



# SYRIAN REFUGEES

## INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL UPDATE

4 November 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

Gap  
49%



Funded  
51%

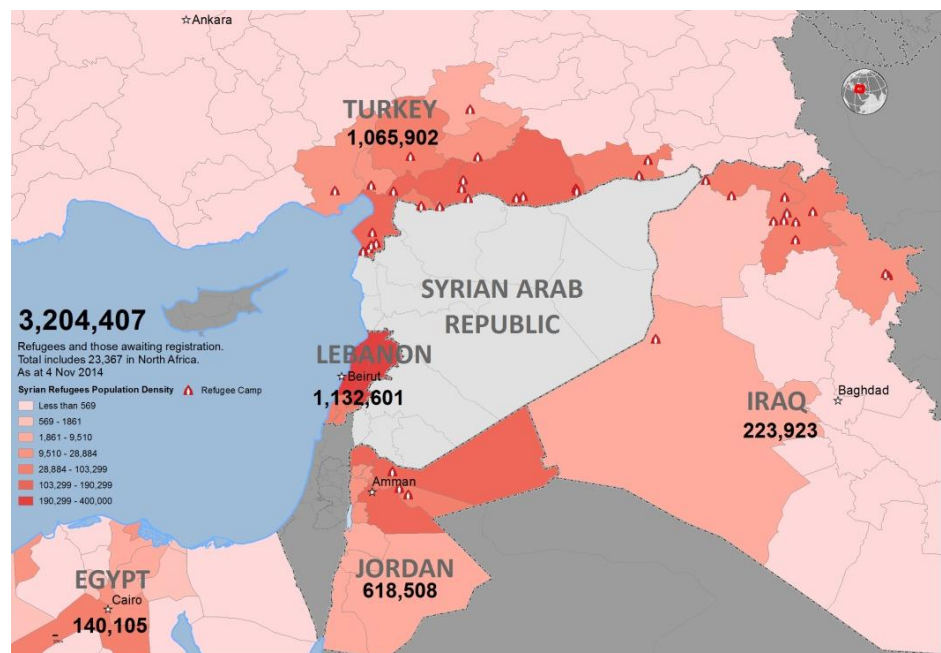
### PRIORITIES

- 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

- As winter approaches, refugees across the region are being exposed to colder, wet and windy conditions. Humanitarian partners are implementing a far-reaching winterization programme to assist the most vulnerable refugee families with relief items, shelter interventions and seasonal cash allowances.
- Turkey's Temporary Protection (TP) Regulation took effect on 22 October and, through an interim provision, is immediately applicable to Syrian refugees. The Regulation sets forth specific provisions on registration and documentation, allows for lawful stay in the country, and grants access to services including health care and education. The Regulation also allows people in possession of the TP identification document to apply for a work permit for certain sectors, professions or geographical areas.
- Participants at the "Conference on the Syrian Refugee Situation – Supporting Stability in the Region", which took place in Berlin on 28 October, expressed solidarity with Syrian refugees and their Hosts. The [Berlin Communiqué](#) expresses the will of participants to continue promoting peace and stability in the region and address the economic and structural impact on countries affected by the Syria crisis.
- A [preview of the 2015-16 regional Refugee Resilience Response Plan \(3RP\)](#), which covers Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt, was prepared for the Berlin Conference. 3RP partners are currently finalising the country chapters.

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



## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

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As insecurity and violence continue to cause displacement within Syria and across the region, more than 90,000 Syrians have been registered on average each month 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.

Further, since 19 September, more than 190,000 Syrians from Kobani have fled to Turkey since the ISIS group launched an offensive to capture the border city in September. Of these, close to 14,000 refugees have continued on to Iraq's Kurdistan Region (KR-I).

The arrival of Syrian refugees into Jordan fell markedly in 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 there will be 3.59 million refugees by December 2014 and an annual budget requirements of US\$ 3.74 billion, which remains 49 per cent unfunded. Donors have contributed more than \$4 billion to successive regional response plans since 2012. However, \$1.8 billion more is needed by the end of 2014 to meet the basic needs of vulnerable refugees, especially with the onset of harsher winter conditions.

## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

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### Protection

- UNRWA estimates that 12 per cent of the approximately 540,000 Palestine refugees registered in Syria have been displaced to neighbouring countries, including 45,000 Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon and 14,642 PRS recorded by UNRWA in Jordan.

### TURKEY

- The Government of Turkey's Temporary Protection (TP) Regulation was published on 22 October and is in effect as of this date. The provisional articles include regulations regarding refugees and stateless persons from Syria. The regulation sets forth specific provisions on registration and documentation procedures to be followed by persons under TP, allows for lawful stay in the country, creates the TP Identification document which grants access to social benefits and services including health, education and labour market opportunities. According to the Regulation, persons in possession of the TP identification document can apply for a work permit for certain sectors, professions or geographical areas. People with special needs are prioritized for psychosocial support and rehabilitation services. The best interest of the child is the primary factor to be considered in all proceedings related to children.
- AFAD (the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority of Turkey) has published official admissions statistics for the recent influx in Suruç. The cumulative number of Syrians that have fled from Kobani and surrounding areas is 191,757, including 427 Syrian refugees who crossed the border into Turkey between 26 - 30 October.

- The Government has suspended pre-registration of Syrian refugees as of 20 October to focus on the full registration process. Some 20,407 Syrian refugees have been fully registered as of 30 September. The rate of biometric full registration is reportedly 400 people a day.

## IRAQ

- UNHCR has been supporting the reception and transfer of refugees at Ibrahim Al Khalil border. So far, 57 extremely vulnerable individuals have been identified, including 26 elderly refugees, four serious medical cases, 18 women at risk, five female separated children, two survivors of SGBV, and two individuals with acute psychosocial needs. UNICEF partners are assessing the child protection needs of the new arrivals from Kobani and have identified 14 separated and two unaccompanied children.
- With the aim of addressing the observed increase of early marriages, UNHCR, UNICEF, IMC and NRC launched a tent-to-tent information and awareness-raising campaign in refugee camps for children and their parents/caregivers to mark the International Day of the Girl Child (11 October).
- A mass communication assessment of Syrian refugees living in camps in the KR-I was carried out by the REACH Initiative on behalf of UNHCR and highlights the information needs of Syrian refugees, access to communication channels and refugees' preferred sources of information.

## EGYPT

- During 2014, more than 1,300 Syrian nationals have been arrested for attempting to irregularly depart Egypt, including more than 500 children and 300 women. Egyptian authorities have been conducting regular releases from detention shortly after their arrest. Nonetheless, at present, UNHCR is aware of at least 100 Syrian nationals being held at several detention facilities in Alexandria and surrounding governorates for attempting irregular movements. UNHCR partners Caritas and Resala have been providing food, blankets and medical care to detainees. IOM has also provided non-food items.

## Education

### LEBANON

- The school-aged population has increased by almost 480,000 children in Lebanon as a result of the refugee influx. Even though the enrolment rate for Syrian school-aged refugees was just 34 per cent in early 2014, this has still put considerable pressure on the public school system (2014 Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon by UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP). The average proportion of Syrian refugee children in Lebanese public schools is 30 to 35 per cent, though there are large regional differences (World Bank 2013 Lebanon Economic and Social Impact Assessment of the Syrian Conflict Report No. 81098-LB).
- About 6,500 PRS students have enrolled in 60 UNRWA schools for the 2014-2015 school year and received back-to-school kits.

### TURKEY

- 12 Syrian refugees (8 female) have been awarded scholarships under the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) to support tertiary education. The scholarships cover a four-year undergraduate programme in Turkey as well as academic materials, accommodation, and other basic living costs. Scholarships were awarded for a wide range of courses including biomedical engineering, teaching, nursing, civil engineering, environmental protection and child development.
- Since the beginning of October, IOM is supporting a community centre established by the Syria Social Gathering (SSG), an NGO in Mersin province. IOM's support covers transportation for 2,000 school children, as well as vocational training for over 1,000 Syrians including in languages, health and social care.

## JORDAN

- UNRWA has almost completed class formation for PRS students for the 2014/15 school year. As of 30 September, 2,317 children were enrolled, including 183 new enrolments.

## IRAQ

- Schools in local communities reopened on 22 October. The start of the new academic year was postponed due to the ongoing crisis in the KR-I and the occupation of schools by displaced families.
- School registration is ongoing in camps, and more than 10,000 refugee students have been registered across the KR-I. Protection monitoring in schools revealed that the rate of student enrollment/attendance remains generally low in the camps when compared to the rate at the end of 2013/2014 academic year. The issue was reported to the Child Protection and Education sub-working groups, who are developing advocacy messages to promote school enrolment.
- A shortage of Arabic textbooks remains a challenge in the majority of camps. UNICEF and Education Sector partners are working with Government authorities to resolve this issue.
- The construction of a permanent primary school in Qushtapa camp has been finalized. Furniture and school materials are being provided in the coming days.
- The school in Basirma camp has reached full capacity and three additional classrooms are required to provide access to education for all school-age refugee children in the camp.
- 241 Syrian students (129 girls, 112 boys) are registered in Sarikani Refugee School in Sulaymaniyah. They received school bags and stationery from UNICEF and textbooks from the Department of Education. UNICEF is also providing transportation for students who are not within walking distance to the school.



## Food Security and Nutrition

### IRAQ

- During the first half of October, WFP/INTERSOS distributed 2,500 food parcels in Gawilan camp for new Syrian arrivals from Kobani. Each parcel is intended to provide food for one month.
- The Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF) provided new arrivals with two daily meals.

### EGYPT

- WFP's October distribution of food assistance commenced on 26 October 2014 and aims to reach 103,345 beneficiaries.



## Health

### LEBANON

- IOM continues to support six primary healthcare centres (PHC) in South Lebanon and Central Bekaa through subsidized consultations, free acute and chronic medications and reimbursements for staff for additional working hours. From 11 to 23 October, 1,789 Syrian refugees and 123 Lebanese host community members and returnees received primary healthcare consultations at the centres. IOM is also supporting two mobile medical units (MMU) in South Lebanon and Western Bekaa, offering consultations to 510 Syrian refugees, 113 host community members and three Lebanese returnees between 11 and 23 October. In addition, between 14-27 October, 839 Syrian and Lebanese individuals were provided psychosocial support by IOM.
- UNRWA covers the cost of primary and secondary health care, and contributes toward tertiary hospitalization for emergency and life-threatening conditions, for PRS through 27 health centres throughout the country.

## TURKEY

- AFAD reported on 22 October that 777 Syrians have been referred to hospitals and 177 hospitalized since the beginning of the influx into Suruç.
- 15 ambulances are deployed to Suruç and surrounds since the beginning of influx, serving up to 24 injured persons per day.

## JORDAN

- UNRWA continues to provide PRS with free primary health care in its 24 clinics across Jordan, as well as hospital referrals for emergency and life-saving care with almost full coverage. In the first half of October 2014, PRS received approximately 545 consultations at UNRWA health clinics.

## IRAQ

- Shortages of essential medicines occur frequently in the public health facilities, despite large medicine donations from the humanitarian community. While humanitarian actors are able to mobilize resources to cover gaps in medicines in refugee camps, Syrians in urban settings increasingly have to purchase medications in public or private pharmacies.
- On 15 October, the Department of Health began vaccination against measles and polio at the Ibrahim Khalil border checkpoint for all arrivals below the age of 30. Depending on the growing number of new arrivals from Kobani, health services may need to be further expanded and measures to control communicable diseases and disease surveillance will need to be reinforced accordingly.
- PU-AMI increased its response capacity in Gawilan camp, to provide medical care to the newly arrived refugees. IMC and PU-AMI also expanded their activities to cover Syrian refugees living in impacted communities in Erbil and Duhok Governorates.

## EGYPT

- Arab Medical Union (AMU) is supporting Community Health Volunteers who disseminate health messages among Syrian households. AMU is currently conducting training session for a new group of volunteers in 6th of October to better meet the needs of Syrian refugees.
- Refuge Egypt conducted training on “Management of SGBV cases among pregnant ladies and building of a referral system” to enhance the capacity of its staff, as well as an awareness campaign for refugees on HIV, blood infections and Hepatitis.



## Shelter and NFIs

### TURKEY

- AFAD reported on 30 October that 978 Syrian refugees are currently residing at Onbir Nisan temporary accommodation centre and 5,700 are at the YIBO temporary accommodation centre. According to the latest figures there are 2,150 residents at the Wheat Market and 1,800 at the Bulgur Factory. 4,400 are sheltered at the Arin Mirxan Tent Site and 1,100 people are accommodated at Rojava Camp.
- AFAD announced the construction of its new camp with a capacity of over 22,000 persons will start soon and should be completed within 45 days.
- A new tented site is being set up in Suruc town centre by the municipality and has a planned capacity for 4,000-5,000 persons.
- From 11 to 27 October, IOM distributed NFIs including blankets, mattresses, pillows, bed linens, baby diapers and carpets to 291 newly arrived Syrian households (1,538 individuals).



## LEBANON

- Fifty-five per cent of Syrian refugees (132,000 families) in Lebanon live in substandard housing, including 38 per cent in insecure dwellings such as warehouses, garages, unfinished buildings and other makeshift shelters; and 17 per cent in improvised informal settlements. For the coming winter, 92,400 of these families are in need of shelter support and more than half a million people (104,000 families) need basic winter assistance and aid items such as fuel, clothing and, blankets.

The inter-agency winter response aims to provide all vulnerable refugee families with the necessary resources to stay warm, dry and healthy during winter months, and includes:

- The distribution of blankets; stoves for refugees living above 1,100 meters who arrived after last winter's distribution; warm clothes; fuel for heating in the form of coupons redeemed at petrol stations; cash for the provision of winter items; kits to seal off shelters from the cold (plastic sheeting, timber, wooden poles); and site improvement kits for flood prone areas.
- Site improvement activities include ensuring that shelters are not located in the direct path of floods; digging ditches for drainage channels; sandbagging around shelter units; and leveling, spreading of gravel, and other earth works to render settlements more habitable and safe for refugees. Shelter interventions are coordinated with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA), which is co-leading the shelter response along with local municipalities.
- Fuel will be provided for heating in public school classrooms.
- Since January 2014, some 596,350 people (119,270 families) have received cash or vouchers for heating fuel. More than 837,815 people (167,563 families) were supported with relief items such as blankets, heating stoves and winter clothes. Over 163,484 people (32,697 families) have benefited from weatherproofing kits to protect them from rain and cold wind, while an additional 16,691 people (3,338 families) benefited from site improvement works. In the last week of October, almost 1,500 people living in informal settlements in central and west Bekaa received weatherproofing kits through MEDAIR and Save the Children.

## IRAQ

- 1,153 families (5,804 people) from Kobani arrived in Gawilan camp between 1 - 15 October. UNHCR distributed 862 family tents.
- In Gawilan camp, Save the Children distributed hygiene kits to 936 families from Kobani. BCF distributed kitchen sets, buckets and urgent food baskets for 400 families from Kobani, and provided 400 newly arrived children with baby diapers and milk formulation.
- In the Arbat camp, UNHCR provided CRI kits for the 1,481 refugees from Kobani upon arrival and BCF distributed stoves.
- About 150 families from Kobani were received in the Kawergosk camp. UNHCR erected 95 tents and prepared two schools in the camp for the new arrivals. ACTED distributed CRIs, and NRC installed water taps and bathrooms.



## Water and Sanitation

## IRAQ

- In Arbat camp, in preparation for hosting the influx from Kobani, KURDS installed 13 emergency latrines and completed the digging of 68 cesspools. There is a need for sanitation structures to cope with the recent new refugee arrivals from Kobani.

## 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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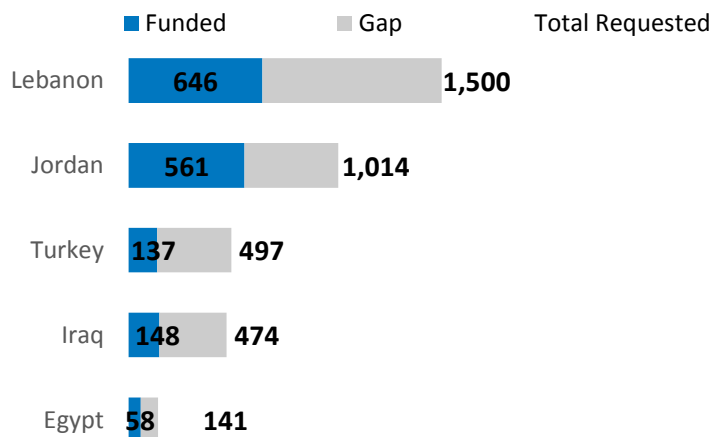
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A total of **\$1.9 billion\*** has been funded.



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