



SYRIAN REFUGEES

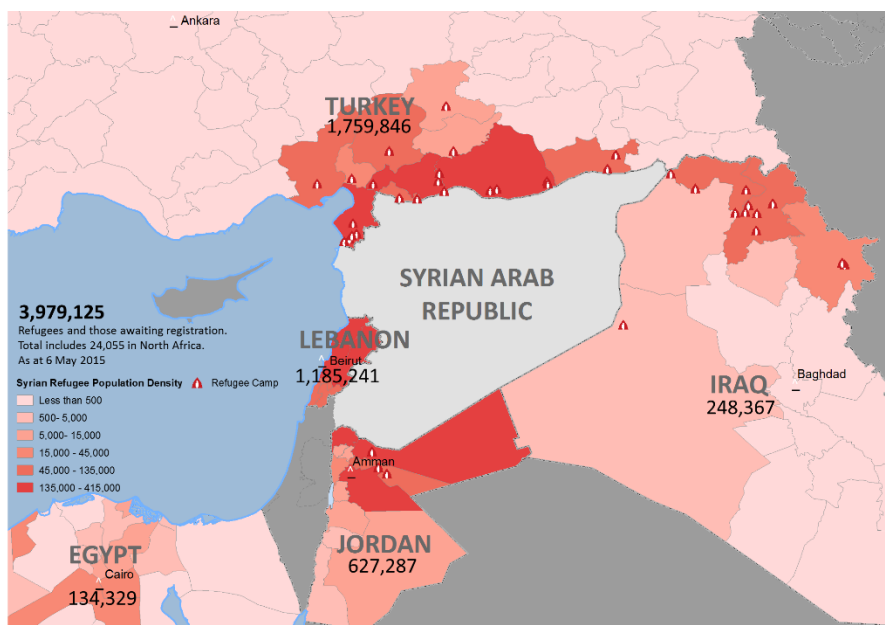
INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL UPDATE

27 April - 10 May 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- On 5 May, the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria announced the start of consultations with the Syrian Government and opposition officials as it seeks to draw an outline of what a peaceful Syria could look like. More than 40 groups have been invited to attend one-to-one meetings over the next six weeks. The UN Special Envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura, delivered the opening statement at a press conference and reinforced the grave humanitarian situation for Syrians and stressed that little has improved since the adoption of the Geneva Communique in June 2012. Staffan de Mistura stressed that the consultations are aimed at finding areas of negotiation and to try to “operationalize” the 2012 Geneva Communique, an internationally-backed agreement calling for the establishment of a transitional governing body in Syria formed on the basis of mutual consent. To date, there are more than 7.6 million internally displaced Syrians and almost four million Syrian refugees have fled to neighboring countries and North Africa.
- The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) released their global report on 6 May which highlights a record-breaking 38 million internal displaced people worldwide in 2014 - the worst figures for forced displacement in a generation. In the MENA region specifically, around 10,500 people a day were newly displaced last year.

A total of **3.9 million** Syrian refugees



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KEY FIGURES

3.9 million

Syrian refugees have fled to neighboring countries and North Africa

1.8 million

Refugees and vulnerable members of impacted communities received food assistance in 2015.

282,000

People assisted to access safe drinking water in 2015

175,000

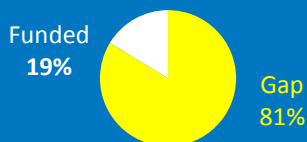
People have benefited from shelter assistance in camp and non-camp settings in 2015

1 million

People have benefited from the distribution of basic household and core relief items in 2015.

3RP 2015 FUNDING

USD 4.5 billion (agency total requirements requested for 2015, not including government funding)



3RP OVERVIEW

- 4.3m refugees (Projected December 2015)
- 5.9m direct beneficiaries (Projected December 2015)
- US\$ 5.5 billion total funding requirements

The Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan 2015-2016

The 3RP is a country-driven, regionally coherent plan to address refugee protection and humanitarian needs whilst building the resilience of vulnerable people and impacted communities and strengthening the capacity of national delivery systems in the five most affected countries neighbouring Syria.

The 3RP integrates and is aligned with existing and emerging national plans, including the Jordan Response Plan 2015 to the Syria Crisis, the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan, the Iraq SRP, and country responses in Turkey and Egypt.

Requiring US\$5.5 billion in funding to directly support almost six million people, the 3RP is based on planning projections of up to 4.27 million refugees in countries neighbouring Syria by the end of 2015 and help to over a million vulnerable people in host communities. Beyond those receiving direct support, an additional 20.6 million people in impacted local communities will benefit from upgrades to local infrastructure and services in areas such as health, education, water and sewage, training and capacity building of service providers, and policy and administrative support to local and national authorities.

Funding Update

Funding for the 3RP had a slow start in the first two months of 2015 compared to the same period for the RRP6 in 2014. However, following the successful Kuwait III Pledging Conference, all agencies funding is US\$ 881 million as of 24 April which shows that funding is now slowly catching up as the pledges are received.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS



Protection

IRAQ

- As of 5 May, there are 248,367 Syrian refugees registered in Iraq, 97 per cent of whom are in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I). There are nine refugee camps in the KR-I which accommodate some 38 per cent of the total number of Syrian refugees whilst 62 per cent live with host communities.
- Some 303 Syrians entered the KR-I by the Peshkabout border crossing between 1 and 15 April. The total number of new arrivals from Syria in 2015 is now 19,029 Syrian refugees, which is an increase of approximately 5,000 people for the same period of January to 30 April in 2014.
- Biometric registration through iris scan was launched in 2014, and equipment installed in all nine registration centres in the KR-I. Biometric registration is now underway in Duhok, Erbil and Sulaymaniyah governorates and it is expected that by mid-2015, all Syrian refugees in these governorates will be registered using iris scans. In Duhok Governorate an average of 1,000 individuals are now being biometrically verified each week.
- The Erbil Residency Department has continued to issue individual documentation to eligible refugees, with a total of 1,207 residency cards processed in all four camps and 743 residency cards issued for those refugees living outside the camps in the Governorate during the first half of April. The cards have a one year validity, which facilitates refugees' access to employment and key social services such as health and education. Refugees in Sulaymaniyah Governorate can also access the same one year validity cards for residency.

JORDAN

- As of 2 May, there are 627,287 registered Syrians in Jordan, of which 90 per cent have been processed using biometrics through iris scanning. Of the total registered, some 106,587 (17 per cent) reside in the three camps whilst 520,700 Syrians live in urban areas.
- The urban verification process, which was launched in February 2015 by the Government of Jordan to re-register and verify all Syrians living outside of camps continues. As of 4 May, some 66,000 Ministry of Interior (MOI) cards have been issued by the authorities, a significant increase from 22,133 cards issued by 29 March. With these cards, Syrians can access services like health and education.

- As Syrian refugees arrived in Jordan in 2013 onwards, many had lost their identity papers and the Jordanian border authorities started to accept passports, driving permits or any other paperwork offered by desperate refugees. In July 2013, UNHCR started working with the Government to ensure that all refugees could have their documentation back. During the reporting period, UNHCR continued to receive requests from refugees for the return of their original Syrian documents and as of 3 May, 26,392 envelope requests had been made and 25,848 were found in the database.

LEBANON

- In the first quarter of 2015, UNHCR registered close to 38,000 Syrian refugees, which indicates a 75 per cent drop from the same period in 2014.
- A safe space for Lebanese and Syrian women and girls in Akkar was inaugurated during the week ending 24 April by UNICEF, Heartland Alliance and Akkar Network for Development. Survivors of Sexual and Gender-based Violence and women and girls at risk in Akkar will now have access to psychosocial support group activities, vocational training, life skills, empowerment activities and legal counselling.
- Evictions by the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) remains an ongoing concern in Bekaa. So far in 2015 (as of 1 May), 61 sites have been impacted and 5,981 individuals evicted and relocated from 31 sites. There are currently 6,422 individuals still at risk of eviction. Protection partners have organized a monthly evictions committee to track this situation and UNHCR is engaging with the LAF and Government.

TURKEY

- On 30 April, a report was published by the Migration Policy Institute on 'Syrian Refugees in Turkey' which considers the changes in Turkey's asylum and protection regime and discusses policy recommendations given the likelihood of long-term or permanent displacement of Syrians. The report can be accessed here: <http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/TCM-Protection-Syria.pdf>

Education

IRAQ

- In Iraq, there are an estimated 76,405 school-aged children among the Syrian refugee population. The enrolment of refugee children remains low and there are still disparities within camp and non-camp settings, with school children in camps showing 73 per cent enrollment and 43 per cent attending schools out-with camps.
- During the period 1 to 15 April, protection monitoring teams recorded a significant drop (an average of 40 per cent) in daily school attendance in the Kawergorsk and Darashakran camps, in conjunction with a scabies outbreak.
- To improve the quality of teaching for children, a total of 119 teachers participated in eight teacher training courses (two per camp), during the first two weeks of April in Erbil Governorate.
- During the first half of April, UNICEF started the construction of six schools for 3,000 children (three in Suleimaniyah, two in Duhok, and one in Erbil). The schools will be ready in time for the start of the next academic year in mid-September 2015. As of 15 April, around 60 per cent of school-aged children (14,864 students) are currently attending 16 camp schools (11 in Duhok, four in Erbil and one in Suleimaniyah). The figure is lower for children living in host communities, where only 43 per cent are attending school.
- In Duhok Governorate, the Education Working Group is in the process of establishing Teacher Associations in the camps, with the aim of ensuring higher quality of education and consistency with Government requirements.
- During the month of April, UNFPA created a new youth space in Gawilan camp and a range of sporting and recreational activities were organized in Domiz camp attended by approximately 100 youth.

JORDAN

- UNICEF and Save the Children's "Stay in School" awareness campaign has now reached 45,000 people nationwide since the start of 2015, with messages promoting student retention in schools. Over the course of the year, 200 "Makani-My Space" sites will be developed where an integrated package of services including psychosocial support, life skills training, and alternative education aim to reach over 96,000 children.

LEBANON

- Up to 10,000 Syrian children who have missed school for over two years will be able to attend a new Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) which was introduced in April by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE). The programme, certified by MEHE and the Center for Educational Research and Development (CERD), will provide out-of-school children with the required competencies to enable their enrolment in the Lebanese formal education system. The ALP is composed of nine intensive levels (each level lasts for period of four months) corresponding to the nine grades in the Lebanese basic education system. Placement tests are taking place between 26 April and 3 May.



Food Security and Nutrition

IRAQ

- From 1 to 15 April, WFP, in partnership with INTERSOS, ACTED and Islamic Relief Worldwide began food distributions in all Syrian refugee camps (except Al Obaidy camp). WFP in partnership with ACTED distributed food vouchers in the Basirma, Darashakran, and Kawergorsk camps. The voucher value remained at US\$19 per person, reduced from January's value of US\$28.20 due to funding constraints. Vouchers were distributed for the first time in Basirma camp following the opening of a supermarket in the camp.
- Insecurity continues to hinder access to Al Obaidy camp in Anbar Governorate and WFP have been unable to deliver food commodities. Islamic Relief Worldwide-Iraq will distribute half rations to all families using existing stock rations in the camp whilst UNHCR is continuing to work through the Iraqi Salvation Humanitarian Organization, distributing two pieces of bread per refugee per day for the entire camp population.



Health

On 5 May the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNHCR issued a new guide on mental health in humanitarian emergencies. The guide provides practical, first-line management recommendations for mental, neurological and substance conditions and will be used in Syria and other emergency settings to help scale-up access to mental health care. The guide can be accessed here: http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/9789241548922_eng.pdf

The latest UN Population Fund report for the period 1 to 30 April is available now:

<http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/UNFPA%20REGIONAL%20SITUATION%20REPORT%20FOR%20SYRIA%20CRISIS%20ISSUE%2032%20APRIL%202015.pdf>

EGYPT

- Starting in 2014, the Health sector put forward a mainstreaming strategy to integrate Syrian refugees in public primary health care facilities and Syrians have been granted access to public services including primary health care at the same cost as Egyptians. There are still issues remaining related to the quality and availability of services, given that the public sector is already struggling to meet the needs of the Egyptian population.

IRAQ

- In response to a scabies outbreak in Kawergorsk and Darashakran camps, UNHCR, DRC and protection and health partners are raising awareness of prevention and care and additional health and hygiene measures have now been introduced at schools and child friendly spaces.
- UNICEF continued to support local and governmental health authorities for routine immunization services for Syrian refugees in camps in the KR-I. Between 1 and 15 April, a total of 621 children under five years old (U5) were immunized against polio, 145 infants under one year of age were vaccinated against measles, 163 U5

children received MMR vaccine, and 322 U5 children received vitamin A supplements. UNICEF also screened 1,200 U5 children for growth and nutritional status in all refugee camps. Five children were diagnosed with severe wasting and 40 with severe stunting. Treatment was provided through supplementary or therapeutic feeding and referral to more specialized services.

- As part of the UNICEF-supported newborn home visit program, approximately 1,500 tents were visited by trained Syrian refugee nurses across all refugee camps in the KR-I.
- During the same period, World Health Organization (WHO) visited Domiz Refugee Camp to verify and assess the response to Tuberculosis (TB) among refugees. The team found no newly diagnosed active TB cases.
- Mental health and psychosocial care services in urban areas are limited across all three KR-I Governorates and do not cover all refugees in need of support.

LEBANON

- A high-level delegation of UN representatives announced in April the creation of specialized nurseries for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. The project, which will be launched soon, focuses on the health and education of refugees, and will begin with the establishment of nurseries for children aged one to five years. The project will also offer psychological services.
- During the week ending 24 April, UNHCR delivered US\$ 75,000 worth of essential medicines to the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) to help address critical supply gaps at the primary healthcare level. Medicines are available and accessible at public primary healthcare facilities serving both Lebanese and refugee communities. They include treatments for respiratory infections, diarrhea and fever in small children.
- For the period 18 to 24 April, more than 18,000 primary healthcare consultations were conducted in coordination with MOPH through mobile or center-based clinics. These included treatments, referrals, medication, antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning, child healthcare and diagnostic tests. The treatments are provided by UNHCR, AMEL, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC), Al Makassed and the Union of Relief and Development Associations (URDA) in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH).

TURKEY

- Under temporary protection in Turkey, Syrian refugees can receive primary health care in and out of camps, secondary and tertiary healthcare in hospitals and emergency healthcare for wounded soldiers brought from borders.



Shelter and NFIs

IRAQ

- As detailed previously, in March, UNHCR and partners completed the exercise to relocate families from temporary to the permanent sites in the Kawergosk and Qushtapa camps. During 1 to 15 April, the newly relocated families were provided with new tents, and on a needs basis some families were provided with core relief items (CRIs).
- In Darashakran camp, the construction works for 220 concrete units was completed as of 15 April and it is anticipated that the site will be ready to accommodate the refugees from Kobani within the next two months.
- In Barsima camp, the Ministry of Migration and Displacement's construction of the remaining 40 concrete slabs was completed. The 232 concrete slabs were handed over to the Erbil authorities. Families will be relocated to this site upon completion of sewage works, which are yet to commence.
- As of 15 April, Peace Wind Japan (PWJ) and UNHCR began the construction of 680 extension plots in Domiz 1, 2 and Gawilan camps. Nearly 4,500 refugees who have been living in substandard conditions will benefit from improved shelters (with a concrete slab, kitchen, latrine and shower). The shelter improvement works are made by the refugees themselves and there has been a significant increase in improved shelters already in 2015 with 48 per cent of households with improvements in February compared to 74 per cent in March.

- During 1 to 15 April, 6,480 baby diapers, 4,500 sanitary napkins and 2,520 adult diapers were distributed by the Iraqi Salvation Humanitarian Organization in Al Obaidi camp.

LEBANON

- A central part of the shelter response in Lebanon is to rehabilitate substandard buildings (unfinished houses, garages and worksites). During the period of 18 to 24 April, over 1,455 Syrian refugees residing in informal settlements in central and West Bekaa were assisted with weatherproofing kits which helped them to seal off their shelters and protect from the elements. Meanwhile, some 825 individuals living in Akkar, Mount Lebanon, and Tyre received sealing off kits through Premiere Urgence (PU-AMI), Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli (CISP) and Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF).
- At least 195 individuals had their shelters upgraded and rehabilitated during the same period. The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and CHF completed the rehabilitation of 16 substandard housings in Tripoli and Mount Lebanon.

TURKEY

- During April, a total of 6,272 dignity kits (1,440 for males and 5,760 for females) were distributed in the Suruc district of Urfa.



Water and Sanitation

IRAQ

- From 1 to 15 April, UNICEF and partners continued to provide water for 33,472 refugees through piped networks and to 4,391 refugees through water trucking in selected households in Domiz 1 and 2 camps. Some 800 households (4,000 individuals) were also visited by NRC with awareness-raising information on the prevention of scabies.
- In Arbat camp, in addition to the available 144,000 litres from reservoirs, UNICEF continued to provide an additional 90,000 litres/day of safe drinking water, through water trucking in the first two weeks of April.

JORDAN

- Azraq camp celebrated its first anniversary at the end of April. ACTED, in partnership with UNICEF, has been one of the main water, hygiene and sanitation actors in camp since its opening last year, providing refugees with 35 litres of drinking water per person per day. In total, ACTED has provided a total of 133,000 cubic meters of water to the camp over the course of the year and removed over 62,000 cubic meters of solid and liquid waste.
- UNICEF continue to work on Borehole 3 in Zataari camp, and the new borehole in Azraq camp, which are expected to be complete in May 2015. Meanwhile, ten water and sanitation infrastructure enhancement projects have been launched in Irbid, Mafraq and Zarqa governorates that will benefit more than 800,000 people, including 320,126 children, with improved access to water and sanitation in host communities, once completed in July 2015.

LEBANON

- During the period 18 to 24 April, 9,673 individuals benefitted from de-sludging of wastewater in Aarsal, Tamnine Al Tahta, and Dalhamiye in the Bekaa by Action Contre la Faim (ACF) and INTERSOS. During the same week, the partners provided 10,427 individuals with trucked, chlorinated water.
- Over 200 individuals attended hygiene promotion sessions in Mount Lebanon.

 Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

JORDAN

- On 30 April dozens of aspiring Syrian businesses owners showcased their products and services at a temporary marketplace in Azraq, opened to mark the camp's first anniversary. Talks are currently taking place with the Jordanian camp authorities to open the marketplace on a permanent basis.

LEBANON

- A new report "Resilience in the Face of Crisis" has been produced by International Alert which advocates for strengthening the resilience of Lebanese communities across the country with the explicit understanding that this resilience is a developmental investment to strengthen marginalized communities to become equipped with the skills, infrastructure and resources that allow them to proactively address adversities in ways that can reduce future vulnerabilities. The report is based on a partnership with the Permanent Peace Movement and research which looked at regions before and after the influx of refugees. It can be accessed here: http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Lebanon_ResilienceFaceOfCrisis_EN_2015.pdf

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2015 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP)

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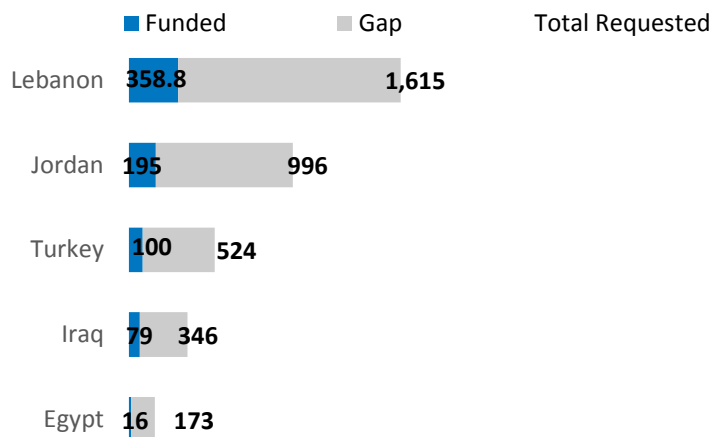
3RP Total Funding Requirements for 2015 (Refugee and Resilience): US\$5,506,704,435

3RP Agency Total Requirements for 2015 (Refugee and Resilience): US\$4,533,248,258

Donors who have contributed to the situation: Funding received (in million USD) for the Agency Requirements for 2015

A total of **USD 881 million*** has been funded

- Australia
- Austria
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