

Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report
Iraq
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Highlights

- The Al-Qaim border point was re-opened and 112 Syrians were allowed into Iraq.
- The continued arrival of new refugees in the Domiz camp is straining the delivery of basic services, including education, WASH and health.
- UNICEF is constructing prefabricated WASH facilities in the school at the Domiz camp.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 20 September 2012)</i>	
Total Affected Population	Total 25,508

There are currently 25,508 Syrian refugees registered in Iraq. The arrival of new refugees at the Domiz camp continues to strain sanitation services in the transit areas. On 18 September, authorities re-opened the border at Al-Qaim allowing 112 Syrians into Iraq. Iraqi authorities report around 100 people will be allowed to enter Iraq every day. The border had been closed since 13 August.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: led by UNICEF, the Education Working Group and the WASH sub-working group met to identify sector response gaps and agree on response, including resource mobilization. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the RRP.

Programme response:

WASH: The arrival of new refugees is straining service delivery in Domiz camp. A UNICEF emergency assessment showed pressure on latrines, overflowing sewage and some cases of open defecation, increasing public health concerns. In the transit area, water is provided daily but latrines and showers are and are below SPHERE standards. UNICEF is constructing prefabricated WASH facilities in the Domiz camp school, which will serve 600 students. The ongoing ten week hygiene promotion campaign in Domiz has reached 224 refugees. UNICEF and the Directorate of Health (DoH) will train community hygiene promoters, thereby increasing the reach of the campaign.

Children and their families in Al-Qaim camp and reception centres have access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices. Children and their families on the Syrian side of the Al-Qaim border continue to lack safe drinking water, and adequate sanitation and hygiene. UNICEF continues the construction of WASH facilities in the camp and has so far completed: 183 latrines, 182 showers, 76 septic tanks, 100 drinking water points, four 10,000 litre tanks, three 45,000 litre tanks, 40 wash basins and 6,500m of water networking. UNICEF also trained 44 participants as hygiene mobilizers.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	15,000	2,650	18%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and functional hand-washing facilities	15,000	2,650	18%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets	15,000	2,650	18%
Children and women receive critical WASH-related information to prevent child illness, especially diarrhoea	2,850*	224*	13%
UNICEF Operational Partners: Islamic Relief Worldwide – Iraqi Salvation and Humanitarian Organization, DoW. DoH			

* Domiz only

** In Al Qaim the current population of the camps is 2,650; the maximum capacity of all three camps, once the construction is completed, will be 4335 people. The remaining refugees are currently receiving WASH facilities in the reception centres.

Child Protection: A UNICEF child protection assessment in Domiz camp showed the protective environment for children to be rapidly deteriorating. Level of stress among children is high and psychosocial assistance needs scaling up. The UNICEF Child Friendly Space increased its reach from 60 to 150 children daily. UNICEF is supporting three-day training for staff and volunteers in Child

Friendly Space management, standards of care, and child development. UNICEF is planning to establish an additional Child Friendly Space. Increasing violence in and around Al-Bokamal city in Syria, where most of the refugees in Al-Qaim camp come from, is creating anxiety among children and their families. In Al-Qaim camp, 213 children have attended the Child-Friendly Space. UNICEF is planning awareness sessions on stress management and prevention of child labour.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning	7,500	275*	3%
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing and receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care	15	15	100%
UNICEF Operational Partners: ACTED, Mental Health Unit (MHU), Child Protection Committee (CPC), Dohuk, General Directorate of Social Care and Development, Mine Action Group (MAG), and Handicap International (HI).AI-Safa society			

*This figure has been modified from the previous week after an over-reporting was detected.

Education: As of 17 September, 185 new refugee children were registered in Domiz, including 107 for grade one. Overall school registration continues and will be completed in the coming days. The installation of five more UNICEF prefabricated classrooms is nearly complete but may not be enough due to continued arrival of school-aged children. A Back-to-School awareness campaign is under preparation. The Directorate of Education (DoE) plans to open the school by 25 September. In Al-Qaim, eight schools previously occupied by Syrian refugees will be rehabilitated. A Back-to-School awareness campaign is under preparation and will include distribution of supplies to students.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	2,750	600	22%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	1,500	-	-
UNICEF Operational Partners: DoE, AFKAR Society			

Health: The influx of refugees to the Domiz camp continues to strain existing health services. Forty-one children under-five were diagnosed with diarrhoea and referred for oral rehydration therapy and mothers were advised on breastfeeding and proper feeding practices. 1,363 under-five children were vaccinated against Polio bringing the total of children vaccinated to 1,620. The DoH in Dohuk requested UNICEF support for a mobile health team and an immunization team. In Al-Qaim, healthcare systems and referrals need strengthening. UNICEF is planning a tetanus toxoid campaign for pregnant women next week, and will support construction of a new health clinic in the camp.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving measles vaccination	-	2,974	-
UNICEF Operational Partners: DoH			

Nutrition: In Domiz, 65 under-five children were screened at the Growth Monitoring unit with no cases of malnutrition detected. 183 children have been screened over the past two weeks with all malnourished children receiving supplementary feeding. Advice is provided to mothers on breastfeeding and proper feeding practices.

In Al-Qaim, a rapid nutrition assessment covering 580 under-five children found that general malnutrition is affecting 7.6 per cent of under-five children, chronic malnutrition is affecting 15.1 per cent and acute malnutrition is affecting 4.8 per cent. UNICEF provides supplementary feeding and breastfeeding promotion. An assessment of the nutrition centre at the Al-Qaim hospital is underway.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition enrolled in Therapeutic Feeding programmes	-	2	-
Children <5 with Moderate Acute Malnutrition in supplementary feeding programmes	-	5	-
UNICEF Operational Partners: DoH Dohuk, WFP			

Human Resources:

	Number staff
Country Office staff	48 (18 international & 30 National)
Temporary staff	6
Surge	0
Standby partners	0
Under recruitment	18
Standby partners: None	

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