

Syrians in Jordan Situation Report January 25-February 2 2012



UN Inter-Agency Update General Situation and Response.

This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations inter-agency response to the influx of Syrians into Jordan. The response is led by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and is undertaken in full coordination with the Government of Jordan.

I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- Syrians continue to arrive in Jordan and the number of registered Syrians with UNHCR since March 1st up to 31st of January 2012 is 3,063. Since last situation report, UNHCR has registered 66 cases, representing 170 individuals.
- UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon visited Jordan and thanked Jordan for fulfilling its international commitment's by hosting Syrians who have fled violence. The SG reiterated UN support and reassured His Majesty that Jordan would not carry this burden alone.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR community services staff held an information session attended by over 50 Syrians in Ma'an. The session was an opportunity to brief Syrians on upcoming registration in Amman, which UNHCR is facilitating with the use of busses.

II. Situation Overview

Secretary Generals visit to Jordan

During the reporting period, UN Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon visited Jordan as part of a broader tour of the region. While the visit was predominantly focused on the Israel and Palestine negotiations currently taking place in Amman, the UN SG also took the opportunity to reiterate United Nations support for Jordan, as the state continues to provide humanitarian assistance to Syrian persons of concern.

In his press conference with H.E. Minister of Foreign Affairs Nasser Judeh of Jordan, the UN Secretary General, stated that he and the Foreign Minister "...discussed the crisis in Syria which is having a growing impact on neighbouring countries, including Jordan," and thanked Jordan for hosting Syrians who have fled violence.



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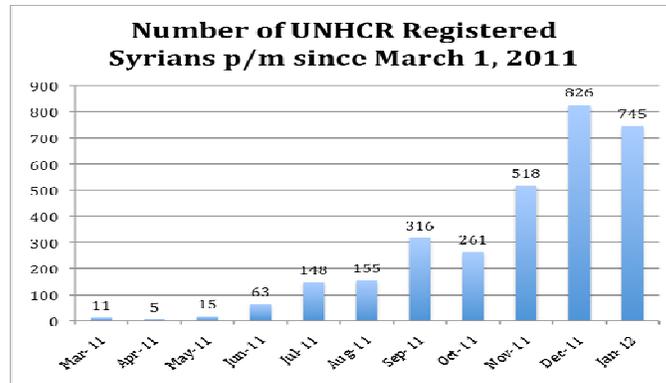
UNSG Ban Ki-Moon in discussion with His Majesty, King Abdullah. Photo courtesy of Yousef Allan and Petra news Agency

Following on, the Secretary General noted that "the UN refugee agency continues to work closely with the Government to help those in need. The United Nations is committed to ensuring that Jordan is not left to carry the burden alone."

UNHCR Registration Figures

As insecurity in Syria prevails, Syrians continue to cross the border both legally and illegally into Jordan. The total number of Syrians registered with UNHCR Jordan since March 2011 is **3,063**. This figure does not include the Syrians that have been in Jordan for years and registered with UNHCR earlier.

Below is a table showing the registration trends per month from the period of March 2011 up to 31 January 2012, and shows the steadily increasing numbers approaching the Agency to register. Throughout Jordan, local NGOs are playing an important role in referring Syrians of concern to UNHCR for registration, in addition to outreach efforts carried out by UNHCR community services, field staff and protection staff.



UNHCR visit to Ma'an

On a visit to Ma'an during the reporting period, UNHCR met with over 50 Syrians, local community leaders and local government officials to discuss registration in Amman. UNHCR is facilitating the group by organising busses to transport them to the office.

There are approximately 80 families in the Ma'an area, and the group expressed a strong desire to be part of the upcoming process. UNHCR staff held an information meeting regarding registration at the General Union of Voluntary Societies, and addressed concerns of Syrians regarding the process.

JHAS will launch a clinic for Syrians in Ma'an this weekend, with a staff capacity of 1 general practitioner, 1 nurse and 1 pharmacist. The clinic will be open two days per week, Saturday and Sunday.



UNHCR staff briefing on registration process, Ma'an.

Ramtha Facility

All works under initial contract have now been completed on the 5 out of 6 buildings at Ramtha transit facility.



Ministry of Health Clinic; safe area for children; and UNHCR staff conducting interviews at Ramtha facility.

NFI Distribution

UNHCR and its implementing partners are engaged in reaching out to vulnerable Syrians in urban centers and surrounding areas. This effort has predominantly focused on the delivery of Non-Food Items (NFI) and is underway in conjunction with UNHCR implementing partners; JHAS and Caritas. Thus far Ramtha, Irbid, Mafrq and Ma'an have been the focus of such deliveries.

The distribution process has allowed UNHCR staff to inform Syrians regarding the registration process, broader information dissemination on issues such as health care and education, build trust and create visibility for the Agency. In addition, field, community services, and protection staff are in a unique position to ascertain the protection challenges facing Syrians in Jordan.

On the right hand side, a sample of distribution items is shown, with figures as of January 2012. Deliveries to Syrians in need have included kitchen sets, cooking stoves, along with items of clothing.

Upcoming distributions of NFI assistance will be aimed at Zarqa and Amman.

Item	Quantity Distributed	Item	Quantity Distributed
Plastic Mats	661	Tooth brushes / toothpaste	96
Kitchen Sets	547	Newborn kits - layettes	2
Jerry Cans	595	Clothing	30 T-shirts & 30 underpants
Sanitary Napkins	90	Electric appliances (EMART) (1 Fridge + 2 Washing Machines)	
Cooking Stoves	95	Electric appliances (Haidar Murad) 5 washing machines, 5 dryers, 8 fridges, 2 chest freezers, 8 gas cookers	
Blankets	2920	For Ramtha Facility:	
Kitchen Sets	30	Electricity	
Plastic sheeting/tarpaulines (4x5)	95	Clothes (vouchers)	
Mattresses	50	Bunk Beds	
Sanitary Napkins	4,104	Keronene	2,503.84 Lt.
Female Underwear	1,100	Stoves	1,000.00
Male Underwear	1,804	School Kits	
Hygiene kits	290	Food Items	Meals, meat/poultry, vegetables, fruits, dry/canned food, bread, water

Government of Jordan Camp at Mafrq

The Government of Jordan have commenced construction on a potential camp in Mafrq as part of broader contingency measures.

A UNHCR Senior Physical Planner met with the GOJ and advised on UNHCR minimum camp standards, and explored in coordination with the GOJ other possible locations in the event of a mass influx as part of UNHCR contingency planning. No decision has been made on those sites, and no construction work has begun. UNHCR continues to advocate for an urban-based response, with a camp option remaining a last resort.

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