

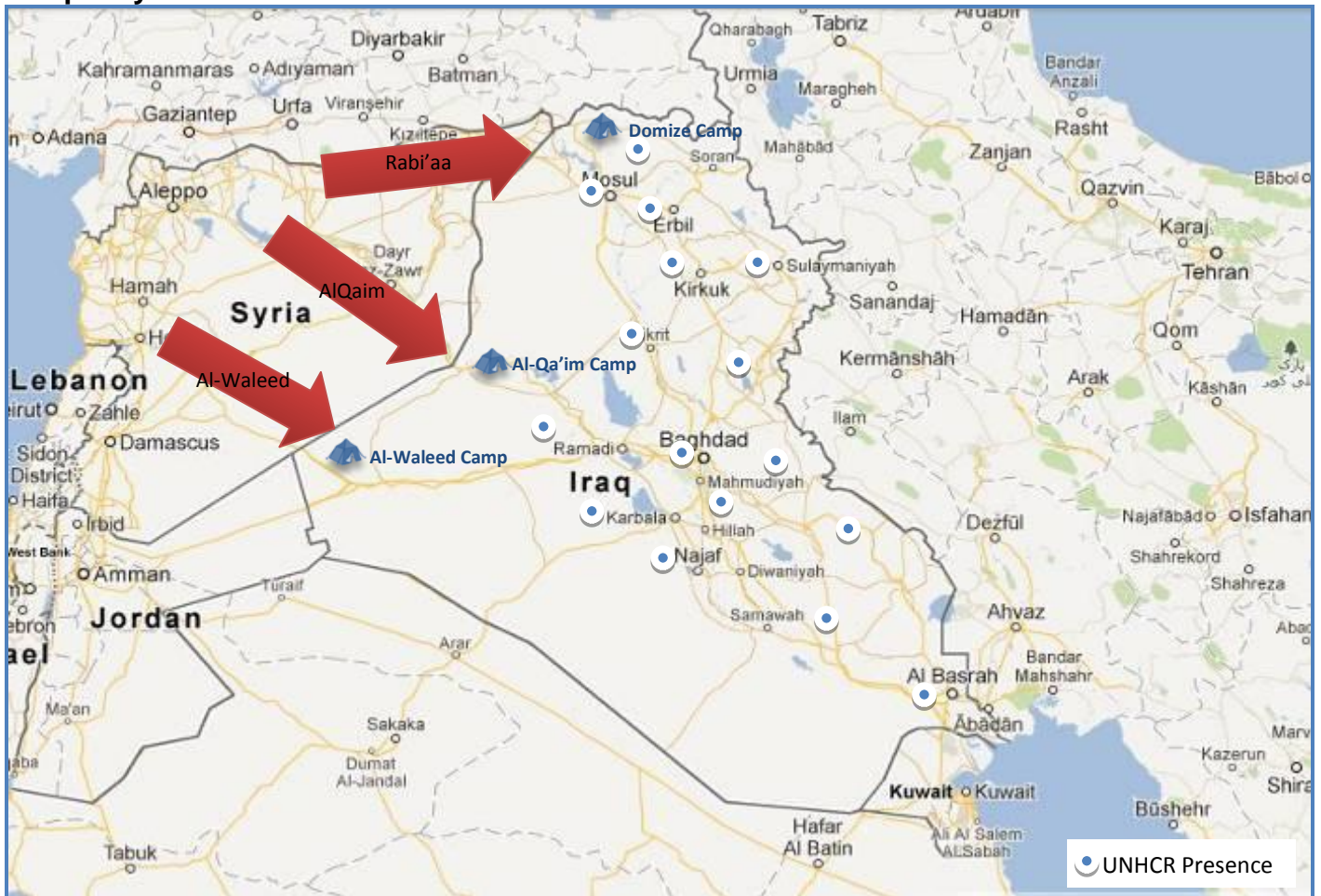
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Syrian Refugee Brief

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Erbil	15,989
Sulaymaniyah	4,311
Al-Qaim/Anbar	8,849
Other Governorates	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,958</b>

Iraqi – Syrian Border Points



MOMD | DDM | Local Authorities  
 Agencies: UNHCR | UNICEF | WFP | WHO | IOM  
 NGOs: IRW|Qandil|ISHO|IRC|HARIKAR|CDO|RIRP|ACTED|SavetheCHILDREN|NRC|MuslimAid|IKL|CDO|CAPNI| Rabin|  
 Asayeesh|MSF|Oxfam|Afkar|MSF

## 1. Overview

### Syrian Refugees

A total of **83,958** Syrian refugees are now registered in Iraq. In Al Qa'im, Anbar governorate, the population decreased again slightly during the reporting period to 8,849. The number of Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan Region (KR), Erbil, Dohuk and Sulaymaniah governorates, is 74,994. There are 115 registered Syrian refugees in other governorates.

The Al-Qa'im border closure remains of serious concern although exceptions continued for medical emergencies and family reunification. Voluntary repatriation to Syria continues to be recorded, bringing the total number of Syrians repatriated to 367 households, (1,752 individuals).

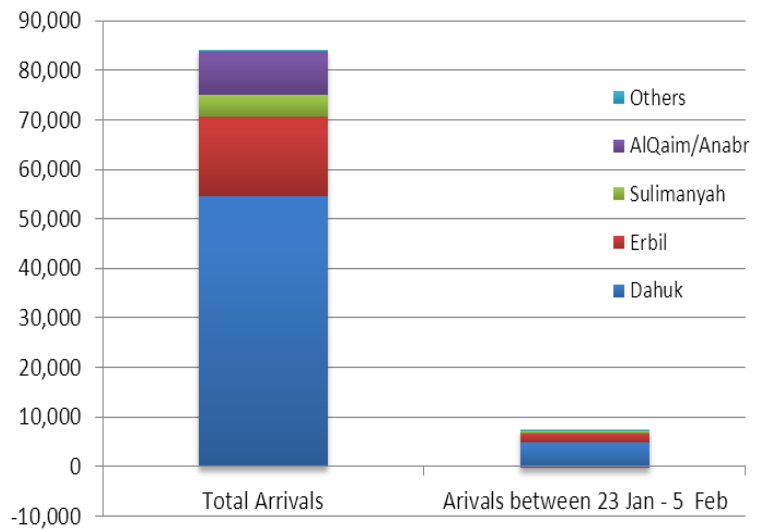
A total of 7,319 new Syrian arrivals were recorded in the KR during the reported period with an average of more than 500 individuals on daily basis. Currently, Domiz Camp in the KR is hosting an estimated 30,000 people. This number decreased from the last reporting period as a result of families and individuals moving from the camp to urban settings.



## 2. Statistics

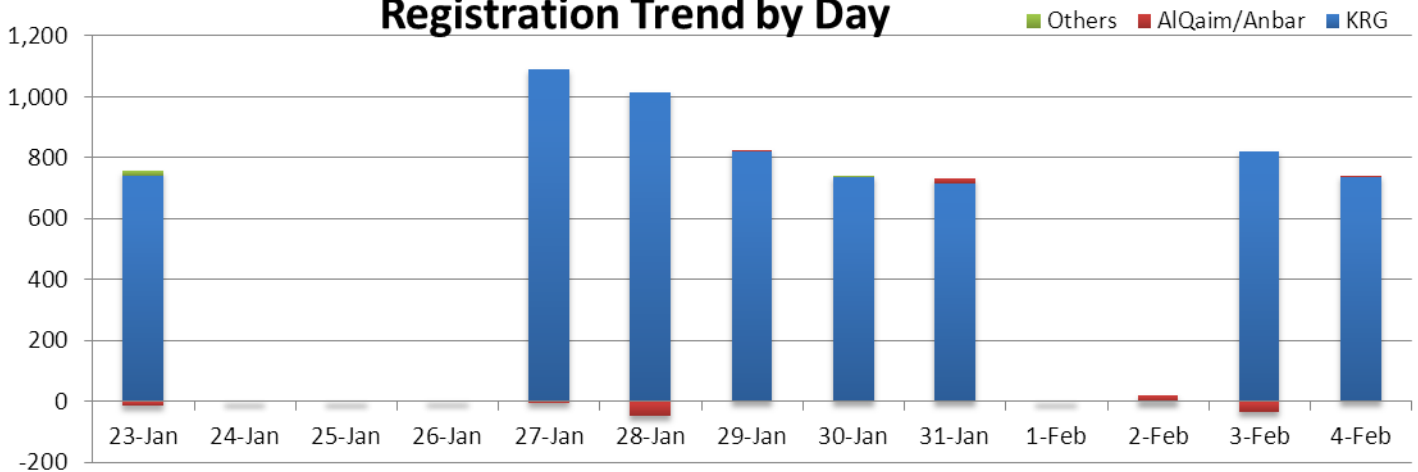
### 2.1 Syrian Refugees

Location	Syrian Arrivals between 23 Jan – 5 Feb	Total Arrivals
Dohuk	4,801	54,694
Erbil	1,780	15,989
Sulaymaniyah	738	4,311
Al-Qaim/Anbar	-55	8,849
Other Governorates	20	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,284</b>	<b>83,958</b>

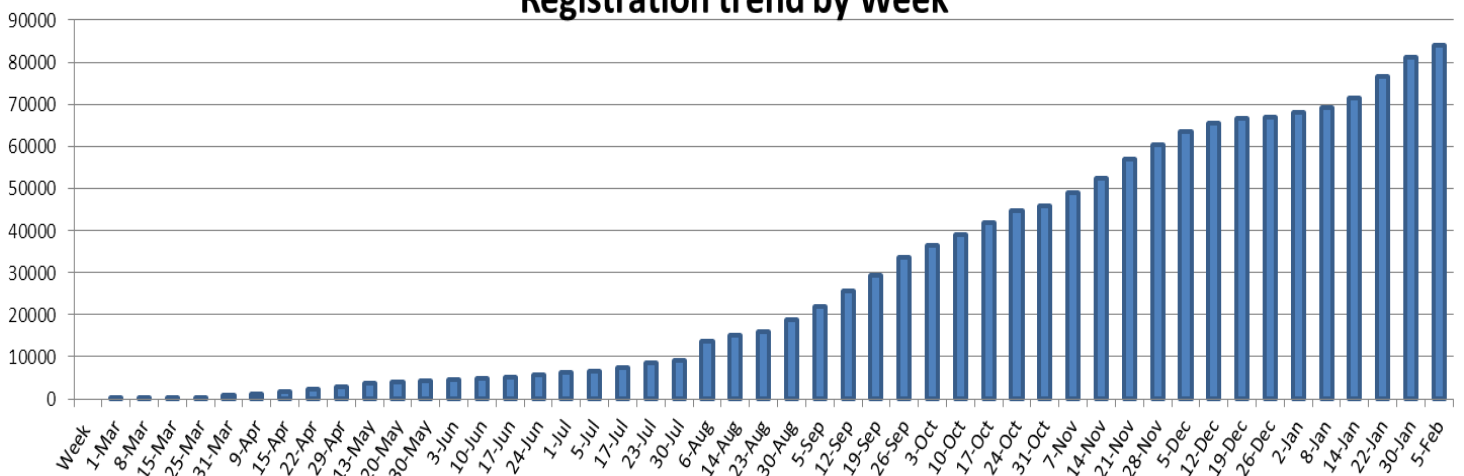


The negative number indicates the net between new registration and spontaneous departures.

### Registration Trend by Day



### Registration trend by Week





## 3. Sector updates

### 3.1 Reception, Registration and Protection

#### Al Qa'im

Between 23 January and 5 February, 53 urban refugee individuals were registered with the UNHCR. In addition, 23 new individuals were registered in Camp 1 including two births, and 19 individuals in Camp 2 including six births.

The number of voluntary repatriation cases reached a total of 1,752 individuals. A reduction in voluntary repatriation occurred as a result of heightened security concerns in Albu Kamal. Voluntary repatriation of Syrians continues to be monitored by UNHCR protection and registration teams in Al-Qaim, however the agency cannot facilitate return given a lack of conditions conducive to a stable return.



#### Kurdistan Region

Syrian refugee families and singles continue to approach the UNHCR office in Duhok (including Domiz Camp), Erbil and Sulaymaniya. During the last two weeks, UNHCR recorded 7,319 new arrivals.

UNHCR is registering all new arrivals on daily basis and at present there is no pending caseloads or back-log.

The majority of new arrivals reported to have crossed via the Sehela unofficial crossing point. The motives triggering their flight from Syria into KRG remain the on-going general violence followed by depleted resources and lack of basic services. The majority originated from Hassake province (mainly Qamisli city) and the remaining from Dimasq and Halab provinces.

UNHCR continues with the verification of orphans living in the camp and once the verification is completed UNHCR will liaise with Islamic Kurdish League as they are ready to assist this category of beneficiaries.

UNHCR continues to provide counselling and awareness to new arrivals and old cases. Individual cases requiring specific attention are referred to other service providers in the camp as deemed necessary. Cases with specific disabilities are being identified and referred to relevant agencies for tailored assistance.

On 28 January, UNHCR met with all actors in the camp to discuss several protection issues. Among the recommendations it was agreed to establish a proper mass information system in the camp, in particular to help people find their way to various services in the camp. A specific concern has been raised with regard to children getting lost in the camp. Currently police are taking far too long to locate parents as there is no referral mechanism or system to report missing children.

### 3.2 Security

#### Al Qa'im

Protests and road blocks in Anbar governorate are on-going and the overall situation remains tense, resulting in postponed field missions from Baghdad.

#### Domiz

At least four fires erupted during the reporting period allegedly caused by kerosene burners. One child died as a result of fire, her mother and sister were also injured. The family decided to return to Syria after this incident. Kerosene burners are the main cause of fire incidents in the camp. Due to close proximity of tents, there is a high risk of fire in the neighbouring tents with eventual damages. UNHCR is reviewing the quality of the burners and will make recommendations accordingly.

Kurdish authorities raised concerns for arrivals in the late evening and night as there is no mechanism to provide NFIs at night. UNHCR is addressing the issue with the implementing partners to find appropriate solutions.

### 3.3 Assistance Update

#### Shelter / infrastructure

##### Al Qa'im

Construction in Camp 3, Al-Obaidy, is nearly complete and the camp is ready to accept refugees. The work is being implemented by the Iraqi Salvation and Humanitarian Organisation (ISHO) and Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW).

School area: The concrete foundation for the school area has been completed and is now ready for the installation of school caravans.

Water network: Excavation works are continuing and laying of plastic water pipes began this week as per UNICEF reporting. In addition, the Oxfam placement and steel stands for potable water tanks were completed.

Electricity works and external lighting: Works are on-going, installation of electrical poles are nearly complete.

Graveling: Graveling for all camp sectors was completed.

Clinic: Installation by MSF of the clinic caravans is on-going.

Bakery: Works began for the construction of the bakery in Camp 1.



##### Domiz

While families have begun moving into Phase 5, the combination of poor road conditions from recent rain as well as a lack of regular water supply and technical problems in some of sectors (especially with septic tanks) prevented people from relocating to the new phase. Most of the refugees hire vehicles to move their belongings to Phase 5 as the roads are impassable due to the mud.

In addition, guest families who are hosted by other families eligible for relocation cannot relocate to Phase 5 without solutions being identified for the guest families; the relocation process has been slow. UNHCR raised this concern with DDM, which is working on solution for finding space for the guest families in the camp. A total of 806 families have been verified, of whom 455 are confirmed for relocation. So far 266 families have moved to Phase 5.

Accommodation, shelter and reception for new arrivals remains a challenge, particularly over the weekends and at night. While DDM and UNHCR are working to allocate new spaces, the transit areas are full and many families in the permanent areas already host a large number of refugees.

In addition, some sections in the transit areas are not connected to the road network and the entrance to internal roads in some phases are not fully constructed yet.

#### Water and Sanitation

##### Al Qa'im

Water supply is continuing in Camp 1 and Camp 2 from the water compact unit. UNICEF and partners are following up with the relevant maintenance engineers for the water network; maintenance for latrines in both camps is ongoing. In Camp 3, water network installation is on-going as reported above.

##### Duhok

DDM provides potable water using eight tankers and MSF hired four tractors for providing water to the families in locations that are inaccessible to the main water tankers. MSF also continues to conduct daily water testing at water sources and carriers.



UNHCR met with DDM to improve the garbage collection since some locations in the camp are experiencing an accumulation of garbage due to the muddy roads that prevent the passage of collection trucks. Thus, an alternative for garbage collection is being considered through community mobilization and working with sector leaders.

## **Electricity**

Electricity works in Phase 5 began at a slow pace because of the muddy terrain and heavy rains.

## **NFIs**

### **Al Qa'im**

All new arrivals are provided with NFI kits upon entering the camp. Additionally, Save the Children has started distributing clothes for ages 1-3 and 4-18 years old. IOM also distributed 200 NFI kits for refugees inside and outside the camp.

The NGO Muslim Aid and UNHCR provided electric ovens for bread production. Work on construction has begun as reported above.

### **Domiz**

UNHCR continues to distribute NFIs, mainly to refugees living in the transit areas, and winter packages for new arrivals. DDM continued with the distribution of diapers, blankets, basic food items and kerosene heaters. DDM also continues to distribute kerosene to families and singles in the camp.

A second Rubhall in the camp was installed on 3 February in order to enlarge the distribution capacity. With the second Rubhall, UNHCR and Qandil will manage to expedite the backlog of NFI distributions.

CAPNI distributed school bags and stationery for students in the two camp schools.

UNHCR and DDM discussed the issue of local solidarity organizations that distribute NFI's to the refugees without proper arrangements and coordination, which is generating unfair distribution and unnecessary chaotic crowds trying to obtain the items. Coordination of all distributions is a high priority for the camp management structure.

Rabin Concrete Co. distributed 500 plastic sheets and FAO distributed 1,850 litres of kerosene and blankets.

Following a needs assessment of registered persons with disabilities, the IRC distributed hygiene kits and specialized items such as crutches and hearing aids.

## **Urban Communities**

On 31 January 2013, KurdSat TV launched a media campaign for in-kind and cash donations to assist the Syrian refugees living in Iraq through UNHCR. UNHCR established hotline numbers in each governorate in the KR of Iraq (Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and Dohuk) for people to donate in-kind assistance (household items and dry food).

UNHCR also opened a bank account number (see details below) with the Trade Bank of Iraq (TBI) and the amount of the donation will be shared to the KurdSat TV.

### **USD:**

TRADE BANK OF IRAQ  
SWIFT CODE: TRIQIQBA  
A/C NO.: 0003-004091-003  
A/C NO NAME: UN-special Acc.

### **IQD:**

TRADE BANK OF IRAQ  
SWIFT CODE: TRIQIQBA  
A/C NO.: 0003-004091-004  
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### **UNHCR Hotline numbers:**

Erbil: 0750 6414115 , 0750 1442014

Sulaymaniyah: 07707707565

Duhok: 0627625474

On 6 February, the Department of Foreign Relations, Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) and UNHCR held a joint press conference in order to thank KurdSat TV and the local population for their donations. UNHCR is planning to enlarge the campaign to other TV channels with the assistance and support of local NGO's and of the KRG.



*Donations received as a result of the campaign*

The campaign will end on 7 February and rough calculations so far of donated food items is estimated to be more than 700 tons while thousands of blankets, kerosene heaters, mattresses and kitchen sets have also been donated. The majority of donated NFIs, especially blankets, kerosene heaters and carpets are new.

Please see page 10 for more photos of the campaign.

## **Food**

### **Al Qa'im**

Distribution of bread in Al Qa'im by Afkar Society for Development and Relief NGO is ongoing; the NGO is intending to provide bread on a daily basis in both Al Qa'im camps until 14 February.

UNHCR completed the distribution of a cash allowance for complementary food supplements in Al Qa'im camps. These steps were fully welcomed by the Syrian refugees.

### **Domiz**

UNHCR and WFP continued to compile the list of Syrian refugees claiming to not have been issued food vouchers. On 4 January, UNHCR shared with WFP the list of new arrivals registered with UNHCR between 15 January until 3 February 2013 and the cases eligible for food coupons in Domiz Camp. A total of 427 cases have approached UNHCR to claim they are not on the beneficiaries list for WFP food vouchers.

DDM continues to distribute infant formula, baby diapers and weaning cereal for children in addition to a food basket containing rice and vegetable oil for the new arrivals and the most vulnerable. UNHCR is working with the DoH to advocate the importance of breast feeding. Currently, milk formula is being distributed in the camp by DDM and other charities. New mothers will be encouraged to breast feed and milk formula will be available at the prenatal unit for those who cannot produce enough milk.

CAPNI distributed 4,000 food baskets containing two cans of meat, two chickens, two fish and one can of tomato paste.



*US delegation visits the WFP shop, Dohuk*

## **Health**

### **Al Qa'im**

Routine immunisation in the camp health centre is ongoing on a weekly basis. Specifically, UNICEF supported a measles vaccination campaign led by the Department of Health (DoH).

A shortage of essential medicines (antibiotic for upper respiratory infections, burn cream) exists in Camp 1 and Camp 2 health centers. UNHCR and UNICEF raised the issue with WHO requesting WHO to review the modalities with the

Gol.

## Domiz

During a health coordination meeting on 30 January chaired by the DoH and co-chaired by UNHCR, it was agreed that DoH and MSF would arrange a medical screening facility close to the registration centre to assist new arrivals. It was also agreed to develop a family medical booklet to facilitate the continuity of care and improve the data collection system.

MSF continues with health education activities in the camp. Since the first confirmed case of measles in November, there have been 60 suspected and 10 confirmed cases reported. No death related to measles in the camp. MMR vaccination for new arrivals is on-going on a daily basis. Routine vaccination is conducted on a bi-weekly basis. On average some 2,500 medical consultations are provided on weekly basis. The majority of the consultations are for respiratory infections and child diarrhea.

The construction of the new primary health centre was completed and handed over to the DoH. It is anticipated that the Primary Health Care (PHC) will be operational by 14 February with three doctors available for consultation from 9am to 9pm. The centre will be equipped with the following services: outpatient, basic laboratory, short hospitalization, screening and management of malnutrition, mental health, Maternal and Child Health (MCH), reproductive and dental services.

## Education

### Al-Qa'im



*School boy in Al Qa'im Camp*

A total of 828 children are registered and attending school; 397 students in Camp 1 and 431 in Camp 2.

In the Camp 1 school, 124 boys and 173 girls in grades 1 to 6 attended their mid-year exam from 19-31 January, which occurred in conjunction with children in south/centre Iraq.

In coordination with the Al Qa'im Department of Education (DoE) and with support from UNICEF, textbooks for grades 1-6 were distributed to 796 newly registered children in Camp 2 school. UNICEF also distributed stationary and school bags to 402 Camp 2 school children, which will be followed by another batch for the remaining children.

### Domiz

Two schools with 37 classrooms and 58 teachers are providing education (curriculum in Arabic & Kurdish) to refugee children in two shifts under the general administration of the MoE. Currently a total of 2,099 refugee children (1,005 female and 1,094 male) are attending grade 1 to 9.

Construction of a kindergarten is near completion; once operational it will entertain some 150 refugee children at pre-school age.



*School girls in Domiz Camp*

## 4. Interviews with Syrian Refugees

On 30 and 31 January, IOM carried out NFI distribution for refugees inside and outside the camp. The team in Al-Qa'im interviewed some refugees living outside the camp to gain an understanding of their situation. The interviews revealed the following:

- The relationship between the host community and refugees is generally positive as many Syrian refugees have Iraqi relatives.
- Most beneficiaries preferred receiving cash assistance as opposed to NFI Kits.
- Refugees with professions indicated their willingness to stay in Iraq even if the situation in Syria improved while others complained of a lack of work and high prices of house rent, electricity and schools requirements.



- Some refugees mentioned that schools are not providing Syrian children with free stationery they are for Iraqi students.

## 5. Coordination

### Al-Qa'im

Several coordination meetings were conducted during the reporting period, which comprised of a meeting with IRW, Save the Children, UNICEF and community leaders in addition to the Protection Working Group meeting.

### Kurdistan Region

On 29 January, a US delegation led by the Consular General of the US Consulate in Erbil visited the Domiz camp to be familiarized with the situation of Syrian refugees. The mission members witnessed the registration process and stages of processing for new arrivals to the camp. After a guided tour of the residential and transit camp area, the delegation visited the WFP food voucher system while refugees bought goods in a food store outside the camp. The UNAMI Head of Office in Erbil also participated in the visit.



*US delegation in Domiz Camp*

On 3 February, the Assistant Head of the Department of Foreign Relations (DRF–KRG) for International Organizations accompanied by the Director of the Bureau of Displacement and Migration visited the Domiz camp with several media. UNHCR and all present agencies in the camp met the delegation and discussed strategic assistance to the refugees, hosting modalities and strengthening camp coordination to ensure proper provision of services. The delegation informed the parties that a high level meeting is being planned by the KRG as a follow up to the Kuwait donor conference.

## KurdSat TV / UNHCR campaign for in-kind donations for Syrian refugees



*UNHCR receiving donations in Sulaymaniyah during the KurdSat TV/UNHCR campaign for Syrian refugees in Iraq*



*UNHCR staff in Sulaymaniyah being interviewed by KurdSat TV*



*Some of the donations received during the campaign in the UNHCR warehouse in Sulaymaniyah*



*KurdSat TV interviewing local donors during the campaign in Erbil*



*Locals bringing their donations in Erbil*



*Some of the donations received in Erbil*