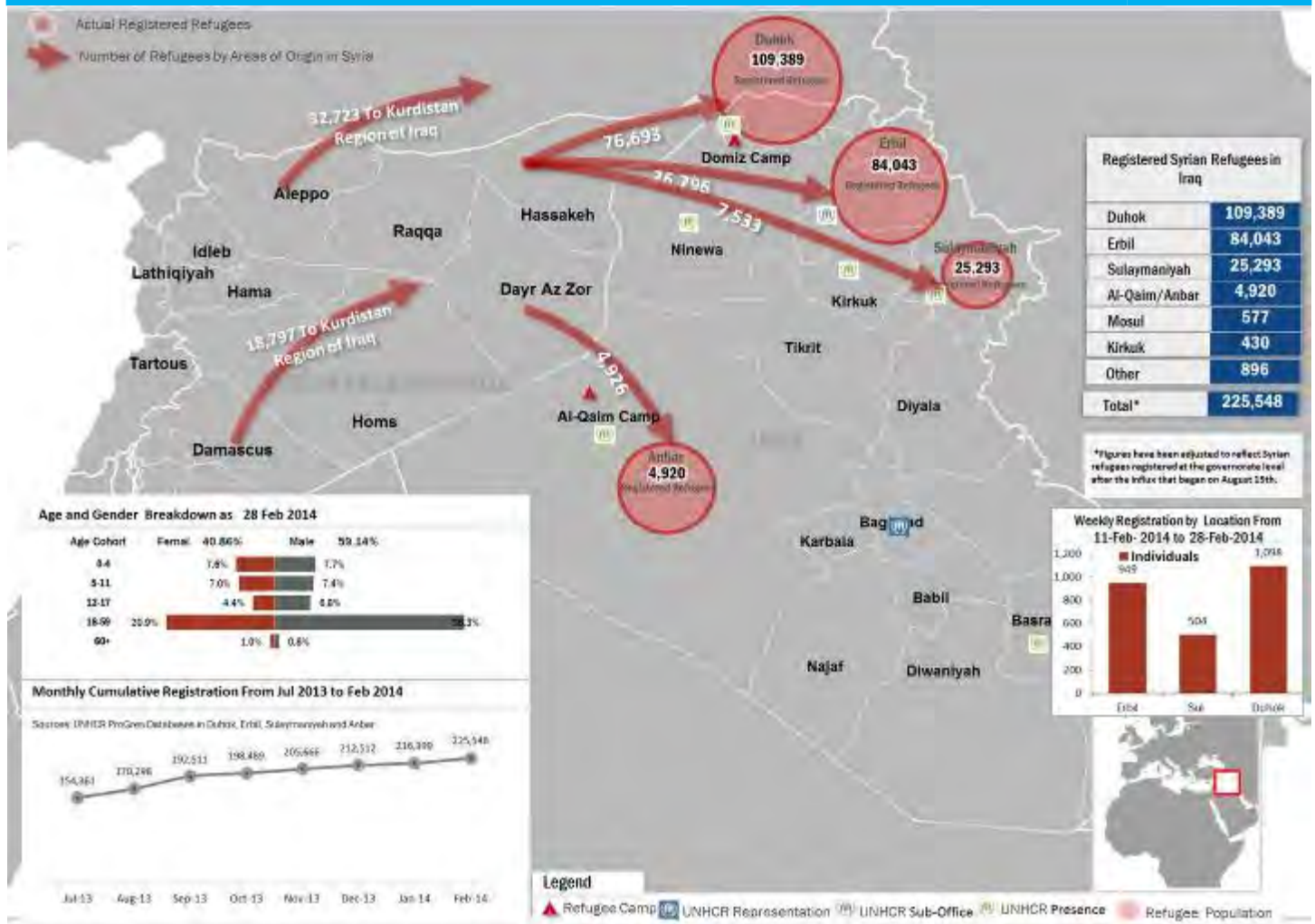


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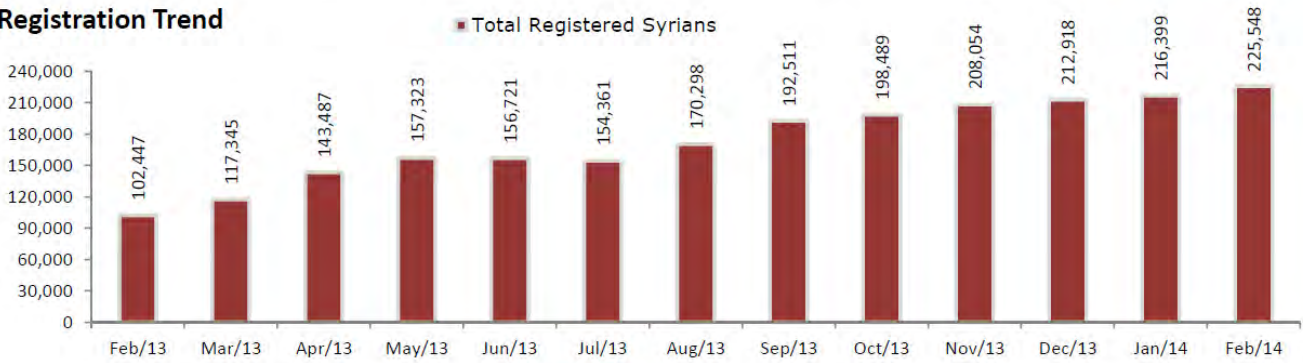
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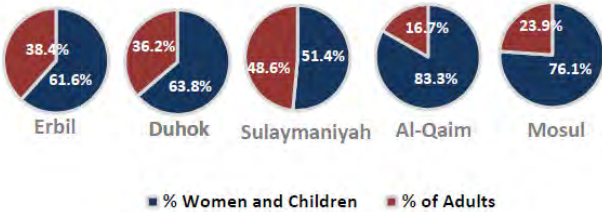
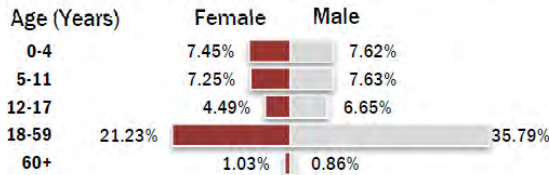


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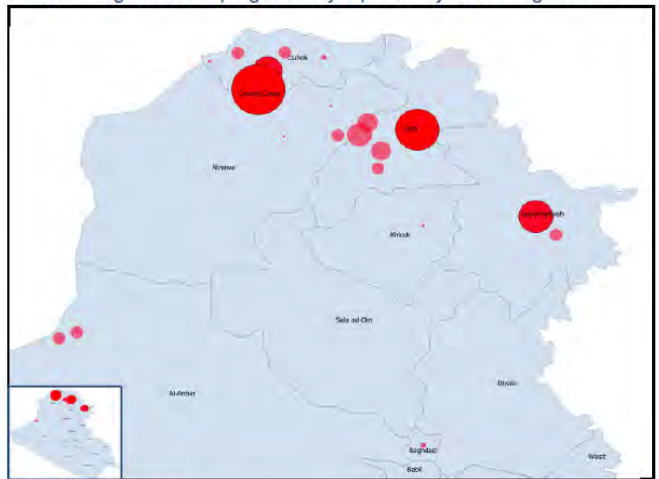
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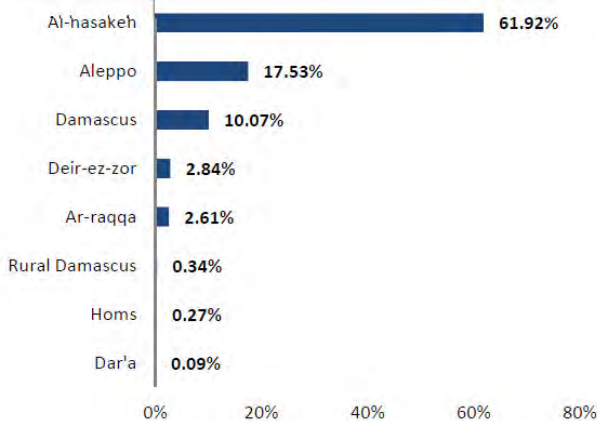
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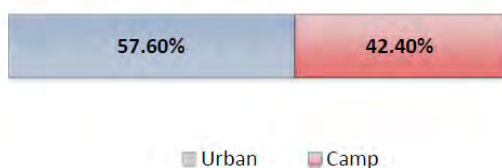


Place of Origin



Governorate	Individuals	Households	% Total
Duhok	109,389	37,411	48.50%
Erbil	84,043	30,686	37.26%
Sulaymanniyah	25,293	10,515	11.21%
Anbar	4,920	1,236	2.18%
Mosul	577	178	0.26%
Kirkuk	430	131	0.19%
Other	896	358	0.40%
Total Iraq	225,548	80,515	100%

Camp and non-camp population comparison



Camps Population			
Camp	Individuals	Households	% Total
Domiz Camp	58,500	10,000	61.17%
Al-Obaidi Camp	1,781	385	1.86%
Kawergosk Camp	13,412	3,696	14.02%
Darashakran Camp	7,500	1,800	7.84%
Qushtapa Camp	4,373	976	4.57%
Basirma Camp	2,923	700	3.06%
Arbat Camp	3,000	853	3.14%
Akre Camp	1,422	349	1.49%
Gawilan Camp	2,720	722	2.84%
Total	95,631	19,481	100%

1. Highlights

- Syria's border with the Kurdistan Region of Iraq at Peshkhabour and Sehela remained open during the reporting period.
- Close to 11,000 Syrian nationals are reported to have crossed into the Kurdistan Region through the Peshkhabour border crossing point since start of 2014.
- 4,248 individuals have expressed their intention of seeking asylum, while 3,420 individuals have been registered so far.
- 660 registered Syrian asylum seekers returned to their country of origin during the reporting period.
- A high level visit from the Government of Iraq took place to the Kurdistan Region during the reporting period to assess the Syrian refugee situation.
- On 11 February, a high level mission from UNHCR/ Iraq Operation visited Al Qaim and met with refugees community leaders in Al Obaidy Camp
- At a request of the UK Foreign Office, UNHCR participated in a training of 45 government officials from Iraq on international refugee law.

2. Winterization update

- ✓ On 12 February, UNHCR in collaboration with ISHO started the February distribution of kerosene for non-camp refugees in Al Qa'im. The process was completed in less than two weeks.
- ✓ In Domiz Camp, UNHCR's partner KURDS started the second round of distributing tent insulation kits for tents. Up to 5,600 families will be assisted. The distribution is already complete in Phase 6 (Domiz 2) with 699 families assisted so far.
- ✓ In Domiz Camp, UNHCR completed the tent verification process and families are now collecting their new tents. In total so far 2,118 tents have been replaced.
- ✓ In Domiz Camp, UNHCR through KURDS distributed up to 1,226 polystyrene floor insulation kits.
- ✓ In Gawilan Camp, ACF, DMC and the Barzani Charity Foundation distributed winter kits to 1,291 adults in the camp.
- ✓ UNHCR's partner ACTED is continuing with the distribution of kerosene in the camps in Erbil Governorate.
- ✓ The construction of permanent bases, together with kitchens and latrines, is on-going in camps in the Erbil, Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah Governorates. Up to 57% of the planned 14,982 cement bases are now complete.



Distribution in Gawilan Camp@UNHCR/B Amin



Kerosene Distribution to non-camp in Al Qaim@ UNHCR/Haitham

3. Border update

Al Qa'im

The border remains closed since 29 March 2013. Syrian nationals with valid visa are still allowed to cross the border into Iraq after obtaining prior approval from Iraqi authorities. The clinic at the border continues to receive more Syrians with medical needs. Patients return back to Syria the same day after receiving the relevant treatment.

Peshkabout and Sehela

Syria's border with the Kurdistan Region at Peshkabout and Sehela remained open throughout the reporting period for Syrian nationals with medical needs, visiting family members and those from areas affected by the country's internal conflict. By mid-February, close to 11,000 Syrian nationals are reported to have crossed into the Kurdistan Region through the Peshkabout border crossing point since the start of this year. Up to 4,248 individuals have expressed their intention of seeking asylum, and UNHCR has registered 3,420 new arrivals (847 cases) across the region. By mid-February, some 1,042 Syrian nationals had already approached the UNHCR office in Dohuk and are now included in UNHCR's progress database. UNHCR continues to maintain a regular presence at the border to identify and assist with vulnerable individuals, including elderly persons, persons with specific needs and unaccompanied and separated children.

4. Response by sector and location

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

Al Qa'im

The number of Syrian asylum seekers in Al Obaidy Camp is 385 cases (1,789) individuals with 847 cases (3,105) individuals settled in the town of Al Qa'im. The total number of Syrians returned to Syria from Al Qaim is 6370 individuals; the main reasons for return as cited by these asylum seekers:

- Improvement of the security situation and access to basic services in Abu Kamal
- Family reunification
- Lack of Freedom of movement in Iraq
- The supplied items of food parcel are insufficient to meet their needs
- Lack of employment and income
- Lack of access to health care

The UNHCR registration team carries out continuous registration activities, and has for example, renewed 15 asylum seeker certificates during the reporting period.

Kurdistan Region

A high level visit from the Central authorities took place to the Kurdistan Region during the reporting period to assess the Syrian refugee situation. This including looking at possible interventions from the Iraqi Government as well as brief relevant stakeholders on the desire to develop a 'National Policy for Syrian refugees in Iraq'. The mission, which was facilitated by UNHCR, included meetings with senior-level KRG officials in Dohuk, Erbil and Suleymaniya as well as meetings with refugees and partners providing assistance on the ground. During the mission, the commitment to continue hosting Syrian refugees, and respect for refugee rights was reiterated by all.

Protection monitoring and individual case follow-up continued in all urban areas and refugee camps was intensified during the reporting period. It was noted, amongst others, that prioritization of programmatic responses for youth is a serious gap in protection programming.

The registration of asylum applications in UNHCR's proGres data base continues in camps and urban areas, albeit with some logistical challenges which hampers the speed of the process. All efforts are being made to address those logistic concerns together with partners. That being said, nearly 90 % of all refugees are now registered in the data base.

A meeting was held with the General Director of Nationality for KRG. A key point of discussion was the progressive development of a harmonized approach to residency in order to ensure equal standards of treatment for all refugees and asylum seekers across the KR-I in accordance with international standards and best practices. It was agreed that a

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further meeting involving representatives from the various Governorates would be held imminently to develop this policy and ensure its implementation.

At a request of the UK Foreign Office, UNHCR participated in a training of 45 government officials from Iraq on international refugee law. During the training, UNHCR set out the definition of persons of concern to the agency and also reviewed key rights such as admission to the territory, the right to submitting asylum applications and freedom of movement amongst other issues.

Camps

During the reporting period, some 1,398 Syrian nationals were registered in UNHCR's data base. This number includes new arrivals and newborns in the camp.

Gawilan Camp: A total of 55 newly arrived asylum seekers were registered in Gawilan Camp during the reporting period.

Transit sites

Arbat Transit Site: During the reporting period, more than 300 individuals were registered by CDO at the Arbat transit site.

Cross border movement:

Some 660 registered Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan Region returned to their country of origin during the reporting period. More than 24,451 Syrian nationals registered as asylum seekers with UNHCR have returned to Syria since January 2013. This means that the total of non-registered Syrian nationals who have returned to Syria since last year now exceeds more than 22,100 individuals.

Meanwhile in Suleymaniyah, ten Syrian asylum seekers, who returned to Syria, were readmitted by the KR-I and granted protection.

Legal and Protection Assistance

Domiz Camp: One extremely vulnerable family was assisted to re-settle in Domiz camp from an urban location. UNHCR has coordinated with NRC and DMC to deliver assistance.

During the reporting period, 124 protection interviews were conducted with refugees, among which 9 with claims of lost-certificate, 34 cases with request for transfer from Erbil-Suleymaniah to Duhok, 15 cases for family-composition and lack-of documents, 14 cases that returned back from Syria to KR-I received new certificates, 7 cases received certificates after transferring, 21 cases granted appointments to receive new certificates, one case received a new certificate as a replacement for a damaged one, 14 cases received their certificates back after activation and 8 cases referred to implementing partners.

Gawilan Camp: UNHCR continued to conduct the household protection assessment.

UNHCR also met with the DMC camp manager in Gawilan, who raised the fact that a number of Syrian nationals have problems documenting their Syrian marriage in KR-I due to the lack of documentation. UNHCR noted that the camp manager has already taken appropriate steps to resolve the issue, but plans to monitor the situation closely, and analyse if marriage documentation is an issue in other parts of KR-I.

In addition, UNHCR continued to assess vulnerabilities of new arrivals and refer these cases to appropriate service and CRIs providers. UNHCR also orientated new arrivals.

Meanwhile, ACTED continued to provide tents for new arrivals in the camp.

UNHCR conducted six protection interviews including a separated minor, families in need of reunification and two cases of sexual and gender-based violence.

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Transit sites

Akre: UNHCR continued to carry out case management for extremely vulnerable individuals.

✓ Shelter/Infrastructure

Al Obaidy

As part of UNHCR's livelihood initiatives, the two bakeries continue producing traditional bread to the refugees in Al Obaidy Camp.



Bakeries @ ISHO/Laith

Kurdistan Region

Peshkhabour border

The UNHCR-funded construction of stairs at the disembarkation point of Peshkhabour border was completed during the reporting period, to help facilitate the movement of the Syrian refugees across.



Disembarkation construction works in Peshkhabour border @ UNHCR/B.Amin

Camps

Kawergosk Camp: Both Darashakran and Kawergosk camps are full to capacity. As a result, Kawergosk Camp has been declared closed for several weeks now and no new arrivals can be registered without prior approval from the camp administration. There is an urgent need to identify other locations for new arrivals.

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Meanwhile the storage of CRIs and other commodities in the camp is being improved. The newly installed kerosene tanks is now in use, while a new setting up of the rub hall to improve storage is making good progress. The preparation of the site to be used by WFP for food distribution is also proceeding.

***Setting up a new rub hall is in progress in Kawergosk camp
@ UNHCR/C.Muhanika***



Domiz Camp

Addressing System: ACTED/REACH is continuing with the addressing process. Quarters and streets are 100% addressed. Meanwhile 60% of the shelters have also been addressed so far.

Site Improvement: Following the relocation of families from Transit 2 (which was outside of camp perimeter), UNHCR has engaged KURDS to clean up the area.

Playground construction: Harikar started with the 'Football Playground Project' under UNFPA. The playground is around 1500 square meters and is located in close proximity to the UNHCR compound and the singles area. This will be the first playground for adults and youth in Domiz camp.

Meanwhile a total of 48 families were relocated from Hivi to Khabat. Electricity and water network are set to be connected for the new families during the start of next week. DMC is constructing 25 shops in Domiz 2 - the owners of those shops were nominated and selected by DMC to relocate from their previous locations in the camp.

***Relocation of families from Hivi to Khabat
@UNHCR/S.Gamma***



Gawilan Camp



Site Development: The site which was initially allocated for constructing 500 shelter units in Gawilan has been changed by the DMC to another location within the permanent camp. This change resulted in revision of planning documents and will delay the start of implementation.

The construction of 400 plots through UNHCR and DMC has continued with the completion of 60 tents base, 40 showers base and 60 sanitation units with doors and windows base; construction of internal roads has also continued with 100% completion of opening roads and 80% of laying sub base.

***Gawilan Shelter construction in progress
@UNHCR/B.Amin***

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Arbat camp: Admin area: Installation of 35 prefabs is complete. Work on the Shading/parking area, room for generator, toilets, cesspools is yet to begin.

PHC: Construction is complete.

Registration: Construction complete and shades extended.

Police and Asayesh: Construction of the police and fire force station is complete.

Reception, Warehouse and Voucher: KURDS and ACTED have complete earth work.

Electricity: Up to 75% of the electricity installation is complete



Reception centre in Arbat camp@UNHCR

Schools: Levelling and earth work for Primary and Secondary schools in Arbat Camp by KURDS on behalf of UNICEF and UNESCO was finalized. UNICEF plans to install 12 prefabs.

Blocks (tents with kitchens): Complete.

Wash (latrine and showers): Work on eight septic tanks by THW's contractor is proceeding smoothly.

Electricity installation in Arbat camp @UNHCR



Work on Septic tanks in Arbat camp @UNHCR



Fire Extinguishing areas:

Instalment of 64 fire extinguishing areas in the camp by ACTED is complete.

Transit sites

Arbat transit site

The replacement and repair of all 120 tents damaged from strong winds is complete. In addition to this 20 new tents were erected in sections M, O and B.

The electricity supply to 25 tents is complete.

Akre: The installation of Community Services prefabs in Akre was completed pending installation of electricity connections and furniture.

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**Community Center Prefabs Unit in Akre
@UNHCR/B. Amin**

✓ Child Protection

Al Obaidy

The social support team has conducted a focus group discussion to assess the condition of the children in the camp and to explain the nature of the role of the society within the camp. The participants were mostly fathers and mothers from the camp. Up to 20 participants attended the discussions. Points elaborated during discussions were:

- Simple clarification on the role of the society in the camp
- Brief on the society outside the camp
- Brief on the activities conducted at the CFS and the main purpose

The participants focused on the lack of clean water for the newborns, the lack of the appropriate medicine for children inside the camp, the lack of appropriate food for the children including the formula milk inside the camp, and shortage of clothes for the camp children.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz Camp

During the reporting period, UNHCR and MSF psychotherapist conducted a counselling session with a child who was been emotionally/psychologically affected by a recent event of a fire accident in the family's tent in Domiz 2. In addition, UNHCR identified five unaccompanied children that will undergo BIA/BID. Meanwhile the five Child Friendly/Youth Friendly Spaces in Domiz camp continue to provide services to children and youth.

During the reporting UNHCR verification found a separate accompanied minor. BIA will be conducted.

Gawilan Camp

The Child Friendly/Youth Friendly Spaces in Gawilan camp continue to provide services to children and youth

In addition, UNHCR made a BIA for 1 separated child and recommended for IRC to do BID ASAP.

UNHCR visited small-scale activities UNICEF has organized for children in Gawilan, such as painting lessons. UNHCR could not find an organized CFS activity calendar.

Transit Sites

Akre

UNHCR continued to conduct protection interviews with families with working children. Up to nine families with 11 working children that may be recommended for possible hybrid cash incentive/livelihoods/education program was interviewed. UNHCR further conducted a vulnerability assessment with four working children and recommended them for assistance; UNHCR also conducted verification of vulnerable children referred by other agencies and is currently giving priority to the most seriously ill.

UNICEF's activities for children also continued during the reporting period.

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✓ Water and Sanitation

Al Obaidy

UNICEF installed 36 solar heater boilers for men latrines and maintained latrines in Al Obaidy Camp.



Installing solar heater boilers in the camp@ UNICEF/Majeed



Maintenance in Al-Qaim@ UNICEF/Majeed

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Kawergosk Camp: The development of the permanent phase in the camp is on-going with NRC focusing on the installation of the WASH infrastructure. Latrine slabs and basins are being constructed and in some parts, raising a superstructure has started. This stage will be followed by putting up a water network which will be funded by UNICEF and implemented by the government.

Latrine construction in Kawergosk permanent camp @ UNICEF/C. Muhanika



Meanwhile UNICEF/NRC increased the number of tap stands to 56.

At the same time, all old latrines have been repaired. Up to 41 new latrines have been installed and more are underway. In addition, 59 latrines have been dislodged.

Domiz Camp: Harikar has started the implementation of a project on making open drainage channels in sector/street-7.



Condition of internal roads and open drainage channel @ UNHCR/S. Gammah



Work in Harikar underway @ UNHCR/S. Gammah

Transit Sites

Arbat Transit site: IRC has repaired all the damaged latrines and WASH facilities that were damaged by heavy wind.

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UNHCR is in discussion with UNICEF in order to address the construction of additional cesspools for the increasing number of refugees in Arbat transit site.S

✓ Core Relief Items

Al Obaidy

On 18 February, UNHCR in collaboration with ISHO started the February distribution of complementary food items (US\$15) to the camp refugees. The distribution was complete in two days. Total number of beneficiaries was 1,760 individuals.

Meanwhile on 24 February, UNHCR distributed mattresses, quilts, hygiene kits, and diapers to ten newly born babies in Al Obaidy Camp.



CRIs distribution to IDPs in Al Qaim@ UNHCR/Mahmood



Distribution of complementary food items @UNHCR/Omar

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz Camp: UNHCR through Qandil has distributed 187 CRIs packages 151 for families and (36 new single groups each group 4 persons) from the non-camp population who were registered over the last month.

UNHCR together with Qandil continues to distribute baby diapers and sanitary napkins for women in Domiz Camp. Distribution of these items is conducted on monthly basis to all children up to 3 years old and women of reproductive age.

Transit Sites

Akre: DMC: The Akre camp management has distributed 377 school bags, donated by Korek Telecom Company; the distribution has targeted students from grades (1-9).

PWJ- Harikar: On 11 February, a team from Harikar has started distribution of sweaters/jackets targeting 377 students of Kurdini primary school, from grade 1-9.



Distribution of school bags donated by Korek Telecom Company @UNHCR



Distribution of sweaters/jackets at Kurdini Primary School @UNHCR

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Arbat Transit site: UNHCR's partner YAO distributed up to 209 newly registered individuals in Arbat Transit site. In addition 11 families received items that were not distributed during the previous weeks due to the lack of stocks.

Meanwhile CDO distributed 210 SCI clothing items to children (0-5 years old) at Arbat. Moreover, 1,000 sets of clothing were distributed to the Syrian youth (over the age of 18). SCI packages, consisting of rugs, carpets, mattresses and rope, are also being distributed to camp refugees.

✓ Food

Al Obaidy

On 20 February, WFP through its partner IRW completed the distribution of food parcels to some 1,793 beneficiaries in the camp.



Food Parcels distribution in Al Qaim@ WFP/Monkith

Kurdistan Region

Transit sites

Arbat Transit site: On 12 February, WFP distributed 645 food parcels to 486 families. Up to 433 children under five and school children (daily) also received 100g High Energy Biscuits.

✓ Health

Al Obaidy

Up to 642 cases got treatment in PHC during the reporting period and as following:

- Paediatrician: 153 cases
- Internist and cardiologist: 165 cases
- Gynaecologist: 119 cases
- Dentist: 94 cases

On 16 February, DoH/Al Qa'im in collaboration with PHC conducted Polio, BCG, DPT, Measles, German measles and Hepatitis B vaccinations campaign in Al Obaidy Camp and covered 139 cases. In collaboration with UNHCR Al Qa'im team, PHC allocated a new location for vaccination and run by a specialized doctor. On 23 February, PHC team with UNHCR field team visited IDPs in Al Obaidy district and distributed chronic medicines to 7 IDPs and provided each with chronic diseases card. They also provided four cold cases with required medications.

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PHC activities in Al Qaim @ UNHCR/Haitham

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Kawergosk camp: MSF has six community health workers in the camp to spread information about MSF services as well as to hear complaints and follow up on chronic diseases.

There are increased numbers of pregnant women in the camp. UNFPA has one doctor, two midwives and refer cases to Erbil.

Domiz Camp: During the reporting period, the MSF health centre continued to provide primary health care and referral services to refugees in Domiz 1; the services were also extended to the residents of Domiz 2 on bi-weekly basis; Kirkuk Centre conducted consultation for 190 individuals with acute and chronic health conditions in the camp.

Gawilan Camp: In the reporting period, PU-AMI continued to provide the primary and basic medicines in the camp on daily basis. The vaccination campaign by Bardarash DoH is on-going on a three-day basis weekly. UNHCR was following up the need for a dentist in the camp.

Transit sites

Akre: The health post is running smoothly, providing basic medicines to Syrian refugees. An ambulance is available during the daytime.

UNHCR coordinated with DoH to obtain medicines for severe illnesses; the camp management also follows up this issue to find a solution on the matter. UNHCR also held a meeting with the UPP team to discuss urgent treatment needs for mentally handicapped PoC's, such as persons having autism, and cerebral palsy.

UNHCR raised the issue concerning lack of medication for serious medical conditions and lack of dental and gynaecological services in Gawilan with the DoH to ensure that such services are provided in all locations.

✓ Education

Al Obaidy

According to the instructions of DoE/Al Qaim, camp school started mid-year examinations on 14 February and will conclude on 27 February. Up to 474 children (228 boys and 246 girls) are sitting for the examination.



Mid-year examinations in Al Obaidy @ UNICEF/Noaf



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Camps

Domiz Camp: Some 10,661 Syrian refugee students are attending Arabic and Kurdish schools in both camps and non-camp locations in the Dohuk Governorate. This includes, more than 4,900 children who continue to attend schools in the Domiz Camp. Meanwhile, the process of evaluating and assessing children wanting to register in schools by the DoE committee has continued. Two of the three new camp schools are not yet operational but registration is on-going. IOM transported 250 students from Domiz 2 to schools in Domiz, and 200 newly enrolled students were transported to attend the new school in Domiz 1; the new schools in Domiz 1 started using the Syrian Arabic curriculum.

Gawilan Camp: Up to 479 children have attended Gawilan basic school. UNHCR through Harikar distributed school uniforms for students in the camp; the issue of the teachers' contracts and low salaries remains unresolved; the old school is now providing services in one shift Grade 7 to 9, while Grade 1 to 6 moved to the new school in the permanent site.

Transit Sites

Arbat Transit Site: The total number of children attending school in Arbat Transit Camp (grades 1-9) is 370 of which 180 are female and 190 are male. There are 23 teachers in the school. UNICEF has been paying UD\$160 for each teacher as a transportation fee for February and will continue until end of March 2014.

UNICEF and UNHCR both raised with the Directorate of Education the issue of non-payment of salaries to the teachers. The Directorate assured that by beginning of March the salaries will be paid.

Akre: Up to 377 children have attended Akre basic school; UNHCR through Harikar distributed school uniforms for students in the camp; the new school continued to run successfully with students joining their classes daily; UNHCR discussed with the DoE and raised the issue that secondary education is not covered by the new school.

UNHCR participated with the Akre camp management in the inauguration of newly constructed school. UNHCR also met with the school headmaster and briefed him on the role of UNHCR community services and assisted with administrated tasks. The school started on 11 February and up to 377 students joined the classes. It is to teach nine grades.

✓ SGBV

Al Obaidy

Through Women Listening Centre, three cases were identified and two of them received psychological and legal support.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz Camp: During the reporting period, UNHCR in coordination with relevant partners in child protection and SGBV started drawing a campaign against early marriage as part of a multi-sectorial intervention plan that had emerged following a discussion with community and actors to tackle the increasing reports regarding early marriage in the refugee camps; 3 cases of SGBV were identified and assisted with psychosocial counselling; a new case domestic violence was reported.

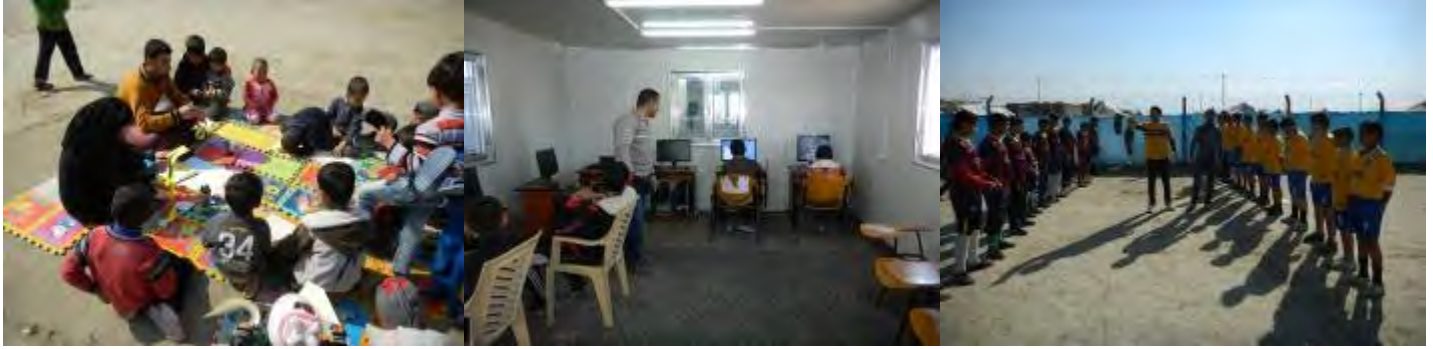
Gawilan Camp: UNHCR identified four potential cases of SGBV and started conducting interviews to better understand the cases and provide the necessary recommendations

✓ Community services

Al Obaidy

Girls and boys participated in computer courses as well as some of the fundamental steps; in addition they have learned some topics on how to work on Word applications. Number of participants: 12 females and 15 males. Different activities have been conducted in the YFS including running, jumping between rings, children songs clips, ring puzzle games, mathematic computer learning, domino, snake & ladder, slides, balance and swings, and rope pulling, etc.

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Different activities have been conducted in the YFS in Al Obaidy @ UNICEF/Noaf

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz Camp: During the reporting period, 148 families with different forms of vulnerabilities were identified and assisted, including 34 families with elderly members and disabilities and 114 individuals suffering serious chronic medical conditions.

The team conducted a visit to Asayish to assist an elderly woman with grandchildren for registration with Asayish; UNHCR conducted a review of services and services providers in Domiz 2 in order to facilitate coordination of services; UNHCR conducted a monitoring visit to the Reception Centre to ensure that families with special needs are given priorities in the delivery of services.

Gawilan Camp: UNHCR identified five vulnerable families, in which one case was referred to the PHC for immediate attention and the remaining recommended for intervention and follow up

Transit sites

Arbat Transit site: Meeting was initiated and organized with Arbat Transit Camp refugee representatives on 17 February 2014 by UNHCR and IRC. The aim of the meeting was to bring together several groups of representatives and engage them in community mobilization. The problems raised by the refugee representatives have been addressed and/or referred by UNHCR.

✓ Psychosocial Services

Domiz Camp: During the reporting period, UNHCR coordinated and followed up with Kirkuk Centre, DMC and Asayish to assist and provide medical intervention for a family that lost its tent in a fire accident to restart their lives.

UNHCR and DMC met with 30 engaged couples in Domiz camp to facilitate a wedding ceremony for them which is scheduled to take place in Duhok city next month. The Duhok Governorate will cover the cost of the ceremony in order to ease the burden on refugee families.

Up to 44 individuals received psychosocial and mental health services; Kirkuk Centre served 41 cases of psychosocial and mental health; a meeting was conducted with MSF to discuss the improvement of services and referral for psychosocial services.

Gawilan Camp: UNHCR met with UPP and discussed the need for linking their psychosocial services with other provisions and ensure that refugees' issues are identified, referred and addressed in a timely fashion.

✓ Livelihoods

Domiz Camp: During the reporting period, UNHCR identified and documented 32 asylum seekers with different educational/professional qualifications for potential employment opportunities; 7 asylum seekers were recommended for interpreter job, of which one could be contracted to work with the UNHCR non-camp Community services team.

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Despite continuous advocacy and information sharing regarding the job seekers' database with UNHCR, some agencies in the camp continued to recruit refugees without consulting the database which created inconsistency in the process resulting in unfair distribution of job opportunities among refugees, UNHCR continued to advocate for the utilization of the database.

UNHCR identified a person with sever disability and recommended him for cash assistance and livelihood project in the urban areas.

Gawilan Camp: UNHCR continued to collect relevant data from job seekers in Gawilan.

Transit sites

Arbat Transit site: UNHCR has been working on the design of the livelihoods projects for urban refugee women by Samartian's Purse.

Livelihoods component of REACH for refugees in Sulaymaniyah is pending the final agreement being signed between UNHCR and REACH.

Mercy Corps and UNHCR have initiated the Livelihoods Coordination Meeting to start as of first week of March 2014.

5. Non-camp assistance

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

In Dohuk, a further planning meeting was held to prepare for the joint multi-sector needs assessment of non-camp refugees, while the Child Protection Sub-WG held a UASC workshop to discuss roles and responsibilities and provision of care for UASCs.

✓ Child Protection

During the reporting period, the three urban CFS/AFS located in Var City and Fayda continued to receive children; SCI trained parents on the use of the manual for home based learning.

UNHCR non-camp protection held a legal awareness session on the need for parents to register their childrens' births in Domiz Barracks. The session was part of a child protection awareness campaign coordinated between SCI, UPP and UNHCR.

✓ Health

During the reporting period, UNHCR met with Heevi Nazdar for Children and was informed that some 50 Syrian children and 3,000 Iraqi children are currently awaiting a much needed heart operation. It was recommended that UNHCR may support these initiatives.

In Sulaymaniyah, 20 Medical cases were referred by CDO to relevant medical institutions for assistance.

✓ Education

During the reporting period, 1,552 children attended Duhok non-camps basic Arabic schools, 4,393 students attended basic Kurdish schools and 240 students attended Arabic high schools; SCI completed the construction of 6 additional learning spaces in basic schools in Duhok and Zakho.

✓ SGBV

UNHCR followed up on urgent SGBV/CP cases with IRC, PARC and the Women's Listening Centre.

✓ CRIs

On 12 February, UNHCR through ISHO started the distribution of February kerosene share to non-camp refugees and completed the activity on 23 February.

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✓ Cash Assistance

Mercy Corps has provided 100 USD cash assistance to 535 urban refugee families in Sulaymaniyah.

✓ Community services/livelihoods

During the reporting period, UNHCR has coordinated with the Early Detection of Childhood Disabilities Centre to strengthen the pathway of referrals and improve the information flow between these institutions. A service directory including full contact details is being produced for internal and mass information purposes.

Case management activities and assessments for QIP projects continued; UNHCR visited Akre to develop the 2014 work plan for the community centre serving host communities and camp and non-camp refugees.

6. Security

Al Qa'im

Security situation remains stable in Al Qa'im and no major security incident has been reported during the reporting period. The on-going conflict in Anbar continues to destabilise the governorate, making road movements more complex and insecure.

Kurdistan Region

Security situation remains stable.

7. Coordination

Al Qa'im

On 11 February, a high level mission from UNHCR Iraq Operation visited Al Qaim and met with refugees community leaders in Al Obaidy Camp and local authorities and IDPs in Al Qaim to view and assess the needs of refugees and IDPs in Al Qaim. On 24 February, UNHCR Al Qaim team held a coordination meeting with the implementing partners in UNHCR venue to discuss the activities and challenges in Al Obaidy Camp.



UNHCR senior Management visit to Al Qaim@ UNHCR/Nameer



Coordination meeting in Al Qaim@ UNHCR/Omer

Kurdistan Region

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Announcements of all sector meetings along with respective agendas and minutes, and other information reporting sector-wide progress such as 3Ws, dashboards and camp profiles, are available on the inter-agency information sharing portal on the Syrian refugee response at <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

9. Acronyms and abbreviations

AFS	Adolescent Friendly Space
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
DoE	Department of Education
DoH	Department of Health
HOFO	Head of Field Office
HOSO	Head of Sub Office
ISF	Iraqi Security Forces
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

Syrian Refugees Camps / Sites in Iraq

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