approximately 220,000 people). Following the government's recent request for expansion of the programme to non-camp refugees, key food security actors have begun the development of robust targeting criteria to ensure that assistance reaches the most vulnerable refugees residing outside of camps.

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- WFP has begun targeting assistance for all non-camp refugees, based on vulnerability criteria defined in the Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise (CFSME). Excluded families – some 36,000 people (6.5 per cent of WFP's current caseload) – were notified in early October. A second stage of targeting is being devised and will soon be implemented. Overall, WFP estimates that 85 per cent of refugees living in non-camp settings will continue to be in need of food assistance.
- Following successful pilots in Zaatari and Azraq, e-cards are being rolled out to all beneficiary households in the two camps. In total, some 90,000 people are expected to be assisted through e-cards once the roll-out is completed this month in Azraq and early November in Zaatari.
- As part of their corporate social responsibility programmes, WFP's supermarket partners in Zaatari camp will distribute backpacks, school supplies and water bottles to 1,330 Jordanian and Syrian school children attending schools in villages surrounding Zaatari camp.

IRAQ

- Thus far, over 2,700 newly arrived refugees in Gawilan camp, Dohuk, have been assisted with individual food parcels. All other newly arrived refugees who were relocated to camps other than Gawilan will be assisted with WFP food parcels. Until the distribution of WFP assistance commences in these camps, newly arrived families are being assisted with ready-to-eat food by other food sector partners.

EGYPT

- Prior to the planned shift to vulnerability targeting, WFP and UNHCR, in partnership with Save the Children, have continued to collect data on the vulnerability of beneficiaries. Data collection is expected to be finalized by December and will inform vulnerability targeting.



LEBANON

- On 20 October, MOPH launched a national polio immunization campaign and 1.2 million doses of polio vaccines were procured by UNICEF with the support of UNHCR. The aim is to vaccinate over 550,000 children under five years of age in Lebanon as a crucial national response to the outbreak of polio in the region. Since September, individuals of all ages are being vaccinated at border crossings from Syria as an additional preventive measure against polio.
- 13,711 Lebanese and refugees attended awareness sessions organized by International Medical Corps (IMC), CLMC, UNHCR and International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) on malnutrition screening, nutritional awareness, reproductive health, infant and young child feeding, contraception and first aid. Some 1,246 social and mental health consultations were provided in five different regions by IMC and a further 388 awareness sessions were conducted on mental health, GBV and early marriage.

TURKEY

- AFAD has reported that 40,000 children have been vaccinated against polio and measles.

In response to the latest refugee influx from Ain al-Arab (Kobane):

- The Ministry of Health informed response partners of the 30 mobile vaccination teams set up in Urfa, who have vaccinated 18,000 children against polio and 6,000 children against measles in the province. Two mobile health teams in Suruç town and two teams in YIBO and Onbir Nisan Gendarmerie post are also active.
- UNICEF through TRC has been providing high energy biscuits (HEB) to all new arrivals at the border. To date 5,760 boxes of HEB (115,200 individual packages) have been distributed. UNICEF also provided 92,000 boxes of diapers for babies/children and 10,000 boxes of adult diapers, including for people with disabilities, to families living in temporary accommodation centres around Suruç.

JORDAN

- In September, a UNICEF and IOM vaccination team at the Raba al-Sarhan centre for newly arrived refugees vaccinated 2,570 Syrian refugee children against measles and 2,693 Syrian refugee children against polio. 1,123 infants and young children were provided with Vitamin A.
- Routine vaccination for Syrian refugees at Zaatari, EJC and Azraq camps are ongoing through eight fixed Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) teams in Zaatari, in addition to teams visiting EJC and Azraq camps twice per week. During September, 515 children received BCG vaccine against tuberculosis and 378 children were fully immunized. In addition, 705 pregnant mothers and 1136 child bearing-aged women received the tetanus vaccine.
- During September, a total of 165 children under five years old visited the 16 Oral Rehydration Therapy corners in Zaatari, and Azraq camps. The majority of cases were watery diarrhoea with no dehydration. A total of 948 oral rehydration salts (ORS) sachets were distributed along with information on personal hygiene and environmental sanitation issues. UNICEF also provided 5,000 ORS sachets to IMC in Azraq camp.

IRAQ

- UNICEF continues to provide health and nutrition related technical and logistics support to staff delivering vaccination services via the EPI across all Syrian refugee camps in the KR-I.
- In September, teams visited over 9,000 households with newborns to check the vital signs of the baby and provide adequate referral in case of health concerns. In addition, the UNICEF-led 'Baby Hut' program screened 2,500 children under 5 for malnutrition and provided 76 children under 5 with food therapy to improve their nutrition status throughout September.

EGYPT

- Data collected from the 24 health districts across 10 Governorates up to the end of August 2014 revealed an increase in Syrian women and children's access to Primary Health Unit (PHU) services. Since January 2014, 877 women visited PHUs to receive reproductive and antenatal care services. In addition 5,189 Syrian children under five received primary health care and growth monitoring services.
- UNICEF and UNHCR have produced and disseminated information on public health facility access for all Syrian refugees in Alexandria and Damietta.



Shelter and NFIs

TURKEY

In response to the latest refugee influx from Kobane:

- AFAD reported on 17 October there are 5,100 Syrian refugees hosted in the buildings and tents at the YIBO shelter. Additional tents, latrines, showers and electricity are being set up. AFAD is also planning for a new camp in Suruç for 30,000 Syrian refugees.
- Islamic Relief has provided 2,000 blankets and 450 mattresses, benefitting more than 4,450 people have benefitted from the distribution, with 892 families each receiving three blankets and two mattresses on average.
- The eighth and last UNHCR airlift of emergency relief items has landed on 14 October carrying blankets, kitchen sets and mats. In total, the eight airlifts have brought 107,525 high thermal blankets, 13,540 plastic sheets, 130,000 mats, 15,000 kitchen sets and 5 pre-fabricated warehouses.

LEBANON

- More than 538 people benefited from the rehabilitation of collective shelters across Lebanon. The distribution of weatherproofing kits to improve living conditions of families in insecure dwellings is ongoing, with some 9,820 individuals receiving weatherproofing kits in the week of 18-24 October.



Water and Sanitation

LEBANON

- Heavy rainstorms hit Lebanon on 18-19 October, severely damaging informal settlements, makeshift shelters and household items in Akkar. The emergency preparedness committee quickly assessed damage at over 100 sites. More than 30,000 refugees received plastic sheeting, blankets, mattresses, water vouchers, jerry cans, hygiene kits and winter clothes.
- UNHCR is working with the Water Establishments of Bekaa and North Lebanon and private sector actors to increase access to water and improve the water supply system at nine water project sites.
- Construction works on six water reservoirs in Iklm Al Kharoub, Mount Lebanon are ongoing. The UNHCR and ACTED project is expected to benefit 50,000 persons (40,000 Lebanese) once completed in early November.
- UNICEF has undertaken a survey on solid waste management in the 21 municipalities of the poorest quintile in the North and the Bekaa to identify the priority needs and appropriate equipment required to improve solid waste management. Priority supplies and garbage trucks will be procured in the coming months. UNICEF has also finalized the installation of 19 chlorination systems in Beirut-Mount Lebanon to benefit 114,000 Lebanese and 28,000 Syrians refugees with a better access to safe water. In addition, through other partnerships, some 50,000 people were provided access to safe water in September and over 4,880 people received hygiene items.

TURKEY

- On 15 October AFAD notified UNHCR about the arrival of seven wash containers, each containing eight latrines and four showers, from IMC, who will be installing the units. The containers will be set up at YIBO, Onbir Nisan Gendarmerie Post and Bulgur Factory. IMC plans to provide an additional three containers at the Wheat Market.
- AFAD and GDMM officials informed the Suruç Municipality about the need to improve waste collection at concentration points at the Onbir Nisan Command Post shelter.
- UNHCR visited the newly built municipality run shelter “Arin Mirxan”, where foundation works for the setup of 35 latrines and 35 showers is underway.

JORDAN

- In Zaatari camp, routine water supply (38007 m³/day), waste water de-sludging (2000m³/day) and solid waste management (750m³/day) continues on a daily basis. Furthermore, 75 per cent of the work to install and commission the waste water treatment unit has been completed. Disinfection of public water storage tanks in districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 was also completed.
- In Azraq camp, 10,948m³ of water was distributed through the camp pipe network. Approximately 2,501m³ of waste water is dislodged and 2,214m³ of solid waste is collected on a monthly basis.
- UNICEF has supported vulnerable communities, installing communal tanks and latrines in congested settlements, training WASH committees in maintenance/ dismantling/ assembling of the tanks and latrines. Distributions of NFI vouchers and hygiene promotion sessions will begin by end of October. UNICEF and partners completed the final design and tender documents for nine water and sewerage projects in local communities. Work will start in November in Zarqa, Mafraq and Irbid.
- UNICEF and ACTED commenced small household WASH rehabilitations in approximately 30 vulnerable Jordanian and Syrian households in Zarqa and Mafraq in early October. UNICEF has completed 1,509 vulnerability assessments, selected more than 700 eligible households, and prepared site plans for 469 households.
- UNICEF and partners have completed rehabilitation of WASH facilities in 264 host community schools, and in 201 of these schools UNICEF/JEN has conducted hygiene promotion. Hygiene promotion in the remaining 63 schools will be completed during October. Another 100 schools will receive WASH renovation works and hygiene promotion activities in the next phase of activity.

IRAQ

- In Qushtapa, Erbil and Arbat refugee camps, 1,536 families (7,680 individuals) benefited from the UNICEF-constructed permanent water supply network, which provides up to 70 liters of water per person per day. In Kawergosk refugee camp, UNICEF constructed permanent household sanitation facilities that offer improved private access to sanitation for 512 families (over 2,560 individuals).
- In Dohuk Governorate UNICEF, via the Directorate of Surrounding Water, completed the water supply network for Gawilan camp which facilitates 800 families’ access (4,800 individuals) to safe water to meet their daily needs. In Domiz camp, UNICEF and the French Red Cross continued activities to improve camp sanitation conditions including the provision of up to 80 new and 34 rehabilitated latrines in October. NRC provides water quality treatment at source on a daily basis through batch chlorination for 11 boreholes.
- An assessment for disabled people across Domiz camp was conducted, with 51 disabled identified and in need of tailored sanitation facilities. UNICEF and the DMC are considering appropriate design for latrines for those with these needs.
- Communication for development messages form an integral part of UNICEF WASH interventions for Syrian refugees in the KR-I. In September, 7,000 tent-to-tent visits by hygiene promoters encouraged the adoption of good hygiene practices.

Working in partnership

- The regional response for refugees fleeing Syria is the coordinated effort of 163 participating organizations (including 107 appealing agencies)

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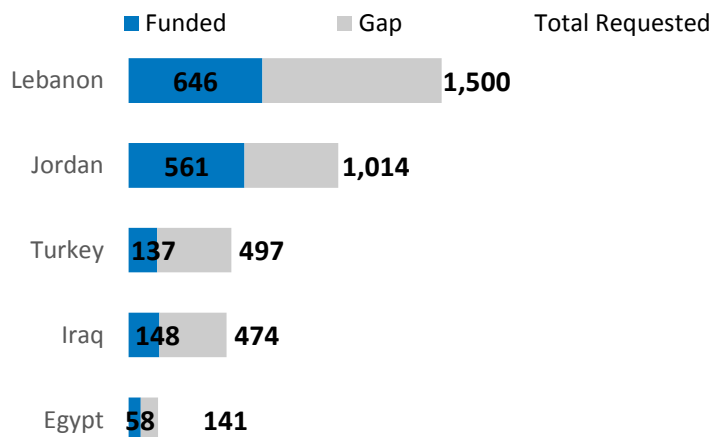
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