



SYRIAN REFUGEES

INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL UPDATE

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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%

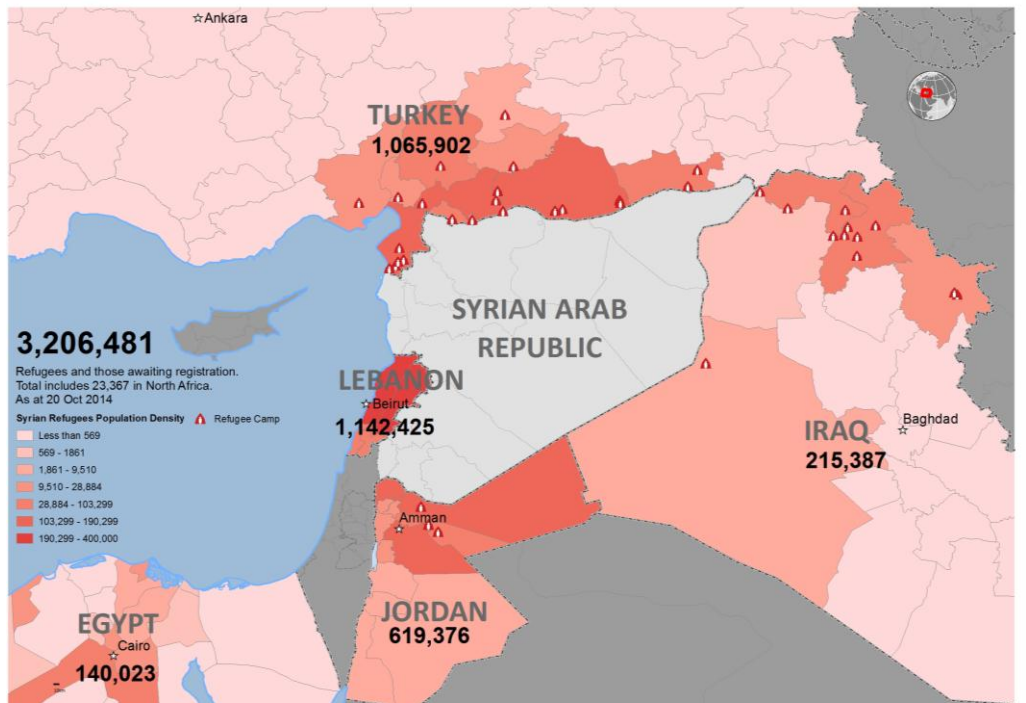
PRIORITIES

- 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

- The Syrian border town of Ain al-Arab (Kurdish: Kobane) has been under intense assault for several weeks. Government officials in **Turkey** report that more than 190,000 Syrians fleeing Kobane and surrounds have entered the country since 19 September.
- Up to 10,000 Syrians forced to flee Kobane have sought refuge in the Kurdistan Region of **Iraq** (KR-I), the majority of whom crossed at the Ibrahim Khalil border from Turkey into KR-I's Dohuk Governorate. The current humanitarian crisis in Iraq, with an estimated 1.8 million new internally displaced persons, is exerting additional pressure on authorities and local communities.
- As temperatures begin to drop, humanitarian partners are scaling up efforts across the region to insulate and waterproof shelters, as well as distribute winter relief items including blankets and warm clothes to protect vulnerable families against the cold, wet and windy conditions.

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



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UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

Insecurity and violence continue to spread in Syria and across the region. Close to 100,000 Syrians have been registered on average each month this year.

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, the Government of Turkey is leading the response to more than 170,000 new arrivals following an insurgency of the Islamic State in northern Syria. The UN and NGO partners on the ground are coordinating their response in the sectors of shelter, health, WASH, NFI and food throughout the Suruc region.

In the region, some 400,000 refugees are accommodated in refugee camps, and outside of camps, it is estimated that 38 per cent live in sub-standard shelter. More than 1.5 million refugees need support to prepare for the winter, and 1.7 million refugees currently require food assistance.

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 that there will be 3.59 million refugees by December 2014 and annual budget requirements of US\$ 3.74 billion, which remains 49 per cent unfunded. Donors have contributed more than \$4.1 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.

Protection

- More than 300 delegates attended the "Investing in the Future" conference to strengthen protection for millions of refugee children in the Middle East and North Africa. The conference was hosted by Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi in Sharjah on 15-16 October. Topics of discussion included sexual and gender-based violence (GBV); protecting children affected by armed conflict; birth registration and legal documentation of babies born in refuge; exploitation and separation; education; and empowering youth as agents of change.

TURKEY

- Turkish authorities report that more than 190,000 Syrian refugees have entered Turkey since 19 September, following an escalation in fighting in the northern Syrian border town of Kobane. New admissions are transferred from the Yumurtalik border crossing to Suruc Town centre for pre-registration and onward referral.
- UN and NGO partners on the ground are coordinating their response in the fields of shelter, health, WASH, NFI and food throughout the Suruc region.

LEBANON

- The unconditional cash programme was rolled out in August and 6,086 families received cash transfers through ATM cards. An additional 1,010 families were identified as vulnerable during home visits, and were added to the programme as of September.
- The Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) launched the National Plan to safeguard women and children in Lebanon. The document defines the Ministry's child protection and GBV response and will be implemented over 18 months. It aims to reach over 198,000 children through psychosocial support and primary healthcare services, as well as 410,000 individuals with information, counseling, orientation and awareness sessions.

- Nation-wide, over 1,950 survivors or individuals at risk of being exposed to gender-based violence, including 368 children under 18 years, accessed support services including psychosocial, medical care, legal and life skills programmes through on site and mobile outreach by UNHCR implementing partners throughout August.
- During September, UNFPA certified 80 women as community leaders to deliver awareness sessions on a range of topics pertaining to reproductive and sexual health.
- In August, 222 children at high risk, including unaccompanied minors and separated children, were identified and provided with support, including psycho-social counseling by case management agencies and refugee outreach volunteers across the operation.
- In Beirut, IRC identified and assisted 134 street and working children to access specialized services, including psychosocial support, throughout August.
- In Tripoli, the Women and Girls' Counseling and Listening Centre was inaugurated in August to offer a free, safe and supportive community space for women and girls to benefit from recreational and learning activities, peer support, psychosocial or legal assistance, and sensitization and other messages on women's rights conducted by trained women's groups within the community.



Before the war, Nasser and his family led a happy life in Aleppo. Now he, his wife and their five young children – including a two-month-old baby – sleep under a bridge on a busy street in Istanbul. Nasser's parents live in a nearby park. Many Syrian families are arriving in neighbouring countries with their savings depleted and few means to earn a living. UNHCR/Shawn Baldwin

JORDAN

- The number of new arrivals in 2014 has been lower than originally forecast, as the Government of Jordan continues to exercise a managed border policy. In addition to the increased distances and insecurity that Syrians must face inside Syria, many also report waiting lengthy periods in border areas.
- The enhanced enforcement of the Government's encampment policy for Syrian refugees in the second half of 2014 has had an impact upon access to services in urban areas for refugees who left camps without following formal bail-out procedures, as they cannot obtain Ministry of Interior (MOI) service cards. While the number of Syrian refugees without valid MOI service cards is unknown, surveys suggest that this number is approximately 15-20 per cent. Response partners are working to increase clarity and information dissemination on bail-out procedures,

registration procedures and criteria for accessing services, particularly in urban areas, to increase refugees' freedom of movement and access to services, and reduce associated stress and family separation.

- Throughout September, UNFPA supported 9,783 women and girls with reproductive health services, provided services to 1,814 GBV survivors, sensitized 1,430 refugees through home-to-home visits and reached 2,242 people with GBV-related awareness messages. International Medical Corps (IMC) supported by UNFPA and UNHCR, opened its second women and girls centre in Azraq camp.
- As part of ongoing capacity building of implementing agencies, UNICEF conducted two six-day trainings in September on the foundations of psychosocial support for 24 female and 14 male frontline staff working in Child Friendly Spaces in the host communities. In addition to educating participants on the nature of profound stress, the training also covered community-based protection networks, behaviour management strategies, and referral pathways.
- IRC has launched a regional report [Are We Listening?](#) to highlight the challenges facing displaced Syrian women and girls, as expressed in their own words. Isolation, domestic violence, early marriage and harassment are among the main protection concerns in the report.

IRAQ

- At the Ibrahim Khalil border between Turkey and the KR-I, UNHCR, UNICEF, ACTED, HARIKAR, ACF, BCF, Iraqi Red Crescent, Italian Red Cross, and Government counterparts 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 coming days.
- Issuance and renewal of residency documents for Syrian refugees continues in camps and urban areas in Erbil governorate. An estimated 7,000 individuals have been issued or have received their residency renewal documents since the process was launched in October 2013.
- Protection networks launched a campaign against early marriages in camps in Erbil governorate. The campaign is linked to the commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child on 11 October that was marked with activities targeting children, adolescents, women and men.
- In September, UNFPA provided counseling services for 557 women and girls, of which 20 are new GBV cases, and organized recreational activities for a total of 1,130 women and girls in various women's centres.

EGYPT

- UNHCR is aware of at least 85 Syrian nationals being held at several detention facilities in Alexandria and its surrounding governorates, for attempting irregular movement. UNHCR's partners Caritas and Resala have been providing emergency assistance to detainees in the form of food, blankets and medical care.
- UNHCR, Caritas and Resala are working together to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees meet their basic needs through the provision of monthly cash grants. In September, 28,140 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted in Egypt, representing 20 per cent of the registered population.

Education

LEBANON

- Over 150 children participated in a pilot programme launched early October by UNICEF and the International Education Association. The programme uses the computer and basic programming to teach children numeric skills and disseminate basic information on hygiene, personal safety and polio. Titled 'Pi for Learning', the pilot project will run over three months in Beirut, Bekaa and South Lebanon.
- At the end of the school year 2013-14, dropout rates stood at 8.5 per cent and pass rates at 60 per cent for second shifts. While there was not sufficient data available for first shifts, dropout rates are reportedly higher.
- In line with the Government strategic plan R.A.C.E. (Reaching All Children with Education), UNHCR is ready to support the enrolment of 15,000 children in the first shift and 32,000 in second shift, as well as support improvements in the quality of education along with its partners.

- In Akkar, five schools were rehabilitated and three more are planned. In South Lebanon, PU-AMI rehabilitated one school and CISP rehabilitated two schools; Save the Children and NRC will start rehabilitating four schools in T5 and Zahle, with MEHE approval pending for another six schools.

IRAQ

- UNICEF and the Ministry of Education launched an advanced training programme for all teachers working in primary schools across camps in Erbil governorate. The training covers psychosocial support, education methodologies, project management, and monitoring and evaluation. NRC launched an education support program that includes ongoing teacher development and community participation through a Parent Teacher Association.
- A new 12-classroom school built by UNICEF in Arbat camp was officially inaugurated by the General Director of Education. 612 Syrian students are attending classes there. Construction of the permanent school is ongoing in Qushtapa camp.
- Barzani Charity Foundation distributed school bags and stationery to the children attending primary schools for the new academic year starting September, 2014.

EGYPT

- During September, 5,230 students benefited from education grants, to the combined value of US\$ 257,798.
- The opening event of "Schoolyard for All" project took place at the Gamasa Experimental School (Madraset El Masyaf) on the 17 September to open the re-designed schoolyard to Egyptian and Syrian communities.
- A new community school was established in Burg Al Arab "Altafawok Educational Center". It is a new branch of the community school based in 6th of October in Cairo which is under the supervision of "Oun for Relief and Development" association. The school hosts 600 Syrian students (Kindergarten to Secondary School) registered for the current academic year.



Food Security and Nutrition

TURKEY

- In response to a request from AFAD, WFP is borrowing 6,000 food rations, pre-positioned in Turkey and intended for WFP Syria operations, sufficient to support 60,000 of the newly arrived refugees for two weeks. This is the first time WFP will work with non-camp refugee populations in Turkey. Currently, no resources are available to continue this assistance past the initial two weeks.

LEBANON

- Current funding shortfalls are forcing WFP to reduce the monthly voucher value in October from US\$ 30 to \$20, affecting 918,792 beneficiaries. A new communication strategy has been developed to ensure beneficiaries are informed well ahead of time to help them to better prepare for the cuts.
- Access to refugees in Aarsal has been constrained since August. WFP is working with UNHCR and local partners to develop operational plans to track and reach refugees from Aarsal. All refugees with an e-card, whether remaining in Aarsal or moving to other areas, continue to receive their monthly rations without interruption, as the ration values are redeemable in WFP-contracted shops in Aarsal and throughout the country.

JORDAN

- On 18 September, WFP successfully loaded the pilot e-cards in both Azraq and Zaatari camps and had no issues with redemption at partner supermarkets. WFP plans to roll out e-cards in camps in mid-October.
- WFP is taking action to prioritise the most vulnerable families among the half a million Syrian refugees in Jordan who receive vital assistance in the form of vouchers for food. As a consequence, some 12,000 households who have access to sufficient income or support networks to meet their own food requirements will be removed from WFP's monthly voucher programme. The move follows the findings of the [Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise](#) (CFSME), a study conducted by WFP in early 2014 to evaluate the level of food

security among registered Syrian refugees living in Jordanian communities. It found that 85 per cent of Syrian refugee families would not have sufficient funds to put enough food on their table without the WFP voucher support. Syrian refugee families are found to be increasingly vulnerable the longer they stay in Jordan and therefore more dependent on WFP food assistance to meet their basic food needs.

- Refugees who will no longer be receiving this assistance have been informed of this decision and can appeal if they believe they have strong grounds that prove they need food assistance to get by. WFP is working closely with UNHCR and partners to monitor the programme and ensure that the assistance continues to reach those in need.

IRAQ

- As a result of major funding constraints, WFP will be forced to scale back its assistance to Syrian refugees in October, decreasing its voucher value in Domiz camp from US\$ 31 to \$25 per person per month. WFP is currently working with government counterparts, partners, refugee representatives and UNHCR to inform beneficiaries of this change ahead of the October voucher cycle. In September, WFP reached almost 66,000 refugees with food vouchers in Domiz. Some 33,000 refugees in all other camps will continue to receive individual food parcels.
- Despite major insecurity on the roads between Erbil—where WFP food stocks are stored—and Al Obaidi camp in Anbar governorate, WFP delivered 1,100 individual food parcels to supplement the 277 food parcels already in stock at the camp. Distribution to over 1,300 Syrian refugees residing in the camp began on 24 September and is ongoing. WFP plans to meet October food needs once the security situation allows.

EGYPT

- Food voucher distribution commenced on 10 September. WFP reached over 65,000 beneficiaries in Greater Cairo, 26,000 in Alexandria, 13,100 in Damietta, 2,000 in Mansoura, and 700 in Marsa Matrouh. To date, US\$ 36 million has been injected into the local economy through food vouchers.
- Due to a severe shortfall in funding, WFP will reduce the value of food vouchers from US\$ 28 to \$14 in October, while also reducing the caseload to 65,000 refugees. November will see a further reduction to only 60,000 people and distributions will be cancelled in December should additional funding not be received. Targeted beneficiaries will be selected according to a set of vulnerability criteria, including serious medical conditions, the elderly, and/or large households with young children. WFP, in partnership with UNHCR, is also improving targeting by removing beneficiaries from distribution lists that have not been re-verified by UNHCR or those who have not been to food voucher distributions in the last two months.



Health

TURKEY

In response to the current mass influx:

- AFAD has stated that over 40,000 children among the new arrivals have been vaccinated for polio and measles.
- The Spinal Cord Paralytics Association of Turkey has identified 45 persons with special needs and will be providing them with wheelchairs and walking frames. UNHCR has offered its support to facilitate a wider vulnerability assessment in Suruc and surroundings areas.

LEBANON

- UNHCR and WHO provided new staff and conducted training to support Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) primary health care centres and its communicable disease prevention and response capacity.
- As a result of the continuing efforts with the MoPH and partners to ensure that all children in Lebanon are vaccinated against polio, over 115,000 children were reached in August as part of the summer immunization campaign.

- Over 9,400 refugees received consultations for primary and secondary health care services conducted by UNHCR, AMEL, CLMC, IMC and URDA in coordination with MoPH through mobile and permanent clinics. Another 14,350 individuals benefited from awareness sessions provided by UNHCR, IMC, CLMC, IOCC and URDA, covering malnutrition screening, nutritional awareness, reproductive health, infant and young child feeding, contraception, first aid and health promotion for children. Some 1,460 social and mental health consultations were provided by IMC throughout Lebanon.

JORDAN

- UNFPA conducted awareness sessions on family planning, early marriage, women's psychology, personal hygiene, sexually transmitted infections, nutrition, and vaccination for pregnant/lactating women and girls, targeting 1,732 people in the camps and communities. In addition, UNFPA organized training session on infection control in Zataari camp, targeting 16 health workers, and conducted two workshops on emergency obstetric care in Zaatari camp for 37 gynaecologists and midwives working with UNFPA's implementing partners.
- Preparations for the national immunization campaign against polio to be held from 26–30 October were carried out throughout September. Trainings and awareness campaigns for service providers, hygiene promoters and other supporting partners were held, and arrangements were made for vaccine carriers and the required cold chain.
- Thirty new community health volunteers in Amman, Mafrq and Irbid were trained by IFRC/JRC. Training topics included violence prevention, first aid and non-communicable diseases.
- WHO and IMC held a workshop for the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Sub-Working Group to disseminate the initial findings of the 4Ws MHPSS mapping exercise. The mapping was conducted between July and August 2014, with contributions from 47 MHPSS actors including government bodies, UN agencies, INGOs and local CBOs. The mapping found that MHPSS is available in a greater number of geographic locations than in the past, although there remains to be a shortage of services in the southern governorates; interventions for developmental disorders/intellectual disabilities remain limited; and there is limited clinical management of mental disorders by non-specialized health professionals (e.g. PHC general health staff).

IRAQ

- The current internal displacement crisis is impacting on access to health care for all population groups including refugees. Shortages of essential medicines occur frequently in public health facilities despite large medicine donations of humanitarian actors. Refugees in urban settings are especially vulnerable.
- The national mass polio vaccination campaign for September was completed with 5.61 million children under 5 vaccinated (98.5 per cent of the target). In addition, the mass measles vaccination campaign continued in Duhok governorate, targeting all children aged 9 months to 15 years.
- Medical consultations in camps remained stable and no outbreaks of communicable diseases occurred. The consultation rate/ person/ year remained stable at an average of 3.6 during the month of September, within the expected range of 1 – 4 consultations/ person/ year.
- IMC expanded its activities to cover Syrian refugees living in impacted communities in Erbil governorate.

EGYPT

- UNFPA is partnering with the Arab Medical Union to enhance the capacity of the 30 Syrian community health workers in Giza. The health workers will be responsible for sensitizing 600 Syrian households in their community with health and protection related messages during the next three months.

Shelter and NFIs

TURKEY

- Many of the newly arrived Syrian refugees are staying with host communities whilst others are staying in various collective shelters managed by Turkish authorities, such as schools, markets, sports centres, wedding halls, mosques and various other transit shelters.

In response to the current mass influx:

- UNHCR delivered some 2,500 blankets to 13 villages in Suruc on 2 October.
- UNICEF, in coordination with the Turkish Red Crescent, has covered a number of gaps with provision of 92,000 baby diapers and 115,200 packages of high energy biscuits (HEB). It plans to distribute 10,000 adult diaper bags, 594,300 HEB packages, clothing and 10,000 packages of baby hygiene kits.

LEBANON


- In August, 990 families benefitted from cash for rent in Tripoli, Koura, Batroun and Tyre provided by UNHCR in partnership with DRC, COOPI, SHIELD and Solidar Suisse. In addition, 336 weatherproofing kits were distributed to the most vulnerable refugee families living in informal settlements and unfinished houses in Chebaa, Tyre and Kfarshouba in Saida, Jezzine.
- Over 7,000 refugees benefitted from small shelter unit renovations by UN-HABITAT in Mount Lebanon and South Lebanon. Additional shelter units were rehabilitated in North Lebanon either through improvements or providing access to vacant shelters to another 290 refugees. In the Bekaa, 735 individuals benefitted from MEDAIR site improvements in two informal settlements.
- As part of its humanitarian response, ACTED has recently started working with key informants and local partner organisations to identify newly arriving families and offer immediate support through the provision of essential supplies. During September 2014, ACTED identified and supported 36 families with ‘newcomer kits’ that includes blankets, mattresses, cooking utensils and hygiene items.

JORDAN

- In September 2014, NRC started providing hygiene kits to new arrivals, new born and UNHCR referral cases in Zaatar camp through cash vouchers instead of in-kind items. In the first ten days, vouchers to the value of 5,782 JOD (approximately US\$ 8,155) were distributed. Preliminary findings of exit interviews show that refugees choose to buy food and hygiene related items, including items that had never been distributed in-kind.
- The revised [shelter strategy for Jordan](#) has been endorsed by the Shelter Working Group. The revised strategy incorporates both short-term emergency shelter interventions and development-focused response interventions.
- The Shelter Working Group also endorsed the [cash-for-rent guidelines](#). The guidelines have been developed by a taskforce of the Working Group, composed of agencies with project experience and best practice, and can now be used by all agencies distributing, or planning to distribute, cash-for-rent to Syrian refugees and Jordanian landlords.
- To respond to growing shelter needs, several partners are supporting repairs of existing or supporting new housing units to come on the market. Between January and July 2014, Medair have supported 290 homes or 1,776 beneficiaries through upgrading of substandard housing units to improve safety, security, health, and mobility. NRC are implementing an innovative integrated Urban Shelter project which provides tangible support to Jordanian host communities, contributing to the economic development and investment in rural communities, while meeting the needs of vulnerable Syrian refugees. To date, the project has brought onto the market an additional 2,400 housing units, providing adequate shelter and security of tenure for more than 7,800 Syrian refugees. Construction works continue on a further 1,600 housing units with more than 6,400 Syrian refugees remain on the programme’s waiting list. In Irbid the programme covers 62 villages located in seven districts.

IRAQ

- New arrivals are transferred to Gawilan camp in Dohuk, Arbat camp in Sulaymaniyah and Kawergosk camp in Erbil Governorate. Kawergosk can accommodate 500 families (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.



Water and Sanitation

LEBANON

- The construction of six water storage reservoirs by ACF and CHF in Iklim Al Kharoub, Mount Lebanon is moving ahead of schedule and planned to be completed in November. It is expected that projects will benefit 50,000 persons (20 per cent of whom are refugees).
- 8,000 people in Ayrounieh benefited from the completion of 1.8 kilometre water pipelines in addition to the purchase of necessary equipment for a pumping station and an elevated tower by CISP. CISP has also delivered a solid waste truck to Ardeh municipality in North Lebanon, which will serve 3,160 Lebanese and 497 Syrians living in the area.
- Intersos and ACF continued desludging and water trucking activities in Aarsal, Marj and Kefardanis in the Bekaa, reaching more than 15,797 people. 945 Syrian refugees living in informal settlements in Bekaa benefited also from 63 latrines installed by ACF.
- UNICEF has finalized the installation of 19 chlorination systems in Beirut and Mount Lebanon to provide 114,000 Lebanese and 28,000 Syrian refugees with better access to safe water.

JORDAN

- UNHCR is implementing an interim wastewater management project in Zaatari camp. This project aims to deal with the immediate problem of stagnant water and uncontrolled discharge of grey and black water which threatens the underground aquifer. This project is a temporary solution until the installation of the planned wastewater collection network. The project will target 6,200 households in districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 and 12.
- Small septic tanks are scheduled to be installed within six weeks at Zaatari. Distribution of 3,800M3 of water is on-going every day. De-sludging of 1,700M3 of wastewater is on-going every day with a fleet of 30 trucks.
- In first three weeks of September, ACTED conducted a pilot adjustment of water chlorine levels in Azraq camp. On a weekly basis ACTED delivers 2,961M3 of water, removes 500M3 of solid waste, and de-sludges 810M3 of wastewater from Azraq camp. In September, ACTED delivered 10,948M3 of chlorinated water to the camp. The Ministry of Health has approved the water quality testing results from the site of the second borehole.

IRAQ

- In Domiz camp, 50 sewage holding tanks are under construction (46 UNICEF-funded, 4 UNHCR-funded). Work is being done by FRC, which has also started works to install 48 sanitation units for 58 new plots in Domiz 1. In Akre camp, the digging of five cesspools and installation of 10 latrines in Block C has been completed.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

LEBANON

- MoSA and UNHCR launched the community support projects report on 10 October, calling for a renewed investment in Lebanese infrastructure to help the country manage the influx of refugees from the Syrian conflict. Projects detailed in the report include new wells, water, sanitation and waste management facilities, improved medical facilities and community centers, additional youth education and sporting activities, as well as rehabilitation works and livelihood support. Support for such projects and Lebanese communities in general will form a central part of the 2015-16 funding appeals for the crisis in Lebanon.
- In August, 1,325 persons (20 per cent Lebanese and mostly women), participated in life-skill activities, at 28 community centers. 57 Social Development Centers affiliated with the Ministry of Social Affairs are supported to carry out counseling activities. Ten among them will be running activities for older persons and persons with disabilities. 129 persons (50 per cent Lebanese) benefitted from entrepreneurship training, e.g. business development training. 46 persons (76 per cent Lebanese, attended trainings on wage earning employment.

- Five water and waste management projects in Qobayat were completed in August.

IRAQ

- Seven small grant projects were handed over to eight Syrian refugee families in Domiz town. The projects included establishing four small markets, dying workshop, carpentry workshop, and sewing workshop. Another small scale project was handed over to refugees in Misreke.
- 115 individuals including 65 females in Domiz camp were identified and enrolled in different vocational training courses during the second half of September. The project is part of the ongoing partnership between UNHCR and IOM in the camp.
- The opening ceremony for the football stadium was held in Domiz camp. The stadium was built by UNFPA in coordination with DMC.
- 48 selected candidates took part in pre-employment trainings. DRC is in the process of job placement for the candidates who complete the training. The DRC project is funded by UNDP.
- The REACH initiative established 12 new green-houses in Daratoo Settlement. 24 refugees have started harvesting crops and benefiting from previous similar projects.

EGYPT

- Catholic Relief Services started a Technical Vocational Training for refugees in Greater Cairo as a part of the Livelihood service initiative. The training focuses on providing sewing and welding skills. 13 refugees have completed the program successfully, obtaining official certification and were immediately directed to proper job opportunities or small business development scheme. 37 people have been registered for upcoming trainings.
- On 21 September, CARE organized a “Community Theatre” event in FARD Foundation, 6 October. 10 youth participated (five boys and five girls) and the project coordinators plan to develop a troupe in the Obour area to address important social issues faced by the Syrian refugee community using the theatrical arts as a medium.
- On 24 September, Care organized a Health Awareness session at FARD Foundation in 6 October. 71 women participated in an interactive session, where participants benefited from education on family planning, sexually transmitted infections, and sexual and gender-based violence.
- Community Support Projects: “Premier Skills’ Tournament ‘One game, One hope, One community” took place at Cairo International Stadium on 26 September. The event marked a milestone displaying the efforts and training over the past five months carried out by the Egyptian and Syrian coaches. 320 children (Egyptian & Syrian) and their coaches celebrated their successful cooperation in a football tournament. The project promoted the importance of sports activities and its many benefits in the development sphere, and demonstrated sports as a foundation for social interaction between societies.
- Red Tomatoes (Outa Hamra) troupe consists of professional circus and street performers (clowns, actors, magicians and musicians) who perform in several areas and communities to enhance communication and break down social barriers. As a part of the co-existence initiative, Red Tomatoes has been performing in several areas where refugees are concentrated in order to raise awareness amongst the Egyptian communities about neighbors from other countries. During September, Red Tomatoes performed in Ein Shams, in Greater Cairo, and in Agamy Alexandria.
- On 18 September, UNHCR and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina signed an agreement to facilitate the exchange and access to information on refugees, mixed migration and displacement. Under this agreement, UNHCR and Bibliotheca Alexandrina will organize workshops, conferences, and special lectures; as well as cover activities such as research studies, publications and exhibitions on topics related to refugees and asylum seekers in Egypt. This will highlight and raise awareness about the situation of asylum seekers and refugees in the region in general and in Egypt in particular.

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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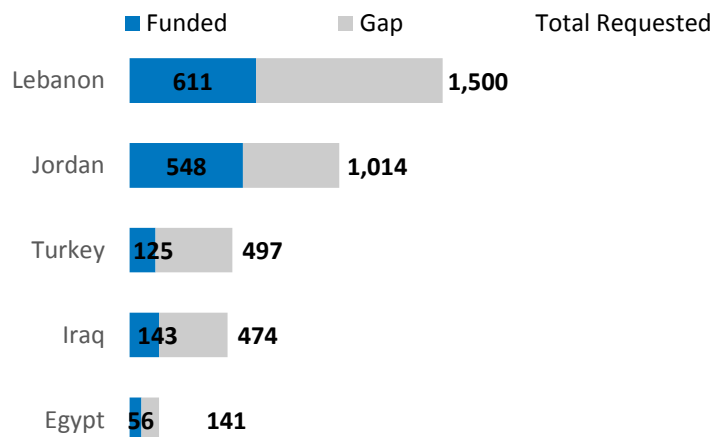
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