

## IRAQ

# UPDATE ON SYRIAN REFUGEES ARRIVING IN KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ

15 October 2014

A total of 1,481 Syrians from Kobani arrived via Turkey to the KR-I on 14 October and on 15 October, 626 new arrivals crossed into Iraq. With the exception of two hundred that arrived through the Peshkabour border from Syria, these arrivals crossed at the Ibrahim Khalil border from Turkey in to Dohuk. This brings the **total number of new arrivals to 7,944 individuals** since 25 September, of which 6,144 arrived since 10 October.

New arrivals on 14 October were registered by authorities at the border and by UNHCR upon arrival to Arbat camp (Sulaymaniyah). They were transferred from Dohuk governorate to Sulaymaniyah by IOM in two convoys, which were escorted by Police and UNHCR partner (HARIKAR). Gawilan camp in Dohuk was full as of 13 October resulting from arrivals in the previous days.

On 15 October, a decision was taken by the Ministry of Interior to transfer all new arrivals (626 people on 15 October) to Kawergosk refugee camp in Erbil Governorate. Kawergosk can accommodate 500 families, equivalent to approximately 2,500 people. UNHCR and partners are ensuring tents are erected and all other well established services available in the camp are extended to the new arrivals, see below for details. UNHCR will initiate registration in Kawergosk immediately while continuing registration in Gawilan and Arbat.

At the Ibrahim Khalil border, UNHCR, UNICEF, ACTED, HARIKAR, ACF, BCF, Iraqi Red Crescent, Italian Red-Cross, and Government counterparts (Border Officials, DoH), continue to assist and facilitate reception for all new arrivals. UNHCR and KR-I authorities are discussing further shelter options as more Syrian asylum-seekers are expected in the following days.

Emergency partner response in Kawergosk:

- Protection: UNHCR and partners Save the children, NRC, Qandil
- Registration: UNHCR
- Tents and CRIs: UNHCR and partner ACTED
- Camp development: UNHCR and partner Kurds
- Camp management: UNHCR and partner ERC and ACTED
- Water trucking: NRC
- WASH facilities: UNICEF
- Food: Barzani Charity Foundation, thereafter WFP
- Health partners: MSF

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