

Syria Crisis Bi-Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report

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Reporting Period: 12-25 January 2013

IRAQ

Highlights

- Freezing temperatures continue to cause hardship for refugees in northern Iraq. In response, UNICEF distributed winter clothing to 4,376 refugee children.
- Work continued to install hot water boilers in female shower blocks in al-Qaim camp. Once complete, all female shower blocks in Camps 1 and 2 will be equipped with hot water. However, additional resources are required to install boilers in male shower blocks, and to extend these services to Camp 3.
- A new 15-classroom school provided by UNICEF was inaugurated in al-Qaim, in the presence of the Directorate of Education. So far, 748 children have begun attending the school.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

Registered Refugee Population

(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 23 Jan 2013)

| | Total | Male | Female |
|----------------------------------|--------|------|--------|
| Total Affected Population | 75,875 | * | * |

*Disaggregated data not yet available.

Programme response

WASH:

Northern Iraq (Domiz camp)

UNICEF finalised the construction of three storage tanks and water networks in Domiz camp, benefitting 1,346 Syrian refugees. These families are now able to access a full package of WASH interventions in their tents. This was done in collaboration with UNHCR, which set up the tents, and the Department of Displacement and Migration (DDM), which installed sanitation facilities. So far, approximately 4,350 refugees have access to safe water through the water network funded by UNICEF, UNHCR and other partners, while the remainder of the population in transit areas is provided with safe water through trucking by the local authorities.

Despite delays due to rain and snow, construction has been completed on seven water storage tanks, 399 latrine and bathing spaces, 392 clothes washing slabs, and 142 soak away pits for drainage. Ongoing construction works includes the connection of water storage tanks to the network, covering of 100 soak away pits with concrete covers, and construction of twelve water valve chambers and seven clothes washing slabs. Once complete (estimated date 31 January 2013), the work will benefit over 5,000 refugees, reducing the strain on existing WASH facilities in Domiz camp. The tent-to-tent hygiene promotion campaign, which is being undertaken by the Directorate of Health with funding from UNICEF, concluded this week, having reached 17,834 refugees, or about 50 per cent of the camp population. UNICEF is working with WASH partners to address the remaining gap.

Western Iraq (al-Qaim camp)

WASH works in Camp-3 are on-going. During the reporting period, excavation for water networks got underway, bases for two storage tanks (Oxfam 70,000L) were completed, and 255 water tanks with 1,000L capacity were installed. The work is expected to be complete within three weeks, benefitting 5,000 Syrian refugees. In addition, 27 solar boilers are being installed this week in female shower blocks, in addition to the 24 already installed. Once complete, all female sanitation facilities in Camps 1 and 2 will be equipped with warm water. However, additional resources are required for the installation of boilers in Camp 3, and for male sanitation units in all camps.

Child Protection:

Northern Iraq

Two social workers from the Directorate of Social Affairs are now working in Domiz camp, and are providing counselling, referral, and case follow up, as part of a broader effort to establish a child protection network in the camp. The presence of the social workers is enhancing coordination with partners involved in child protection, including sharing of information and follow-up.

Western Iraq

An average of 1,100 children between the ages of 3 and 17 are benefitting daily from recreational, psychosocial, and youth activities in child- and youth-friendly spaces in Camps 1 and 2. Shifts are made according to gender and age. It was observed that some children are attending the CFS instead of school; therefore, an awareness session on the importance of education is planned. In addition, social workers conducted awareness-raising sessions on the risks of begging and stealing.

Education:**Northern Iraq**

Students from Qamishly basic school in Domiz camp sat their first semester exams from 7 to 17 January, along with students throughout the Kurdistan region. To date, the Directorate of Education (DoE) has registered approximately 2,200 students in the school. To ease congestion, the DoE plans to move some students to newly-completed schools, beginning at the start of the second semester (21 January). The second and third school units in Domiz camps, which were established with prefabricated classrooms provided by UNHCR and a private company, are now ready to accept students. The number of children registered in school is far less than the estimated number of school-aged children in the camp, pointing to the need for an enrolment drive to ensure all children are going to school. Similarly, information from recent assessments suggests that most refugee children living in host communities are not going to school, in spite of parents identifying access to education as a priority. UNICEF is working with partners to mobilise resources to mount an enrolment campaign in Domiz camp, and to extend education support to children in host communities.

Western Iraq

A fifteen-classroom school provided by UNICEF was inaugurated in al-Qaim refugee camp, in the presence of the Directorate of Education. So far, 748 children have begun attending the school. In the existing school in Camp 1, mid-year exams started on 19 January. UNICEF's field team has observed a decrease in attendance in the school, particularly among boys. Anecdotal information indicates the reasons may include parents' lack of awareness around of the importance of education, and boys being engaged in income-generating activities within the camp. To address this issue, UNICEF, the DoE, and education partners are undertaking an awareness-raising campaign. In addition, recreation activities and sports competitions will be organized in the school, in the hopes these will attract more students.

Health:**Northern Iraq**

In response to harsh winter conditions, UNICEF has begun distributing winter clothing to children under five. To date, 3,568 children have been reached. Meanwhile, the health centre in Domiz camp continued to provide services reaching an average of 400-500 patients daily. Half of the cases are children suffering from flu and acute respiratory infections. Government mobile teams are conducting vaccination sessions on a weekly basis. According to the Directorate of Health (DoH) data, almost 100 per cent of refugee children under the age of one have been covered. Primary health centres report a decrease in the number of cases with diarrhoea, with only 15 children requiring treatment this week. Following the detection of ten suspected cases of measles among newly-arrived children in early December 2012, UNICEF has provided the DoH with technical and social mobilisation support to conduct a measles/mumps/rubella campaign. The campaign was completed on 17 January; 1,959 children and youth were vaccinated.

Western Iraq

The UNICEF-supported primary health care centre in al-Qaim camp continues to provide regular health services. During the reporting period, 156 children were vaccinated within the routine immunisation program, bringing the total number of children reached to 772.

Nutrition: Five weighing scales and ten measuring boards were distributed to primary health centres in al-Qaim district, to enable growth monitoring of Syrian refugee children within the host community.

FUNDING

| <i>Funding Status</i> | | Child Protection | Education | Health & Nutrition | WASH | NFIs | Safety & Security | Operations Management | *Being Allocated | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| <i>In millions of US Dollars</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Syria | Required | 8.82 | 20.05 | 15.88 | 22.50 | | 1.19 | | | 68.44 |
| | Funded | 0.83 | 1.87 | 0.39 | 4.79 | - | 0.20 | | - | 8.09 |
| Jordan | Required | 11.19 | 17.76 | 3.69 | 24.35 | | | | | 57.00 |
| | Funded | 6.43 | 13.54 | 1.07 | 15.59 | | | | 4.73 | 41.35 |
| Lebanon | Required | 7.77 | 13.83 | 1.06 | 10.81 | 1.72 | | | | 35.19 |
| | Funded | 2.77 | 7.46 | 0.00 | 1.61 | 0.20 | | | 0.00 | 12.05 |
| Iraq | Required | 1.45 | 2.41 | 1.45 | 9.30 | | | 5.40 | | 20.00 |
| | Funded | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.59 | | | 0.00 | 1.36 | 1.96 |
| Turkey | Required | 6.00 | 6.50 | | | | | | | 12.50 |
| | Funded | 0.14 | 0.00 | | | | | | | 0.14 |
| Egypt | Required | 0.26 | 0.35 | 0.09 | | | | | | 0.70 |
| | Funded | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| MENA RO | Required | | | | | | | | | 2.00 |
| | Funded | | | | | | | | 3.57 | 3.57 |
| Total | Required | 35.49 | 60.90 | 22.17 | 66.96 | 1.72 | 1.19 | 5.40 | | 195.83 |
| | Funded | 10.17 | 22.87 | 1.46 | 22.59 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 9.66 | 67.15 |
| | Gap | 25.32 | 38.03 | 20.71 | 44.37 | 1.52 | 0.99 | 5.40 | | 128.68 |

*Being allocated refers to funds recently received and in the process of being allocated within the Country Office or across the sub region by the Regional Office **The funding for the Jordan CO includes a large amount of the KfW contribution of USD32.5 million and EC contribution of USD12.6 million received in 2012 which has been rolled over for use in 2013.

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