



# SYRIAN REFUGEES

## INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL UPDATE

1 December 2014

### KEY FIGURES

**3.2 million**

Syrian refugees have fled to neighbouring countries and North Africa

**1.8 million**

Refugees and vulnerable members of impacted communities are receiving food assistance in 2014

**1.2 million**

People have been provided with access to safe drinking water in 2014

**795,000**

People have benefited from shelter assistance in camp and non-camp settings in 2014

**700,000**

People have benefited from the distribution of basic household and core relief items in 2014

### FUNDING

**USD 3.7 billion**

requested for the situation



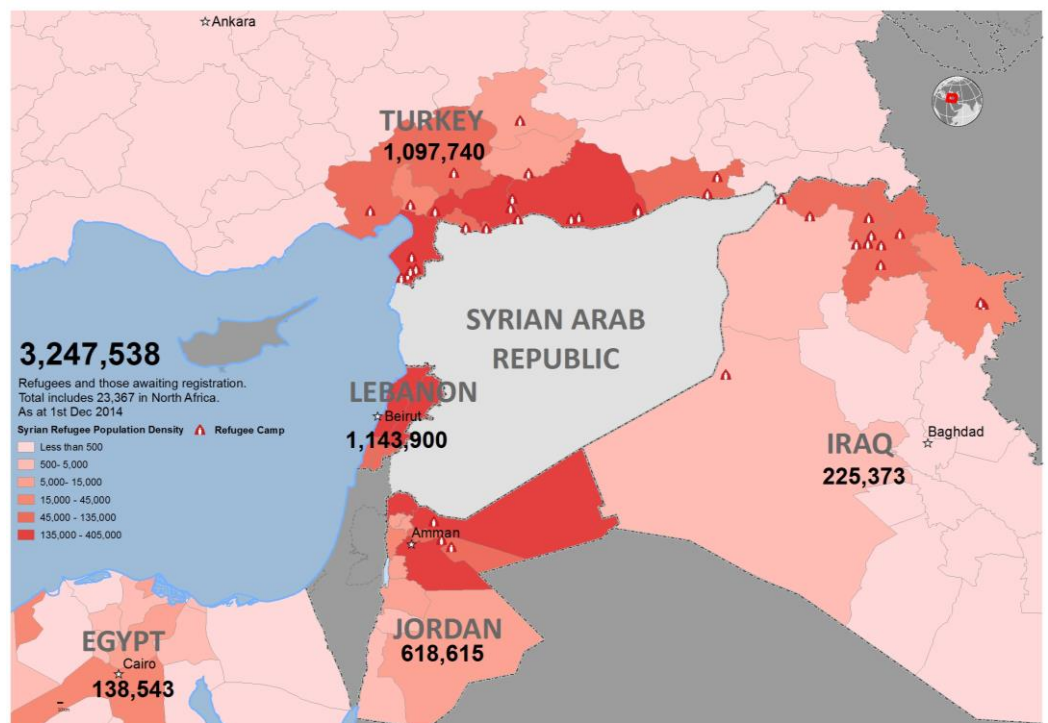
### PRIORITIES

- 2015-2016 planning
- Winterization for 1.5 million vulnerable refugees including the distribution/ replacement of winter relief items, upgrades to shelter and seasonal cash allowances

### HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP announced on 1 December it has been forced to suspend the provision of food vouchers to more than 1.7 million Syrian refugees in the region, due to a funding crisis. WFP stated it could immediately resume assistance for Syrian refugees if new funding arrives in December. Since the start of this operation, WFP's voucher programme has injected some US\$ 800 million dollars into the economies of refugee hosting countries which border Syria.
- The food aid suspension could be particularly devastating in Lebanon, where more than 1.1 million Syrian refugees – one-quarter of the country's entire population – are scattered across some 1,700 communities. There are no formal camps, and many of the refugees live in makeshift settlements, sheds, garages and unfinished buildings.
- The humanitarian situation in Iraq remains precarious for the estimated 2 million internally displaced Iraqis, in addition to the over 225,000 refugees including an estimated 23,000 recent arrivals from the Syrian city of Kobani. With winter conditions setting in, some areas in the Kurdistan Region (KR-I) have already dropped below zero degrees Celsius. An inter-agency winterization programme continues to be implemented throughout the region to assist vulnerable families throughout the winter months.

A total of **3.2 million** people of concern



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## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational Context

As insecurity and violence continue to cause displacement within Syria and across the region, some 800,000 Syrians have been registered this year in countries in the regional refugee response.

Humanitarian needs remain enormous. Government services and local communal services are under strain due to the increased demand, impacting service quality for both refugees and nationals, and threatening social cohesion.

Some 3.2 million people are directly affected by the Syria crisis in Lebanon, where one in every four people is a refugee. By the end of 2014 there will be about 1.2 million registered Syrian refugees in the country. There are growing restrictions for Syrians wishing to enter Lebanon through official border crossings.

Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) estimates that the number of Syrians in the country has exceeded 1.6 million people, of whom 220,928 are currently living in 22 camps across the south of Turkey; 34,792 Syrian children have been born in Turkish refugee camps. Since 19 September, more than 190,000 Syrians from Kobani have fled to Turkey since ISIS launched an offensive to capture the border city. Of these, some 23,000 refugees are estimated to have continued on to Iraq's Kurdistan Region (KR-I).

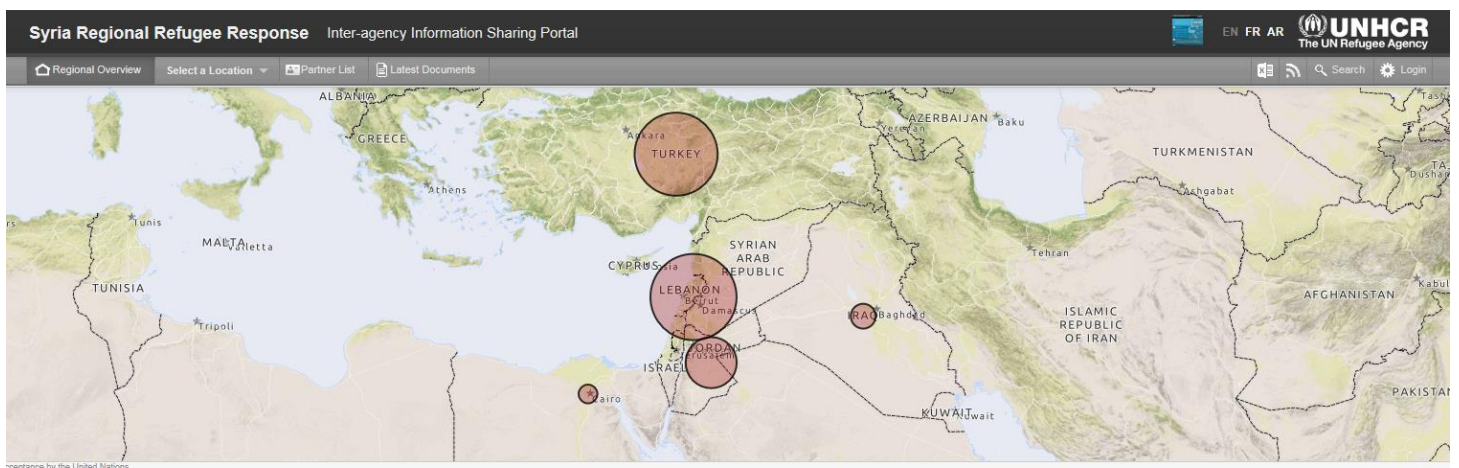
The arrival of Syrian refugees into Jordan has fallen markedly since early October. The Government of Jordan continues to extend protection to Syrian refugees within the country, but is increasingly concerned of the potential security implications of the crises in neighbouring Iraq and Syria.

In the region, some 400,000 refugees are accommodated in refugee camps. Outside of camps, it is estimated that 38 per cent live in sub-standard shelter. With the forthcoming winter, the provision of winterization assistance to the most vulnerable is an ongoing concern for humanitarian and government actors.

Over 150 agencies and aid groups, together with the governments of neighbouring countries, are working together to protect Syrian refugees and assist them with meeting their basic needs, improve access to education and medical care, and provide basic goods such as tents, food and safe WASH facilities.

Monthly sectoral dashboards are published on the [Syria Regional Response Data Portal](#), detailing sectoral priorities, achievements and needs by country and regionally.

Humanitarian partners project budgetary requirements of US\$ 3.74 billion for 2014, which remains 49 per cent unfunded. Donors have contributed more than US\$ 4 billion to successive regional response plans since 2012. Nonetheless, significant needs remain. Planning for 2015 is well underway and the regional partnership strategy, the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP), is scheduled to be launched in Berlin on 18 December.





UNRWA has stated that the plight of Palestine refugees from Syria in the Middle East is becoming more grave as a result of closed borders and a series of forced returns from neighbouring countries.

## LEBANON

- In October, UNICEF provided 27,846 children with access to psychosocial support services and 5,695 caregivers benefitted from learning activities, information and orientation sessions, and emotional and social support activities. 423 vulnerable women and girls received dignity kits and 3,510 individuals accessed support activities within mobile and static safe spaces.
- In 2014 to date, 585 service providers have been trained on child protection services and referral pathways.

## TURKEY

- UNICEF with the Provincial Directorate of Ministry of Family and Social Policies delivered a two day training of trainers on 30-31 October as part of the Family Training Program for the trainers and interpreters to deliver the family briefing sessions. The training focused on child protection, emergency response and psychosocial support.
- Intermediate Level Youth Work training was conducted in Hatay between 20-24 October. The training targeted Turkish Red Crescent Society and IMC/ASAM youth workers on understanding young people, developmental phases of children, working with adolescents and basic life skills.

## JORDAN

- Since January 2014, UNICEF and partners have reached 164,958 children (51 per cent girls) with psychosocial support services through a network of 132 child and adolescent friendly spaces and multi-activity centres in camps and local communities. These interventions reached over 20,000 children in the month of October.
- Since the start of the year, 17,806 children (46 per cent girls) in camps and local communities have received specialized case management services, including almost 3,300 in the month of October.

## IRAQ

- UNHCR reviewed and approved cash assistance for 662 Syrian refugee households out of a target of 1,000 households. Payments are being distributed by Qandil.
- UNICEF, in co-operation with its implementing partners, provided psychosocial services to a total of 7,718 children (3952 girls and 3766 boys) in the Duhok, Erbil and Sulaymaniyah governorates from 1-15 November. In total, 480 children received specialized services from front-line workers (152 girls and 328 boys). The cases referred included children with psychosocial disorders, early marriage, child labour, physical abuse, gender-based violence and disability.
- UNHCR, Handicap International and the Department of Health are currently making outreach visits to Domiz camp to identify and assess children with disabilities. More than 45 children have been assessed so far.
- In Basirma camp and Harir Youth Centre, Terre des Hommes promoted activities in child-friendly spaces among the newly-arrived families from Kobani, with the aim of enrolling these children into the ongoing educational and recreational activities.

## EGYPT

- UNHCR, Caritas and Resala are working together to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees meet their basic needs with monthly cash grants. In October, 26,500 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted. The value of cash assistance varies between EGP 400 (US\$ 57) and EGP 1,300 (US\$ 185), based on to the level of vulnerability and household size. The monthly cash assistance programme injected US\$ 779,526 into the local economy in October. In addition, 147 Syrian individuals received emergency cash grants during October.
- More than 1,300 Syrian nationals have been arrested for attempting to irregularly depart Egypt in 2014. The groups are usually detained in 23 detention centers in Alexandria and surrounding governorates. There are a

number of new detention facilities being used recently, an indication that different routes and paths are being considered for irregular departures.

- There are 585 unaccompanied and separated Syrian children identified as of October 2014. Best Interest Assessments have been conducted for 188 Syrian children since the beginning of 2014. In 2014 to date, 5,745 Syrian children have been provided with access to non-specialized psychosocial support services through 10 child-friendly spaces (eight in Alexandria and two in Damietta).

## Education

### LEBANON

- There are 470,000 Syrian children of school age in Lebanon, compared to around 275,000 Lebanese children who are enrolled in public schools that have an estimated maximum capacity of 300,000 people. Meeting the needs of both populations of children required a doubling of school capacity. To meet this huge spike in demand, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) and its education partners last year successfully introduced afternoon shifts within the public system, allowing the enrollment of an additional 32,000 children. On 27 November, MEHE finalized and shared a circular regarding the enrolment of Syrian children in the afternoon shift. Students will be able to enroll as soon as a final selection is made of public schools that will be accommodating afternoon classes. UNHCR and UNICEF have committed to supporting 57,000 children in the afternoon shift at a cost of US\$ 600 per child. UNHCR, UNICEF and partners are providing tuition fees, stationery and other school supplies, as well as staff salaries and the running cost of afternoon shifts.

### TURKEY

- To support the planning of scaling up schooling at the provincial level, UNICEF is providing technical and financial support to the Ministry of National Education (MoNE) provincial offices to come up with province specific action plans, with the participation of different stakeholders from MoNE, AFAD, UNHCR, IOM and NGOs aiming to increase the enrolment rate of Syrian children in host community schools.
- The protocol for the payment of Syrian volunteer teachers' incentives was signed between MoNE, UNICEF and Postal Bank (PTT) on 6 November. The protocol marks the launch of the first national mechanism for the payment of Syrian teachers in camps and non-camp communities through the MoNE, with the support of UNICEF. Camp and non-camp teachers will be paid an incentive on a monthly basis, distributed through a PTT card which can either be used at ATMs or at retail locations as a debit card.
- Additional school bags and stationary kits have been distributed as a part of the Back to School Campaign to Mardin Midyat camp (1,400 sets for the use of the Yazidis), a temporary education centre in Mardin (560 sets), Batman education centre (1,400 sets) and to two municipality schools in Gaziantep (1,400 sets). Procurement of school furniture is in process for a Government building in Kilis that was allocated by Kilis Governorate to be used as a school for Syrian children.

### JORDAN

- Preliminary records released by the Ministry of Education (MoE) indicate that over 109,000 Syrian children (compared to some 220,000 registered school-aged Syrian children) are enrolled in public schools across Jordan at the beginning of the 2014/2015 school year. Of these, over 19,000 are enrolled in schools in Zaatari, Azraq and Emirates Jordan Camp. In addition, over 35,000 children have been assisted to date by UNICEF and Education sector partners through alternative and non-certified forms of education. Nevertheless, the number of out-of-school remains high, and a comprehensive strategy is being put in place by the MoE, UNICEF and Education sector partners to scale up access to certified and alternative education opportunities in 2015.

### IRAQ

- With the start of the new school year, current enrolment figures show 8,653 Syrian students are attending schools in Duhok governorate; in the Arbat camp there are 760 students in schools, including new arrivals from Kobani; in Erbil there are 1,217 students in the Qushtapa camp, with 14 new teaching staff to increase overall



teaching capacity; over 1,800 students are in the Kawergosk camp where the school works in three shifts to accommodate all the students, and 821 students are registered in the Basirma camp.

- There is a shortage of the Syrian teachers in both camp and non-camp schools as a result of increased numbers of students, especially in Suleimaniyah due to new arrivals from Kobani, and lower teaching capacity due to ongoing issues with teachers' contracts.

## EGYPT

- Public schools resumed for the new school year at the end of September 2014. New enrolment figures will be provided by the MoE at the end of November.
- Over 8,000 Syrian boys and girls are enrolled in UNICEF-supported primary schools in five Governorates (Qalubia, Giza, Cairo, Damietta, and Alexandria). UNICEF has funded the education grant for over 5,000 students in Alexandria and this support will be extended to Damietta, for a further 3,000 students, in November.
- During October, 3,600 Syrian students benefited from UNHCR education grants.
- Community based kindergartens (KG) will continue for 668 Syrian boys and girls aged 3-5 in the 2014/15 school year. During 14 October – 12 November, 16 classrooms in 5 KGs were established and 384 Syrian children have enrolled for the 2014-15 academic year. Twenty five teachers were trained. Monitoring tools were developed and are being utilised by the implementing partner. Field monitoring by UNICEF will also be conducted to validate data and upgrade program performance.



## Food Security and Nutrition

WFP announced on 1 December it has been forced to suspend a critical programme providing food vouchers to more than 1.7 million Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries, due to a funding crisis. If new funding arrives in December, WFP stated it could immediately resume assistance for Syrian refugees through an electronic voucher system that enables them to buy food in local shops.

## LEBANON

- The number of WFP parcels distributed to eligible new arrivals from Syria is expected to decrease significantly over the coming period following the Government of Lebanon's announcement in October 2014 that no further refugees from Syria would be accepted into the country, except in what the authorities deem to be "exceptional" cases. The policy will also affect Syrian refugees who choose to temporarily return to Syria.

## TURKEY

- In response to the recent influx, WFP is delivering food to the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) for the provision of two daily meals to 10,750 recently arrived refugees from Kobani – mostly in transit camps.
- To date, WFP's e-food card programme has only been operational in Syrian camps. However, in response to requests from the government and the ever increasing needs of non-camp Syrians refugees, WFP is planning to expand the programme – in collaboration with AFAD and local authorities - to serve Syrian refugees in host communities. Efforts are also underway to ensure assistance to non-camp populations is harmonized and coordinated to mitigate duplication of efforts.

## JORDAN

- A total of 32,651 individuals – equivalent to six per cent of the pre-targeting caseload - have been removed from WFP's November beneficiary lists based on targeting criteria defined by the Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise, conducted earlier this year. WFP plans to increase its targeting of Syrian refugees residing in communities by an estimated additional 9 per cent in the coming months, based on inter-agency agreed Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF) criteria currently being developed. Since the start of targeting in October, of the more than 12,790 households excluded through the process, some 3,000 have submitted an application to appeal their exclusion from WFP food assistance. Both WFP and UNHCR have increased their staff

capacity as a contribution to the interagency appeals committee, a component of the VAF, and expect to provide responses to all appealing households within one month of their appeal.

- WFP finished its rollout of e-cards in Azraq camp, reaching 6,362 individuals prior to the loading of the cards on 4 November. WFP continues to print paper vouchers for the 2,618 individuals who did not come to collect their e-cards. Al Za'atri camp e-card distributions are planned to be completed by the end of November.

## IRAQ

- WFP is coordinating immediate assistance to newly arrived refugees from Kobani with other food sector partners and is working to include families who choose to remain in camps into its regular monthly food assistance.
- WFP will transition two camps – Akre and Darashakran – from in-kind food to voucher assistance in December 2014. A shop near Akre camp has been selected to participate in the programme, while another has been built inside Darashakran camp. With this transition, WFP plans to increase its voucher beneficiaries from a planned 66,000 people in November to almost 76,000 people in December.

## EGYPT

- WFP's October distribution commenced as planned on 26 October, reaching 99,315 beneficiaries in six locations across the country. The beneficiaries in greater Cairo are assisted through Carrefour e-cards, which are automatically uploaded with 200 EGP (equivalent to US\$ 28) every month. Remaining beneficiaries are assisted through paper vouchers of the same value, distributed in one of the country's six distributions sites.



## Health

## LEBANON

- Training for 250 nurses on vaccine management (to become vaccinators and to learn how to store, prepare and administer all types of vaccines) started on 31 October at the central (Beirut) and caza level coordinated between the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) and the Order of Nurses, with support from UNICEF.
- To strengthen and enhance the routine immunisation programme in Lebanon, through the MOPH, UNICEF, WHO and UNHCR Instrument for Stability project, UNICEF will ensure the procurement of all required routine vaccines to benefit over 257,500 children 0-18 years of age, immunisation supplies, and Cold Chain systems for 2015.

## TURKEY

- A second polio immunisation campaign was conducted in Istanbul from 13-19 October to cover six Istanbul districts.
- Two Nutrition in Emergency trainings were completed for 15 IMC/ASAM partner staff between 4-7 November on infant and young child feeding, malnutrition, micronutrient interventions and food security.

## JORDAN

- UNICEF/WHO/UNHCR and partners implemented the first round in 2014 of Polio National Immunization Days in host communities from 26–30 October and in three Syrian refugee camps from 2–6 November. Administrative vaccination data shows 1,138,653 children aged 0-5 years (including 129,632 Syrian and 955,596 Jordanian children) were vaccinated in host communities, while 20,410 Syrian children vaccinated in the camps.

## IRAQ

- From 1-15 November, up to 7,874 persons with acute, chronic and mental health conditions have benefited from the health services provided in the Domiz, Gawilan and Akre camps. PU-AMI has increased capacity in Gawilan camp to provide medical services to new arrivals in cooperation with the Department of Health. In the four camps in Erbil governorate, a total of 7,025 primary health care consultations were conducted from 1-15 November, including 270 consultations for mental health care. IMC deployed its mobile medical team to support medical treatment for newly arriving refugees in camps in Erbil governorate. In the Arbat camp, Sulaymaniyah governorate, 1,100 patients received treatment for acute and chronic health conditions from 1-15 November and community Health Workers are visiting new arrivals tent by tent to inform about available health services.

- In the Al Obaidy camp in Anbar governorate, health services continue to be provided by UNHCR's implementing partner UIMS. A total of 142 patients received treatment for acute and chronic health conditions from 1-15 November. IMC and PU-AMI continue to provide health awareness campaigns to Syrian refugees living in impacted communities in Erbil governorate.
- UNICEF continues to provide health support services to newly arrived Syrians from Kobani with a fixed immunization unit at the border. In the reporting period, the unit vaccinated 2,029 children aged 0-15 years against polio, and 1,913 children aged 9-15 years against measles.

## EGYPT

- UNICEF, WHO and UNHCR extended support to the Ministry of Health Expanded Program of Immunization, as it organized a national anti-Polio campaign during the month of October. The campaign targeted more than 17 million under five children inclusive of some 27,000 refugee children.

## Shelter and NFIs

### TURKEY

- Of the over 190,000 Syrian refugees fleeing Kobani who have entered, over 10,000 are located in transit camps in Suruc and 50,000 in the city of Suruc itself. Given that only transit camps are available for those in Suruc, the government is planning to open a new camp in December, accommodating over 30,000 people.
- The first round of winter clothing supplies were delivered to children and families in Suruc at the beginning of November. 22,200 sets of thermal underwear were distributed to children living in the temporary shelters and in the host communities. Following this initial distribution, UNICEF is working closely in coordination with UNHCR and other organisations to deliver additional winterised clothing for children in camps and host communities.

### JORDAN

- UNICEF will reach 72,300 children ages 0- 16 years old in camps and host communities with winter clothing assistance this year. In host communities the most vulnerable 33,000 children will be targeted, with particular focus on children in female headed households, child headed households and those living in informal tented settlements.
- Some 17,800 winter clothing kits will be distributed to children in host communities and border crossing points, while the remaining children will receive an unconditional US\$ 30 on a WFP voucher to meet their needs.

### IRAQ

- Implementation of shelter assistance for the vulnerable refugees in Duhok governorate, through UN-HABITAT, is in progress at 80 per cent completion. The project has so far reached 350 families with improvements and repairs to the basic living conditions. UN-HABITAT is also making efforts to address the issue of threats by the owners for rental increase or eviction.
- 238 tents have been erected to accommodate new arrivals in the existing camps in Erbil governorate, with the rest of the families still accommodated in public places such as schools, health centres, mosques and caravans. Relocation of refugees from public places has been delayed due to the limited space available to pitch new tents.
- At Basirma camp, the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD) completed the site preparation for 200 shelter plots, and construction of concrete slabs has started. At Qushtapa camp, site development work is in progress by UNHCR. The camp layout is prepared and has been shared with key stakeholders, to be finalized by 18 November.
- As part of the inter-agency winterization programme, distribution of winterization kits is ongoing. Each kit is comprised of five blankets, one plastic sheet, one water jerrycan, and one kerosene heater. 965 students in Gawilan camp were provided with winter boots through the Ariana Charity Cultural Organization of Erbil and 100 recently arrived students from Kobani were provided with winter coats.



## Water and Sanitation

### LEBANON

- As a result of underfunding, UNICEF is facing challenges in increasing the access to and quality of sanitation for refugees through access to temporary toilets in informal settlements and for host communities through improved sewage systems. This year UNICEF is seeking to meet the needs of 214,900 people with access to sanitation. To date only about 41,000 individuals have been provided this access.

### JORDAN

- UNICEF continues daily life-saving water and sanitation services to over 93,000 refugees in Zaatari, Azraq, Cyber City and King Abdullah Park (delivery of water, desludging, solid waste management, and hygiene promotion services) and continues planning to establish WASH Infrastructures in camps to reduce reliance on tinkering.
- In Azraq, the installation of pump, generator, and water filling point is underway at the second successfully drilled borehole, with planned completion by end of December. This will provide 50 cubic meters an hour, sufficient for up to 50,000 persons in Azraq.
- In host communities, UNICEF/ACTED is supporting 10 essential community water and sanitation infrastructure rehabilitations in Mafraq, Zarqa and Irbid, which would benefit approximately 700,000 people. UNICEF is also undertaking host community interventions in partnership with ACF which will assist 400 and 100 vulnerable households in Irbid and Ajloun, respectively.
- Under the WASH in Schools initiative, UNICEF /JEN will begin assessment of WASH facilities in 3,041 public primary schools across the country to determine those schools in most need of rehabilitation works.

### IRAQ

- UNICEF continues to meet ongoing hygiene requirements for refugee families in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah camps. UNICEF also continues to strengthen existing sanitation provision for Syrians. Relief International is also distributing hygiene kits and plans to train 122 refugees to fix WASH facilities over the coming weeks.
- ACF has been instrumental in putting up WASH facilities for the new arrivals in the Darashakran and Basirma camps. KURDS completed the sewage network system for three blocks in the Arbat camp.
- In the Domiz camp, UNICEF and NRC have increased the water storage capacity available to refugees in the camp through the completion of 20 new holding tanks. NRC has constructed 100 latrines for vulnerable Syrians, including those with disabilities, and is rehabilitating 70 bathing facilities.
- The Directorate of Erbil Surrounding Water finalized the establishment of a water network in the Kawergosk refugee camp, covering 512 blocks.



## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

### IRAQ

- A total of 82 persons in the Domiz camp with specific needs, including two from the host community, were selected for potential small business opportunities through DRC.
- Two vocational training sessions on hair dressing and sewing were carried out for 20 extremely vulnerable women in camps. UNHCR also conducted vocational training for 15 non-camp Syrian refugees from Domiz town and surrounding areas.
- REACH started a three month sewing and language vocational training for 30 beneficiaries aged 18-30 years. By the end of the training, participants will be supplied with sewing sets and tools. Another round of vocational training by the same organization will start on 1 December. Beneficiaries are identified and recommended in collaboration with UNHCR to ensure that the most vulnerable families benefit from these opportunities.



## Working in partnership

- The regional response for refugees fleeing Syria is the coordinated effort of 163 participating organizations (including 107 appealing agencies)

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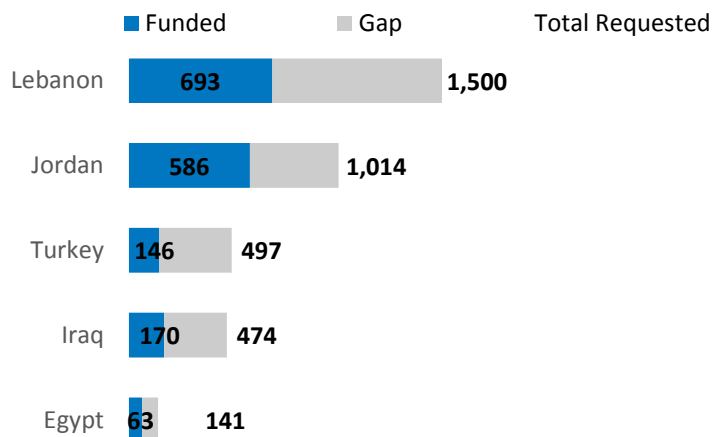
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### Funding (in million USD)

A total of **USD 2 billion\*** has been funded.



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