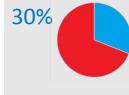




JORDAN FIELD OFFICE IRBID

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HIGHLIGHTS



Percentage of all urban refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan living in Irbid AoR

US\$ 1,718,926

was distributed in March in monthly financial assistance to 42,928 refugees (28% of Irbid AOR's population) in Irbid AOR during the month of March. This cash is distributed via iris scan directly from ATMs and allows refugees to pay for their basic needs. 1,618

Inquiries answered at Help Desks at Irbid Registration Center, Ramtha, Jerash, and Ajloun, allowing refugees access to counseling on protection, community services, health, and monthly financial assistance issues.

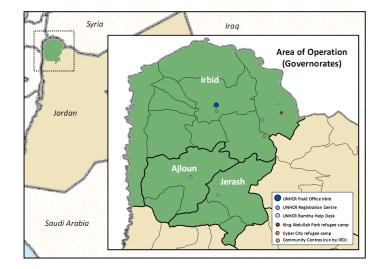
95,342

Number of registered Syrian refugees in Irbid AOR who completed urban verification and obtained MOI service cards (between August 2015 and 31 March 2016). The MOI card ensures access to key services, including health and education.

Population of concern

(As of 16 March 2016)

Governorate	Total PoC	s
Irbid	136,79	6
(Includes Camps) King Abdallah Park: Cyber City:	637 270	
Jerash	10,00	1
Ajloun	8,53	3
Total	155,330)



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

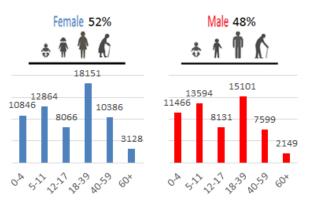
50 national staff (30 UNHCR, 20 UNOPS)3 international staff

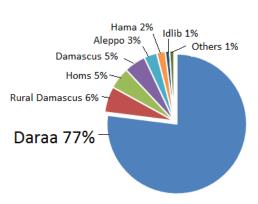
Outreach channels:

1 Registration Centre and Help Desk in Irbid, 3 Mobile Help Desks in Ramtha, Ajloun, and Jerash, 4 Community Support Committees

Place of Origin:

Age/Gender Breakdown for Irbid Registrations:





MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection and Registration

At UNHCR's Irbid Registration Centre asylum seekers and refugees access services like new registration (including new births), renewal of Asylum Seeker Certificates, continuous registration (split, merge, transfer of files), and iris-scan enrollment. UNHCR FO-Irbid provides various protection services to persons of concern to the office: counselling, interviews, referrals, case management, home visits and awareness-raising to address child protection, SGBV, documentation and other protection issues. UNCHR also provides legal aid through its implementing partner Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development – Legal Aid (ARDD-LA).

Education

UNHCR runs the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) scholarship programme to support persons of concern with higher education in Jordan. In UNHCR FO-Irbid's AOR, there are currently 16 registered Syrians (4 male and 12 female) receiving the scholarship. They are studying medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, Arabic language, and education at Jordan University or Science and Technology and Yarmouk University, both in Irbid governorate.

Basic Needs

UNHCR distributes monthly financial assistance to the most vulnerable families living in urban areas, in order to help them meet their basic needs. Eligibility is determined through home visit and the assistance is delivered through ATMs in partnership with Cairo Amman Bank. Refugees access their accounts via iris scan at the ATM, which ensures the identity of the recipient. The amount of the monthly assistance varies from 80 to 155 JD per family, depending on family size. In addition to monthly financial assistance, UNHCR also provides winterization cash assistance and urgent cash assistance to the neediest cases.

Food Security

Using UNHCR's registration data and the common UNHCR/WFP Vulnerability Assessment Framework, the World Food Program grants electronic vouchers to sixty-nine percent of refugees residing outside of camps in Jordan. The most vulnerable 33% of urban refugees (210,000) receive 20 JD per person per month, while 36% (228,000) receive 10 JD. In King Abdallah Park and Cyber City Camps in Irbid governorate, all refugees receive 20 JD.

Health

Refugees registered with UNHCR and with the Ministry of Interior can access Ministry of Health facilities at the uninsured Jordanian rate. UNHCR has equipped public health facilities in Jordan in recognition of the increased pressure faced. In addition, UNHCR provides primary and secondary health care to the most vulnerable refugees and Jordanians through its implementing partner, Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS). In UNHCR FO-Irbid's AOR, UNHCR supports two JHAS clinics in Irbid and Ramtha that serve over 4,000 patients monthly. Furthermore, JHAS provides services to malnourished patients regardless of vulnerability.

Community Empowerment

UNHCR FO-Irbid operates Community Support Committees (CSCs) for Syrian refugees in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun, as well as one CSC for non-Syrian refugees in Irbid. The 4 CSCs are composed of a total of 39 male and female refugees and local community members. They promote social cohesion and peaceful coexistence and help UNHCR to reach the most vulnerable members of each community. Their regular activities include awareness sessions on common issues of concern and educational activities.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

UNHCR coordinates activities at two camps, King Abdallah Park (KAP) and Cyber City (CC), in cooperation with the Government of Jordan's Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD). These camps are located near Ramtha, in Irbid governorate, and were established in 2012 before the creation of Zaatari and Azraq camps. UNHCR ensures the delivery of all essential services at these camps, including registration; protection; shelter; food; NFIs; health care; education; and water, sanitation, and hygiene.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR coordinates the activities of humanitarian actors on the ground, in order to increase awareness among partners, minimize duplication in projects, and address gaps more efficiently. In addition to operating partners, UNHCR's implementing and government partners in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun include:
Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development-Legal Aid (ARDD-LA) | International Relief and Development (IRD) |
International Medical Corps | Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development (JOHUD) | Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS) |
Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) | Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate of the Ministry of Interior | Ministry of Planning and
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