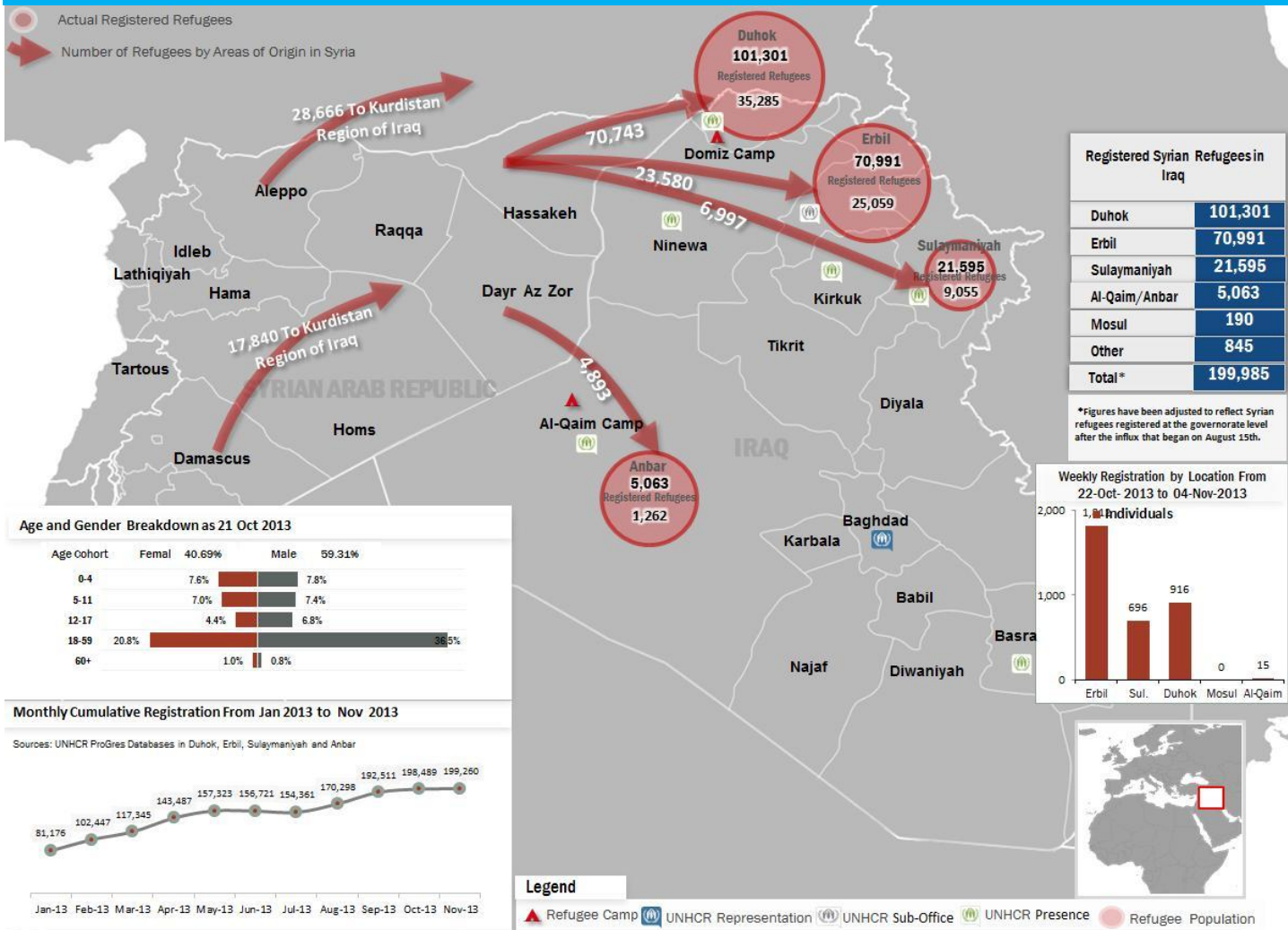


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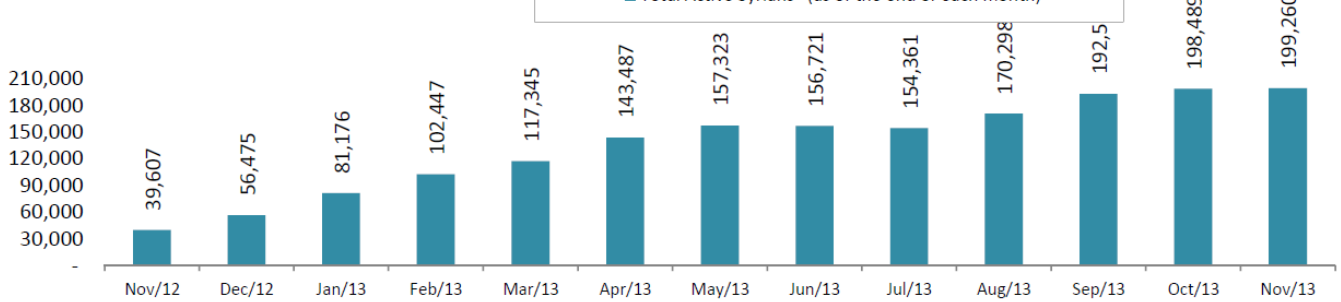
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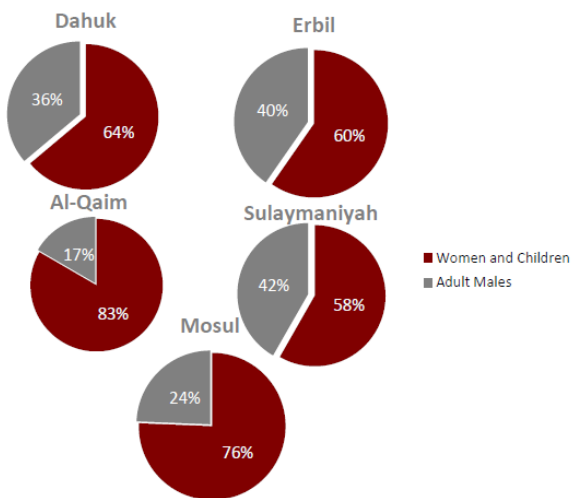
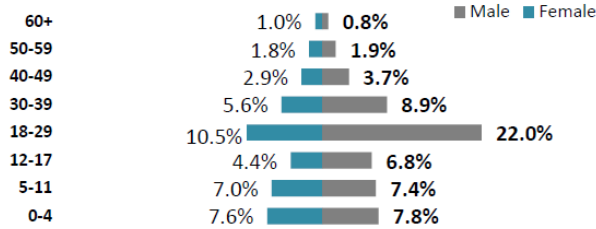
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This profile is based on **167,324** proGres registered persons
and **32,661** level 1 registration (new camps population)
The total is **199,985** individuals

Demographic Breakdown



Location of the Registration

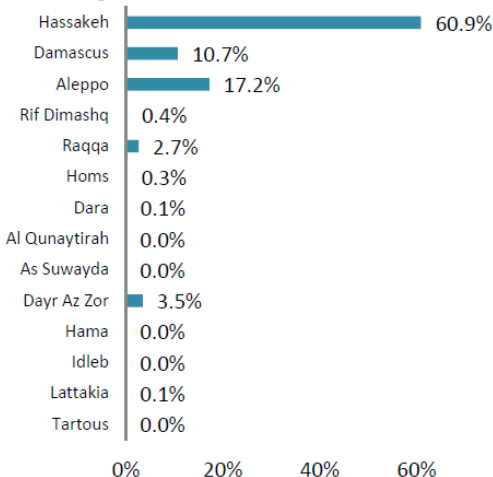


Governorate	Persons	Households	% Total
Dahuk*	101,301	35,285	50.7%
Erbil	70,991	25,059	35.5%
Sulaymaniah	21,595	9,055	10.8%
Anbar	5,063	1,262	2.5%
Mosul	190	53	0.1%
Other	845	335	0.4%
Total Iraq	199,985	71,049	100.0%

* Includes Syrians registered in Domiz Camp

** Only age and gender break down, name of the head of household, and vulnerabilities are captured

Place of origin



Camps

Camps	Persons	House holds
Domiz**	45,000	10,000
Al-Obaidi Camp	1,984	417
Kawergosk Camp	13,137	3,565
Darashakran Camp	4,358	913
Qushtapa Camp	3,752	829
Arbat Camp	2,726	813
Akre	2,560	813
Qasrok	164	74
Zakho	395	121
Basirma Camp	2,759	647
Gawilan	2,810	834
Total	79,645	19,026

** 86,796 Syrians are registered at Domiz camp, however the camp population is estimated to be approximately 45,000.

Syrian Crisis in Iraq: Bi-weekly Update

1. Highlights

- There are **199,985 Syrian refugees** registered with the UNHCR in Iraq.
- **Twenty trucks carrying thousands of high thermal blankets arrived in Erbil.** More convoys with winter preparedness items are expected during the coming weeks.
- UNHCR plans to **distribute winterization items to 6,300 vulnerable non-camp families** in the KR.
- All families from Baharka warehouse have been settled in Darashakran camp.
- The **second national level polio campaign was launched on November 2nd** and will target Syrian refugees settled in and out of camps.

2. Border update

Al Qa'im

The Al Qa'im border remains closed.

Kurdistan Region

Syria's border with Iraq remains restricted and is currently the overarching protection concern. UNHCR is carrying out advocacy at all levels to ensure that Syrian nationals fleeing the country's internal conflict are able to seek safety and protection.

DOH and MSF mobile medical teams continue to be on standby at the border and maintain required medicines and logistic support at the border point including an ambulance and transportation by vehicle for refugees unable to cross the border by walking in coordination with MSF team in the other side of the border.

3. Response by sector and location

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

Al Qa'im

The number of Syrian refugees in Al Obaidy Camp is 419 cases (1,985) individuals with 865 cases (3,167) individuals settled in the town of Al Qa'im. No return movement took place during the reporting period. Currently, there have been 1,293 cases (6,030) individuals of return to Syria from the Al Qa'im border point.

Child Protection: On November 3rd, a child protection and child rights convention began in Al Obaidy where beneficiaries from UNICEF and Afkar NGO attended training on various child protection issues.



CFS activities in Al Qa'im @ SCI/Muhanad

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Youth Technical Skills Training: Funded by UNHCR, the project was completed on October 31st. SCI will distribute tool kits to trainees so they can use learned knowledge and generate income in the camp.



Youth Technical Skills Training, Al Qa'im @ SCI/ Muhanad

Kurdistan Region

On October 24th some 600 Syrians, that were on the Syrian side of the border since the September 29th terrorist incident in Erbil, were permitted to cross into the Kurdistan Region through the Peshkapor border crossing point. Those that crossed consisted of visitors (50%), medical cases (20%), family reunification (20%) and other categories (10%). These individuals were mainly from Afrin, Kobani and Ain-AIArab areas.

Those who crossed into the KR arranged their own transportation from the Peshkapor border crossing point onward to various locations in the KR. The border officials neither requested the support of DMC nor the support of UN agencies.

UNHCR Registration teams have commenced Level 2 proGres registration in Darashakran camp with approximately 300 individuals a day. Refugees will be issued asylum-seeker certificates and bar-coded household camp cards, which will also serve the purpose of a ration card. The Registration team is scheduled to commence Level 2 proGres registration in Kawergosk by mid-next week.

Syrians wishing to return from KR-I to Syria were able to do so through Peshkapor border crossing point. A total of 25,023 returns of registered Syrian refugees have now been recorded since January and a further 17,317 non-registered Syrians also returned since January.

Camps

Domiz: From October 20th to 31st, a total of 733 Syrians were registered as new arrivals. These individuals crossed over post-August 15th but were pending registration. They are the immediate family members of already registered cases and were added to the case of the principle applicant. Some vulnerable cases pending registration were also approved for registration by the DMC and Asayish following interventions by UNHCR. The registration team also carried out 270 renewals of expired Refugee Certificates. 115 new-borns were recorded.

Gawilan: UNHCR protection and community services teams visit Gawilan camp on regular basis to identify and address queries and concerns. The UNHCR mobile registration team was present in Gawilan to update records following the relocation of the Bardarash caseload to Gawilan transit camp.

A group of 92 Syrian nationals in Gawilan camp have opted to return to their country of origin. DMC arranged for their transportation to the Peshkapor border point on October 27th. Two DMC staff working in Gawilan camp were also provided with induction training by their counterparts and UNHCR protection staff in Domiz.

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HARIKAR team providing social and legal aid for Syrians in Gawilan camp @ UNHCR/M.Ali

Transit sites

Akra: On October 28th, UNHCR mobilized a registration team to visit Akra to update the records of the active caseload following the relocation of the Qasrok caseload to Akra. Following the relocation, the population accommodated in Akre now stands at 2,682 individuals; composed of 511 families, (2,315 persons and 367 singles).

The population is yet to be issued with residency cards. However, they are permitted to move freely in and out of the camp. The camp security issues daily permits to those who wish to leave the site.

Zakho: During the reporting period, UNHCR mobile registration team visited Zakho to register Syrian nationals that had not done so thus far.

Arbat Transit Camp: Special Protection Needs (SPN) mapping is in the final stage. However, continuous demographic change means that regular updating is required. As of November 4th, over 243 individuals with various types of special protection needs have been recorded.

ACTED is assisting UNHCR with developing a consolidated and updated database on the current population in the camp based on UNHCR registration records and ACTED findings in the course of the most recent WFP food package distribution as well as other previous distribution activities. ACTED shared the consolidated data with UNHCR.

According to ACTED findings, as of October 28th, a total number of 1,815 individuals reside in the Arbat Transit Camp, consisting of 408 families and 82 individuals. UNHCR continues to note a small but constant inflow of Syrian nationals residing in non-camp locations in Sulaymaniyah to the transit site. During the reporting period, five families (constituting of 26 individuals) and 11 single persons were registered.

✓ Shelter / infrastructure

Al Qa'im

As part of the winterization plan, UNHCR is raising tent floor levels (completion rate is 78%) and replacing old tents (completion rate is 50%) as well as digging open channels for the coming rain.

Winterization in Al Qa'im @ ISHO

Kurdistan Region

Camps



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Kawergosk: UNHCR is replacing tents to ensure shelter standards are maintained through the camp.

Basirma: MoMD is working on developing the new site plan for the Basirma permanent camp; a topographical survey has also been carried out.

Domiz: The relocation to Transit 6 is complete. There are currently 203 families residing in Transit 6. Some 15 families are awaiting kitchen facilities that are being provided by DMC. The development of Phase 6 is ongoing and is planned for approximately 710 families.

UNHCR is also concerned about the significant increase in the number of fire incidents in Domiz during the month of October. All cases were assisted with replacement of NFIs. UPP is starting mass information activities regarding fire prevention.

Reception Centre

- 15 families with 73 individuals and 20 singles are currently living in the R.C.
- 2 families entered the R.C during last week (no singles) and 2 families left

Gawilan: Tents from Qasrok & Barderash were moved to Gawilan and connected to the electricity network.

UNHCR has raised concerns with the DMC camp management regarding a move by a private company to test a special foam on two tents that is reportedly anti-fire and anti-bacterial. One IOM tent has already been foamed with the insulation material.

The DMC Camp Coordinator works on improving and strengthening the Gawilan Camp Management. Additional staff have been mobilized with clarified roles and responsibilities of Gawilan camp management.

Transit sites

Akra: DMC started the construction of partitions within the halls of the Akra castle.

Baharka Warehouse: During the reporting period, the remaining families in Baharka Warehouse were relocated to the Darashakran Camp. The final convoy took place on November 3rd and consisted of 133 families. The Baharka warehouse will remain as a transit site in case of a new influx.

Arbat Transit camp: Up to 500 tents were set up during the initial phase but many have since collapsed or been vandalized. In some sections, the new tents have been erected in their place.

Due to the lack of available tents in family areas, approximately 10 to 12 newly arrived families are temporarily housed in the single areas of H, F and J. However the families say they are uneasy about residing in the singles area. Currently there are no alternate solutions.

Up to 19 tents have been rebuilt in Sections L and M, and have been assigned to newly arrived families. The replacement of sanitation sets in Section L is yet to take place. In the meantime, IRC is carrying out a cash for work among selected refugees to repair and clean all latrines and showers in this section. No agency has yet committed to carrying out replacement/ maintenance of sanitation sets in Sections M, N and O, which are in equally poor state.

✓ *Winter Preparedness*

With the onset of winter, UN agencies and I/NGOs are carrying out preparedness activities across the three governorates hosting Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan region. Regular discussions are taking place to map out activities and distribution plans to ensure that gaps are identified and addressed appropriately.

20 trucks carrying thousands of UNHCR high thermal blankets have arrived in Erbil. More convoys with winter preparedness items are expected during the coming weeks.

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Domiz: DMC is facilitating the process for families to make metal framed shelters. According to the procedure established by the camp management, families obtain permission from the Camp Administration for the procurement of a metal frame, cement, panels. The size of the frame should not exceed the allocated family plot. Camp Administration monitors the process of refugees improving their own shelter to address violations. There have been reports from refugees, that some families take more space than allocated and thus affect the space of their neighbours. Small construction market and welding shops in Domiz are working round the clock on production of frames.



Families improve their shelters in preparation for winter, Domiz Camp @ UNHCR/S.Gammah

Arbat: The UNHCR site planner identified areas that stand the highest risk of flood due to rain. Tents in these high risk areas will need to be relocated. However, the relocation plan is yet to be implemented pending final approval. ACTED distributed the October quotas of kerosene (20 litres per family) to all families in the camp. IRC distributed hygiene kits and rubber boots to the camp.

✓ Water and Sanitation

Al Qa'im

UNHCR is establishing a water drainage system (open channel) in Al Obaidy Camp as part of the winterization initiatives to prevent water logging. The implementation of this activity started during this reporting period is 85 per cent complete. On October 31st, UNICEF celebrated the Global Hand Washing Day in Al Obaidy Camp School.



Global Hand Washing Day Celebration in Al Qa'im @ UNICEF/Majeed

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: UNICEF reported that an analysis of piped and trucked water is ongoing to identify the gaps and required corrective measures. UNICEF reported that while there are gaps within sectors in the camp, the data collected so far indicated that generally, each person is receiving 50 litres of water per person per day. In addition, UNICEF confirmed that two boreholes in Transit 6 and two boreholes in phase 6 are being drilled to provide water in the respective areas.

Cesspool construction is going. Most tents in Transit 3, 4 and 7 were connected to the main water pipe network, which consists of ten water tanks with an approximate capacity of 210,000 m³ in total. The construction of septic tanks, (digging and casting) is almost complete. Each septic tank is to be connected to one cesspool.

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UNICEF also reported that 80 garbage containers (800 litres) have been procured to address the waste management in the camp.

There is still concern regarding the security trench around the camp, primarily related to the security of children and health issues with the onset of the rains.

Kawergosk: In an effort to contain Hepatitis A, UNICEF is conducting information campaigns to increase the concentration of chlorine in the water, and a washing campaign for water tanks and latrines. UNICEF is also working on improving the water supply in the camp. UNICEF raised concern regarding the lack of a specific zone for clothes/blanket washing, issues related to the security trenches around the camp primarily related to open defecation and the move by some refugees to set up showers inside their tents. NRC together with UNICEF will distribute tools (300 kits) for the maintenance of latrines. Each sector will have six sets that will be provided to the community leaders.

NRC distributed educational material from DoH with a questionnaire regarding hygiene practice. Results will be available during the next reporting period.

UNHCR through ERC is working on the main drainage system, while ACTED is overseeing emergency drainage around individual tents through their cash for work programs. UNICEF contracted a company to commission four trucks making eight trips a day for general waste management. However, camp residents have to be encouraged to take care of their own garbage collection.

Basirma: The lack of maintenance of individual latrines continues to be of concern. UNHCR is liaising with the government and relevant agencies to resolve the issue.

Gawilan: Two water boreholes are functioning to provide the Syrian refugee population with potable water and water for washing. One of them provides refugees with chlorinated water.

In total, 146,000 litres of water is provided to the camp each day. In addition, one truck has been allocated for desludging septic tanks, while another has been designated for garbage collection through the Municipality of Baradash. There is still a need to increase the number of trucks for garbage collection.

Of 105 latrines set up in the camp, 91 are functional, covering the entire camp. Up to 14 latrines constructed by local authorities from bricks and roof are being covered with IC sheets. All latrines are connected to the septic tanks. MSF installed some 24 latrines across the camp. Of 54 showers in the camp, 44 are functional. 10 showers are being constructed by local authorities and is roughly 70 per cent complete.

In addition up to 15 septic tanks have been constructed by local authorities in Gawilan camp. According to the site engineer, 11 are functional. The rest are still being constructed.

Temporary sites

Bajet Kandala Transit Camp: There is an urgent need to clear unexploded ordinances (UXO) from the site to facilitate construction of sanitation facilities. Agencies are liaising with the government to resolve this issue. Meanwhile DMC dug four water boreholes at the site.

Arbat Transit Camp: Some 116 latrines and 122 showers are available in the camp. However some require urgent maintenance and are in very poor unhygienic conditions.

There are currently three (10,000 litres) water bladders and plastic water tanks (19 5,000-litres). Six additional plastic water tanks of the same capacity are also in stock in case of another influx.

✓ Core Relief Items

Al Qa'im

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In collaboration with IYL and IRW, UNHCR started the distribution of winterization CRIs (mattress, heating stove, plastic sheet, kerosene, water jerry can, quilt, and hygiene kits) to refugees in Al Obaidy Camp. Upon UNHCR senior management's approval, IRW distributed complementary food items worth USD 15 to 13 new refugees.



Winterization CRIs distribution in Al Qa'im @ UNHCR/Natiq

Kurdistan Region

NFI distributions are ongoing to new registered Syrian refugees in camps. In addition, UNICEF has dispatched 300 hygiene kits to Gawilan Camp for distribution.

Following the movement relocation of families from Bardarash to Gawilan, UNHCR is plans on carrying out a distribution of CRIs.

✓ Food

Al Qa'im

WFP completed the distribution of October food parcels (1,970) to refugees in Al Obaidy Camp. Biscuit distribution is on-going for students in the camp school and the number of beneficiaries is 544 students. Local NGOs (Iraqi Youth Activists, Tamuz for Humanitarian Relief, and Sheik Nader) distributed food items to Al-Obaidy Camp refugees.



NGOs Food distribution in Al Qa'im @ UNHCR/Haitham

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: The 10th Cycle of food distribution was completed for October. A third food shop has been opened in Domiz town to ease the congestion at the two existing shops.

Gawilan: WFP started distributing food in Gawilan and the population is now cooking on their own with fuel provided by DMC. Currently local authorities are providing refugees with breakfast. In addition, during the reporting period, the Hana Organization distributed 481 out the 550 food packages as part of a donation to refugees in Gawilan. These donor contributions help supplement the WFP rations.

Arbat Transit site: As previously agreed between WFP, Municipality of Arbat and UNHCR, UNHCR continued to issue food collection slips to new arrivals for them to collect food from the municipality. On November 4th, ACTED survey teams conducted a tent-to-tent survey to obtain feedback on food collection during the WFP food ration collection day and on other food-relation matters. The data is yet to be consolidated.

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✓ Health

Al Qa'im

On October 27th, in collaboration with UNHCR, the DoH/Al-Anbar started the Polio vaccination campaign. The campaign covered 406 children below the age of five years.

Polio vaccination, Al Qa'im @ DOH/Natiq

Kurdistan Region

Camps

UNHCR plans to construct primary health clinics in the permanent camps in Erbil (Darashakran, Kawergosk, Qushtapa and Basirma). Construction work should be complete in Kawergosk and Qushtapa within several days. It is expected that Primary Health Centres in all camps will be complete and ready to provide services by the end of November.

32 cases of Hepatitis A have been confirmed among the Syrian refugee population following testing in the Central Laboratory in Erbil. Also, an outbreak of acute jaundice syndrome in Kawergosk camp, the following immediate measures have been taken:

- Emphasis has been given to improve sanitation, water source and food preparation;
- Emphasis has been given to chlorination at source, storage tank inside the camp with intensive monitoring of water quality standard;
- Water tanks in the camp will be cleaned routinely;
- DoH & WHO will work on a long term plan for health education related to communicable diseases emphasizing water monitoring;
- Hygiene promoters and community volunteers will advise on referring the suspected jaundice cases from the community to the MSF clinic for evaluation; and,
- WHO will share the standard case definition for wider circulation (surveillance).

The national level polio campaign (2nd round) was launched on November 2nd and will continue for a five day period. The campaign will cover Syrian refugees both inside and outside camps.

Domiz: DMC reported that DoH approved the Cholera Treatment Centre location outside Transit 1, 2 and 4, which is outside the camp boundary. DMC will soon undertake some works to clear and level the area to facilitate setting up of the facilities by MSF.

The expansion of the health centre by MSF is also complete and the process of moving the medical consultation units to the new building is underway. This will provide more space to provide better health services for refugees at Domiz camp. Construction of new health centre inside the camp is underway and is funded by the MoMD.

Health education teams from MSF, IR and other partners continues their work visiting tent to tent to provide health messages related to mostly personal hygiene and prevention of water and sanitation related diseases.

In collaboration with IMC, a team of 14 volunteers are working to identify survivors of gender based violence in need of medical care and treatment, to ensure they receive the required medical and health care and management in collaboration with MSF and UPP supported medical team providing medical and psychosocial services at the camp.

Mental health teams from DoH/UPP and MSF continue to provide required services; with the support of UPP the DoH mental health team continued tent to tent visits and referrals to the mental health unit.

Meanwhile the Jiyun Foundation for Human Rights joined efforts to provide mental health and psychosocial support in Domiz camp. The organization is specialized in assisting survivors of violence and torture and



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focuses on mental health, psychosocial counselling and referral of medical cases. Accordingly, the centre provided services to 183 individuals during the reporting period.

Gawilan: A series of coordination meetings have been conducted between DoH, MSF, PU-AMI and UNFPA regarding details of services to be provided in the transit camp as well as layout of the primary health center to be constructed in the permanent camp. Currently, discussions are underway for the different actors to identify respective areas of services and to plan the activities without possible overlap in service provision.

Kawergosk: MSF carried out approximately 1,000 consults each week. MSF also met with the preventive health department regarding Hepatitis A and is carrying out daily follow-ups with DoH and WHO. So far 15 Hepatitis A cases confirmed while the same number of cases are yet to be confirmed. This is at a rate of around two cases per day.

Transit Sites

Arbat Transit site: The medical referral system from the camp clinic to hospitals was deemed inefficient, an issue that was raised during a meeting with representatives of UNHCR, DoH, Preventive Health Department (PHD) and WHO. The issue has since been resolved. Three specialists from the Rehabilitation Center visited the Camp with the view of consulting all patients with mobility problems (e.g. paralysis, paraplegia etc). UNHCR staff assisted with the visit.

✓ Education

Al Qa'im

On October 27th, a parent committee meeting was held in the camp school with attendance from UNHCR, UNICEF, Afkar, school managers and teachers to discuss students' problems and education constraints in the school.

Parents Committee meeting @ UNICEF/Nofa



Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: Three schools (Kar, Qamishlo and Jiyan) are providing education to around 4,000 students. Lack of school supplies in the three schools in Domiz camp has been a challenge; only some of the school children have the necessary school kit. UNICEF indicated that the logistical challenges causing the shortage have been resolved and the supply will be distributed shortly to all students.

Preparations are underway to procure school uniforms for children attending school in Domiz camp. The project will cover all children who are currently enrolled in school as well as those who are awaiting to be enrolled in the recently completed three schools in the camp. The projects will benefit about 7,000 children attending school in Domiz camp.

Training of 67 teachers from Kar and Qamishlo schools on psychosocial is now complete. Teachers are now better prepared to support children with special needs and make referrals to specialists when necessary.

All three new schools under construction are 100 per cent completed. One of the schools was handed over to DoE while the remaining two schools are expected to be handed over to DoE in the coming days. Once operational, the three new schools are expected to increase the enrolment of children to about 7,000 with more than 95 per cent enrolment rated in primary education (Grades 1 to 9).

DoE finalized the list of teachers to be recruited for the new basic education schools. The list will be submitted to MoE for approval and to share basic school teachers list with UNHCR for funding. DoE is also in the process of identifying teachers for the upcoming opening of secondary school in Domiz camp.

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DOE hotline continues to receive calls from school management and parents on enrolment issues; some schools are now working in three shifts to accommodate more Syrian children. Through the Back-to-School campaign, UNICEF supports this unit that is also collecting and updating education data of all schools attended by Syrian students.

A meeting was held with more than 200 parents in Domiz camp to discuss the role of parents in the teaching-learning process as well as to introduce the roles of the newly formed Parent Teachers' Associations at the three schools currently operational in Domiz. In addition to parents and teachers, representatives from UNHCR, DoE and UNICEF attended the meeting.

Gawilan: DoE, UNICEF, UNHCR met to discuss the projected education needs and the draft camp layout for Gawilan camp. It was agreed that, when the camp is at its full capacity, establishing four 24-classroom schools for primary education will be required. However, at the moment and pending finalization of camp layout, UNICEF will start the construction of a 12-classrooms school after camp layout is approved.

There are approximately 530 students with no access to education. PWJ has committed to constructing a primary school in Gawilan on a site allocated by UNHCR through DMC.

The Education Working Group through the leadership of the DoE negotiated the use of some buildings in Gawilan to be used as learning spaces for basic education. It was agreed UNHCR, DoE and UNICEF will pull resources together to renovate and equip the structures whereas DoE requested UNHCR to contribute funds for teachers incentives.

Kawergosk: PWJ is in the process of completing the construction of another school in Kawergosk.

Transit sites

Akre: PWJ is constructing a primary school of 12 classrooms in the camp. On October 21st PWJ has started leveling and compacting the land. It was planned to start casting concrete for the base by the next Sunday 2nd Nov 201

Arbat Transit Camp: CDO conducted a tent-to-tent campaign to inform residents in the site of the opportunity to enrol in a private university's under-graduate programs. Applicants are required to submit their applications forms to CDO by 7th November. Successful applicants will be enrolled free of charge.

✓ SGBV

Al Qa'im

Through Women Listening Centre four cases were identified and received psychological and legal support.

Kurdistan Region

The SGBV sub working group finalized the ToR's for the sub working group in Erbil. In addition, the referral pathway and SOPs for the multi-sectorial prevention and response is in process.

Camps

Domiz: Two cases (1 female and 1 male) of SGBV were identified during the reporting period. The cases were of domestic violence and arranged and/or forced marriage (respectively). Response has been initiated for both cases.

Arbat Transit Camp: IRC's women's empowerment/SGBV program was approved by UNHCR in Erbil during the reporting period and is yet to be implemented. UNDP representatives visited the Camp and proposed implementing an SGBV program, which includes provision of "legal counselling and services to SGBV survivors through workshops and awareness campaigns.

✓ Community services

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Al Qa'im

UNHCR continues CTA project (5th cycle of computer and English training) through IRW where 100 youth are participating. As part of UNHCR livelihood projects, Dijilat Al Khair NGO started the construction of ten shops in Al Obaidy Camp.



Livelihood Project @ NCCI/Dijilat Al-Khair LNGO/Natiq

Camps

UNHCR trained 19 newly inducted community services assistants (PARC Erbil) on basic orientation on community service, who will be deployed to most camp locations in addition to home visits and community services activities in non-camp locations.

Domiz: The youth recreation space, led UPP, provided services to 92 participants aged between 8-30 years. Activities included sport, art and information and communication technology.

Meanwhile UNFPA youth centre conducted a training course on enhancing youth capacities in project and activity management. The training was attended by 16 youth (10 girls and 6 boys) activists of youth friendly spaces and cultural houses in Duhok. In addition a peer education training and Knitting course were conducted for 15 youth each. Orientation was conducted with 230 persons of who 98 singles were single men.

Kawergosk Camp: Camp committees are being organized in the camp: Camp Council, Women's Committee, and Youth Committee. A WASH Committee is also being organized with NRC.

Basirma camp: Three recreational activities have taken place in the Basirma Camp so far. i.e. a local group has provided uniforms for youth, Asayeesh organized a concert with the participation of a Kurdish-German singer and two Norwegian nationals staged a play in the school in Basirma

Arbat Transit Camp: The Samaritan's Purse's sewing training/ employment program started during the reporting period. Six sewing machines have been installed in the sewing workshop with the possibility of additional two machines. The Organization is in the process of screening twelve women to be hired for this program. The women will work in shift and be paid per piece of clothing item that they completed.

✓ Child Protection

In Sulaymaniyah, the BID (best interest determination for unaccompanied minors and separated children) panel was formed consisting of UNICEF, UNHCR, government and I/NGOs.

Moreover UNHCR, UNICEF and other members of the child protection sub working group met on Sunday to expedite referral pathways, standardized procedures and establish COC for child protection activities in the Kurdistan region.

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Meanwhile UNICEF child protection team started screening movies for children in Gawilan, Akre and Qasrok. Up to 171 children attended the screenings in the three locations during the reporting period.

Arbat Transit Camp: Three CFSs targeting children of five years old or above have been established and run by UNICEF's partner STEP. During the Education Sub-working Group meeting, the two organizations proposed establishing two tents for children below five years of age and for early learning.

A playground set up by Samaritan's Purse is currently being reconstructed.

Domiz: Staff from the Child Helpline continue to carry out field visits to the camp with specific message of protecting children from sexual violence.

The Child Labour Assessment is in its final stages. Ten trained enumerators in Domiz Camp and ten in Duhok completed the target number of interviews. A number of child labour trends were identified, UNICEF will coordinate a stakeholders meeting once the assessment is complete to review findings and way forward.

Two child protection units continue to identify children working in and around the camp. Families of the children are involved in the discussion aimed at finding a way to prevent children from working and to return to school. Nine cases of working children were identified, and case management plans were developed

A total of 2,177 visits by children of ages 4-17 were made to ACTED, UNICEF/DoLSA and SCI CFS/YFS. Activities at the center include Drawing, drama, singing classes, educational activities, computer lessons, knitting and catch up classes. During this week, ACTED YFS launched an awareness campaign on the importance of Education. Up to 1,236 children are registered to access the services. UNICEF/DOLSA CFS held awareness sessions with 232 children on personal hygiene and protection from seasonal disease outbreaks including Cholera.

The child protection unit coordinated with MAG to show interactive cartoons focusing on MRE for children.

✓ *Livelihoods*

Domiz: Up to 23 individuals with different educational and professional qualification have been identified and documented for potential employment opportunities.

Fifty refugees have been identified for employment opportunity at a brick Factory in Kashi village, near Duhok town. 25 of the refugees started work 26th October. The employer provides transportation and hot meal.

IT training organized by IOM is ongoing in Duhok town. UNHCR is working to improve transportation to and from the training venue for the participants.

The Entrepreneurship and Business Skills Training organized by UNESCO started during the reporting period for 75 youth. UNHCR attending the opening ceremony held in Bahadar School in Domiz city.

Preparations are underway for the training of 24 youth in ICT skills. The training is another of UNESCO's programs for Syrian refugee youth residing in Domiz camp organizing in collaboration with the University of Dohuk. The selection of participants to both trainings was made in collaboration with community services partners operating in Domiz camp.

Nineteen refugees with educational and professional qualifications have been identified and documents for potential employment and training opportunities.

4. Non-camp assistance

✓ *Coordination & Policy*

The Erbil Refugee Council (Governorate of Erbil) requested that assistance to non-camp refugees in the governorate be suspended; the government policy is that refugees should be settled in camps. UNHCR is

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seeking clarification and formalization of any policy in this respect, and continues to discuss the issue so that a resolution can be found.

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

In Dohuk, UNHCR through PARC is providing legal aid to a total of 25 Syrians held in detention for various reasons. Following UNHCR advocacy and intervention by PARC lawyers; three Syrians were successfully released this week. UNHCR through Harikar/PARC team followed up on one case of GBV/domestic violence and provided the required legal and social aid.

In Erbil, monitoring and assessment visits to persons of concern out-of-camp continued to be undertaken by Qandil, also with a view to identify vulnerable families for possible cash and winterisation assistance.

Across the three governorates some 2,165 refugees were registered in UNHCR's proGres Database.

✓ Food

Two "food for thought" meetings were held between DMC- Asayeesh and UNHCR Focal Points to develop and finalize a joint strategy-approach for the registration of new-arrival Syrians. On October 31st; both DMC and Asayeesh of Dohuk approved the action-points and the resumption of the registration of Syrians in non-camp locations.

✓ Core Relief Items

In Dohuk, UNHCR plans to distribute winterization items to 6,300 non camp vulnerable families. The items to be distributed are: plastic sheets, mattresses, quilts, stoves, fuel jerry cans, and fuel. Other contributions are coming from DMC with fuel and Save the Children with Winter kit (rope, plastic mat, rug/carpet, waterproof winter jacket, hat and scarf, socks, lined rubber boots for 142 extremely vulnerable families). Identification of vulnerable families is currently being coordinated to guide the distribution.

✓ Health

In Dohuk, 10 QIPs were approved for renovations and materials at health clinics in Syaratice, Sharya, Spindary, Skrine, Qadish, Malta, Azadi, Matin, Baadre and Domiz.

In Sulaymaniyah, four QIPs were approved for children's and women's health and to strengthen health centres in Ali Kamal and Arbat.

✓ Education

With the efforts of UNHCR, UNICEF and the MoE authorized extra shifts in five Kurdish schools in Erbil. These extra shifts will be in Arabic medium of instruction to facilitate the intake of Syrian children in refugee concentrated areas of Erbil. In addition UNHCR partners are working on expanding the 11 Arabic medium schools in Erbil to allow greater capacity.

UNHCR and Harikar staff conducted visits to schools in Dohuk where the 17 QIP interventions (classrooms, WASH facilities) will be implemented with the aim of increasing enrolment capacity for Syrian refugee children and improving the learning environment for all (refugee and local) students. During the visits it was reported that some of the refugee children are failing to attend regularly because of a lack of transportation to school and not having school uniforms.

In order to grant cash for student uniforms, the PARC team collected the names of refugees who are continuing their academic year of 2013-2014. UNHCR and PARC agreed on the plan of distribution of cash starting from October 27th and each student will be granted US \$50.

In Sulaymaniyah, seven QIPs were approved in the education sector to benefit refugee and host kindergarten, school, and university students.

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✓ Shelter

NRC rolled out the Voucher distribution of \$500 value on the October 27th for shelter assistance to the targeted 500 families. The project objective is to support minor repairs/improve to living conditions.

✓ Water and sanitation

Al-Areth Company started the work of rehabilitation of five schools latrines in Al Qa'im. The completion rate is 10 per cent. Afkar will start the rehabilitation of Geregib and Al Obaidy water projects.

✓ Community services/livelihoods

In Al Qa'im, 35 families received cash assistance by ISHO to benefit extremely vulnerable refugees.

In Dohuk, IRC is rolling out a pilot rotating savings and credit association (livelihood project) for a total of 45 persons in Var City and Sumel to be completed by year end. A community centre in Var City will also be operational by the end of the year.

In Dohuk 389 vulnerable families were identified for Cash Assistance distribution by Harikar.

Across the three governorates, a shared database of vulnerable families, accessible by partner organizations planning cash assistance or other livelihoods interventions, will be created. Focal points have been nominated by partner agencies.

5. Security

Al Qa'im

The curfew remains in place for movements between 9:00 pm to 5:00 am until further notice.

Kurdistan Region

NTR

6. Coordination

Al Qa'im

On Sunday, November 3, 2013 Dijilat Al Khair visited the 10 new shops under construction. UNHCR team reviewed implementation plans and went on a site visit to the location of the shops.

On Monday, November 4, 2013, Director of Anbar MoMD met with UNHCR to review UNHCR contingency plan, UNHCR winterization initiative for the camp, complementary food assistance, and MoMD decision to stop bread distribution due to end of their fiscal year.

Kurdistan Region

On October 21st ECHO visited Domiz camp to prepare an assessment on the services received by the refugees in Domiz camp and to accompany euronews.



7. Acronyms and abbreviations

CFS	Child Friendly Space
CRI	Core Relief Items (formerly known as non-food items/ NFIs)
DDM	Department of Displacement and Migration
DMC	Development and Modification Centre
DoH	Department of Health
HOFO	Head of Field Office
HOSO	Head of Sub Office
KR	Kurdistan Region of Iraq (or KRI)
MOMD	Ministry of Migration and Displacement
PARC	Protection Assistance Reintegration Centre
PHC	Primary Health Centre
QIPs	Quick impact projects
YFS	Youth Friendly Space