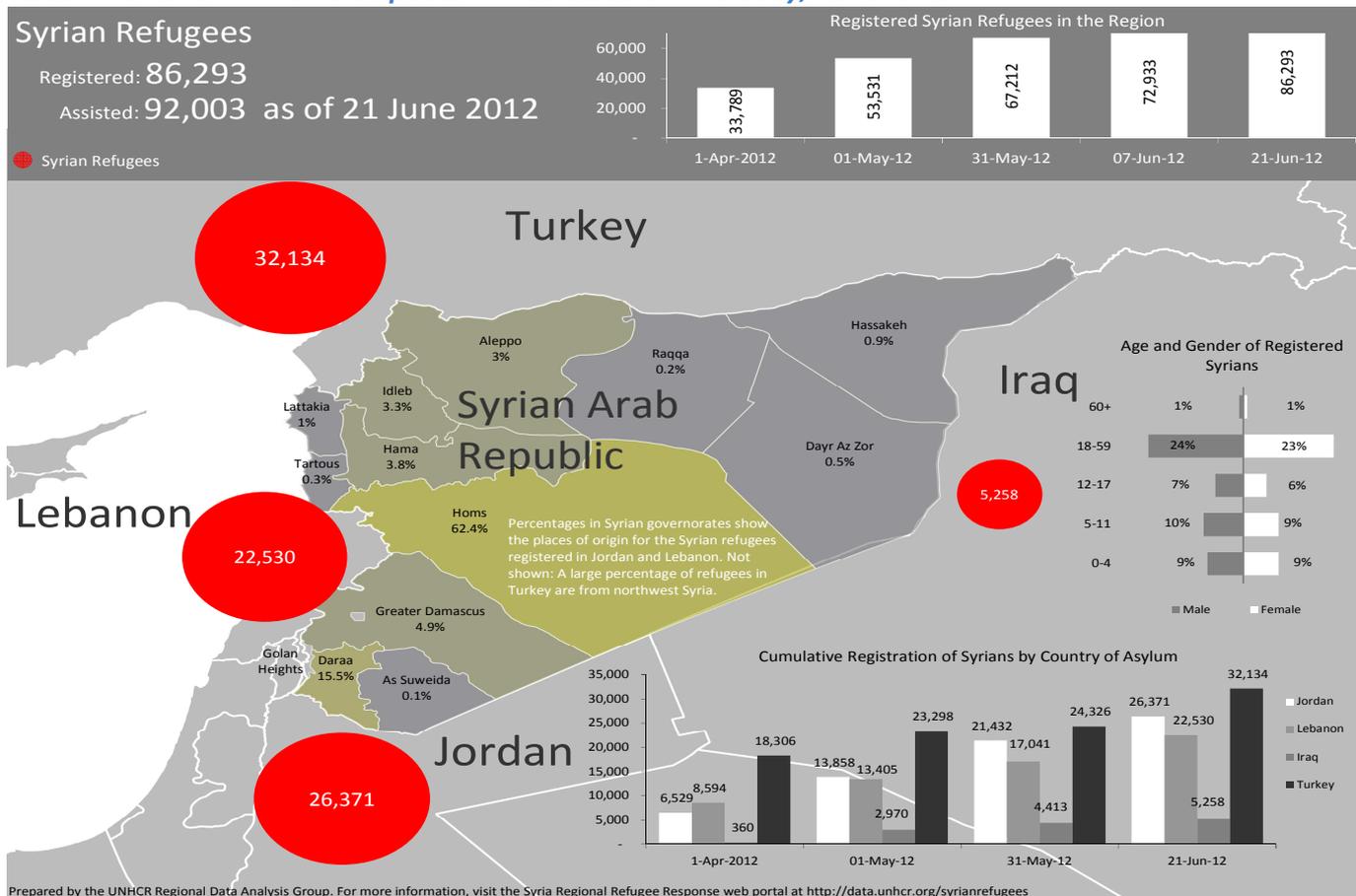


Update No. 10
Syria Regional Refugee Response
 Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey
 21 June 2012



This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations and its partners' response to the influx of Syrian refugees into Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. The response is led by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and is undertaken in full coordination with host Governments. This report covers the period from 14 June to 21 June 2012. The next update will be issued on Thursday, 28 June 2012.



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Statistics on Syrian Refugees in the Region

No. of Syrian Refugees	JORDAN	LEBANON	IRAQ	TURKEY	TOTALS
Registered and Assisted	26,371	22,530	5,258	32,134	86,293
Assisted (awaiting registration)	-	5,250	460	-	5,710**
TOTALS	26,371*	27,780	5,718	32,134	92,003

*An additional 500 persons are awaiting registration while some 30 - 50,000 have been identified by local organizations as in need of assistance, some of whom have been registered by UNHCR. According to the Government of Jordan, there are some 120,000 Syrians in Jordan. **Figures are based on estimates and thus might vary.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of assisted Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey has reached 92,003 persons this week. This marks an increase of 5,605 persons from the previous week, representing the highest increase in refugee numbers in one week since the outset of the crisis. The total number of Syrian refugees registered in these countries stands at 86,293 persons, with 32,134 having crossed into Turkey, 27,780 to Lebanon, 26,371 to Jordan and 5,718 to Iraq over the past week.
- Mr. António Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, visited Jordan on 14 June, where he had high level meetings with Government officials, visited the Syrian refugee transit sites and inaugurated the new UNHCR ICT regional hub in Amman that was outposted from Geneva HQs.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) started distributing shelter tool kits to eighteen families in North Lebanon to enable basic rehabilitation of their homes.
- The Residency Directorate in Dohuk, Iraq, began the process of granting 6 months temporary residence to Syrian refugees living in Domiz camp.

II. JORDAN

Highlights

- The total number of Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR stands at 25,122. They are primarily located in the cities of Amman, Ramtha, Mafrqa, Irbid, Zarqa and Ma'an.
- The average registration per day went up to 218 individuals in Amman but went down slightly to 102 individuals per day in Ramtha.



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Protection/Numbers

53% of those who registered in Amman are male, while 46% are female, thus only slight changes as compared to last week for both genders. In Ramtha, the percentages of males and females registered over the week equalized at 50%; hence no significant changes as compared to last week. 51% of those who registered in Amman are from Homs, 24% from Daraa, 11 % from Damascus, 8% from Hama, and the rest from various other cities in Syria. The number of applicants from Damascus doubled as compared to last week. 66% of those who registered in Ramtha are from Homs, a 12% increase as compared to last week. 28% are from Daraa, representing a 3% decrease.

Assistance/Outreach

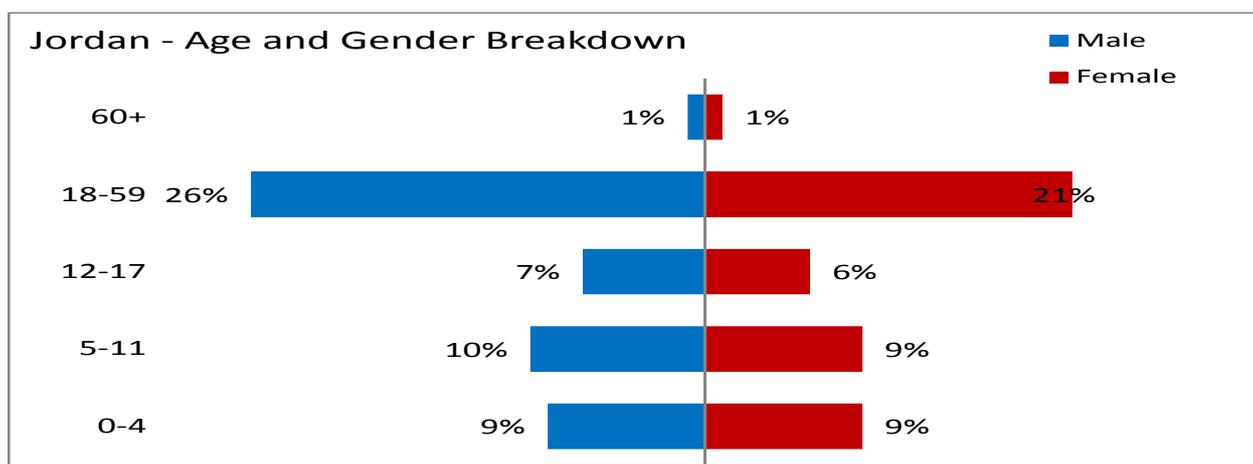
Transit site development continues: A quarter of the new King Abdullah Park transit site for single male asylum seekers in Ramtha has been completed, with sanitation, water, shelter and shading facilities in place. The site is ready to receive those sheltered in the sub-standard Sport Stadium site. Construction of the remainder of the site progresses, with earthworks completed. A total of 932 new persons arrived to both Bashabshe and the Sport Stadium during the reporting period which marks the highest number of new arrivals during the recent weeks. **Assistance:** Following the decision to systematically roll out cash assistance for vulnerable Syrian asylum seekers, UNHCR included 293 additional cases in the June cash

assistance list, representing some 1,465 individuals. Jordanian NGO – Tkiyet Um Ali joined WFP in providing meals to the Syrians. This NGO is expected to replace WFP in cooked meals’ provision shortly. In Bashabsheh, 1,009 food portions, 71 baby diaper packs and sanitary napkins for 5 individuals were distributed to the new arrivals during their two-three days stay at the transit center. In Cyber City, WFP continue to distribute dry food rations.

WASH: International Relief and Development (IRD) continue with the identification and implementation of Quick Impact projects. Currently 10 QIPs are in process, five in Mafraq, three in Maan and two in Karak. All projects are either related to water storage tanks (provision of tanks), waste management (provision of garbage bins and fumigation). **Education:** Mercy Corps carried out an assessment for a child friendly space in the surrounding area, with work expected on the space next week.

Health: 266 patients staying with the host community received primary and secondary health care services mainly through the Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS) clinics and mobile units. Medical home visits were conducted in Mafraq, North and South Amman where emergency cases in need of medical or surgical intervention were assessed and recommended for medical assistance to the health committee.

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in Jordan

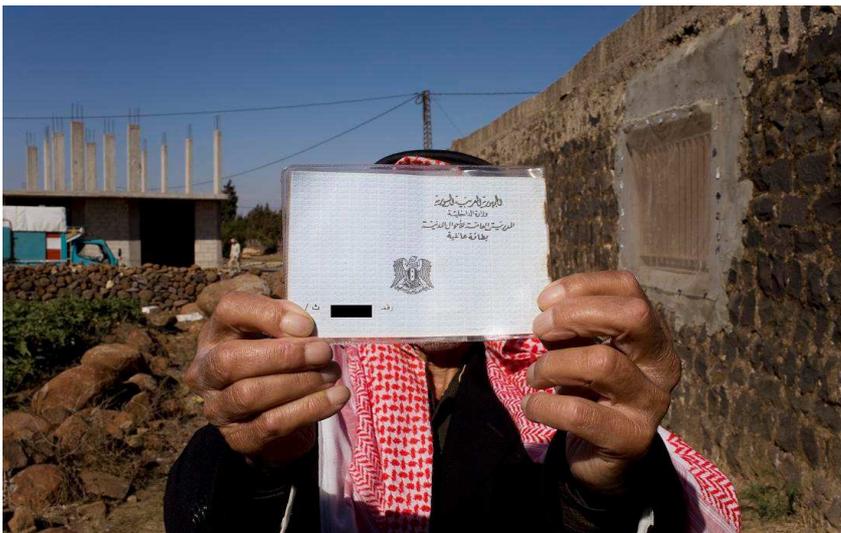


Coordination/External Relations

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees visited Jordan last week, including visits to Bashabsheh, Cyber City, and King Adullah Park. The mission also included high-level meetings with the Government of Jordan and attendance of the official opening of the new UNHCR ICT Office in Jordan. Working alongside the Government of Jordan, including the relevant Ministries and municipalities where large numbers of Syrians are hosted, UNHCR has worked to ensure a consolidated and coordinated Inter-Agency response, engaging fellow UN agencies and local and international non-governmental partners.

UNHCR teams hold regular inter-agency meetings on a bi-weekly basis at the central level in Amman, along with regular sector working group meetings, and field coordination meetings at the field level, including in Ramtha, Mafraq, Zarqa and Ma'an. In addition, a monthly Inter-Agency briefing for donors and operational partners is facilitated in Amman by UNHCR Jordan.

III. LEBANON



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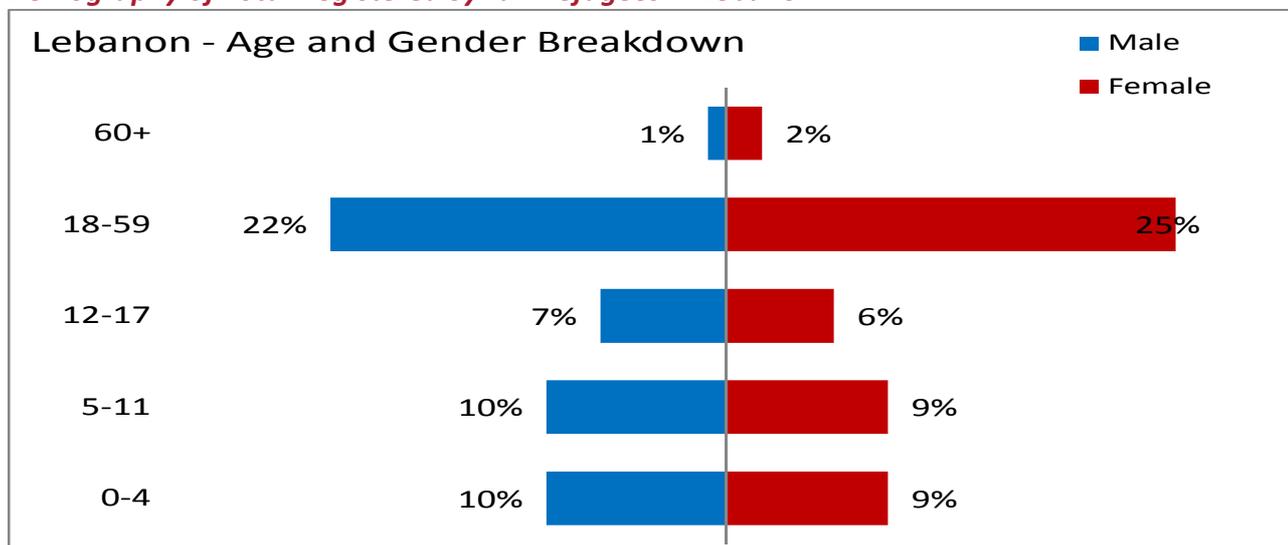
Highlights:

- Some 28,702 Syrian refugees are being assisted throughout the country. 20,702 have been jointly registered by UNHCR and Lebanon’s High Relief Commission (HRC) in the North. UNHCR and partners are assisting an additional 3,000 Syrian refugees in Tripoli and 5000 in Bekaa, who are pending registration.
- Food, hygiene and baby kits were distributed to 1,770 people in North Lebanon.

Protection/Numbers

Field visits and contact with Internal Security Forces (ISF) revealed the presence of newly arrived families in different villages in north Bekaa including Al Hermel, Al Qaa, and Mazraat Ain el Jaouze. UNHCR is following-up with the local authorities in order to confirm numbers and needs. The central registration site in Wadi Khaled opened at the Amayer Social Development Centre (SDC). Centralized registration continued in Bire (Akkar) with 93 people (15 families) registered, however a number of appointed cases failed to show up due to the tense security situation in Wadi Khaled.

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in Lebanon



Assistance/Outreach

Food and NFIs: UNHCR, the High Relief Commission (HRC) and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) continued centralized distribution in Akkar, covering villages in Halba and Bire. The Mahad El Kabess Community Centre facilitated distribution in Halba assisting residents in the Kousha, Qanbar, Kroum el Arab, Hrar, Abboudiyyeh and Berj el Arab villages. In Bire, a total of 910 people received food kits, hygiene kits and baby kits. In west and central Bekaa, Baalbeck and Al Sahel, 1,550 people (310 families) were assisted with food, hygiene and baby kits as well as mattresses. An additional 320 people (64 families) from

the Lebanese host community in Al Sahel received hygiene kits. Distribution took place in the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)'s community center in Saadnayel through UNHCR and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). In Aarsal, WFP is beginning distribution of food vouchers to displaced families who will receive hygiene and baby kits, provided by UNHCR and DRC, through the Jousour association.

Shelter: The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) started distributing shelter tool kits to eighteen families in North Lebanon to enable basic rehabilitation of their homes. DRC visited three potential collective shelters in Tekrit and selected an abandoned school for rehabilitation with the capacity to host up to 80 people. Additionally, the Ministry of Social Affairs, UNHCR and DRC reached an agreement to rehabilitate the Amayer SDC in the North for use as a community centre. Basic shelter rehabilitation in the Al Bukhari school in the Bekaa Valley is expected to finish next week. Thirty displaced Syrians currently live in the shelter.

Health: The International Medical Corps (IMC) conducted four health awareness sessions in Tripoli and Halba addressing subjects such as personal hygiene, diarrhea, food safety, child health, nutrition for pregnant women, breast feeding and immunization. UNICEF trained doctors, social workers and midwives in Tripoli and the Bekaa on various issues such as vaccination and breast feeding. As part of a new initiative, UNHCR and IMC will provide prescription glasses to displaced Syrian children attending school in the North. In the Bekaa Valley, UNHCR and the International Medical Corps (IMC) signed an agreement with Al Assi hospital to increase the coverage of patients in the Hermel area.

Education: UNICEF and its implementing partner Iqraa conducted training sessions with teachers and social workers on ways to provide an active learning programme that will address the specific needs of the displaced children, such as language, and help them to better read and write. Thirty-two teachers, facilitators and social workers received training on how to improve children's literacy skills. The teachers are currently working in ten summer day camps in the North and Bekaa, targeting 400 displaced Syrian children.

Coordination

Working alongside the Government of Lebanon, notably the High Relief Commission, the Ministry of Social Affairs and municipalities, UNHCR has worked to ensure a consolidated and coordinated inter-agency response, engaging fellow UN agencies and local and international non-governmental partners. UNHCR teams hold regular inter-agency sector-based meetings on a bi-weekly basis at the central level in Beirut, and at the field level in the North and in the Bekaa.

IV. IRAQ

Highlights

- UNHCR registered a total 5,258 individual Syrian refugees and 460 Syrian persons are awaiting reregistration.
- The camp population in Domiz numbers 1,408 persons, including 1,232 individuals in family composition and 176 singles, while a number of 382 singles continue to live nearby the camp in a mosque.



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Protection/Numbers

An estimated 20 to 25 families and 200 singles enter Dohuk Governorate and approach the Department of Displacement and Migration (DDM) and UNHCR for registration on a weekly basis. In Erbil, some 20 singles approach UNHCR for registration weekly. Some 300 singles have returned from Erbil and are hosted by singles and Syrian asylum seekers who came to Dohuk prior to the unrest and live scattered. In line with a Note from the Ministry of Interior, the Residency Directorate in Dohuk, started the process of granting 6 months temporary residence to the Syrian refugees living in Domiz camp. So far, 38 families have been provided with documentation. Qandil NGO supported the process by hiring a bus to transport the families to the Residency Directorate. In terms of demographics, out of the 5,258 registered individuals, 24% are females and 77% are males. Of the latter, 59% are single males, with the remaining made up mostly of heads of families. 63% of Syrian refugees who registered with UNHCR come from Hasaka, 5% from Damascus and 5% from Aleppo.

Assistance/Outreach

Shelter and Infrastructure: A total of 294 tents for 240 families have been erected. UNHCR, through its partner Qandil, has initiated the construction of additional 70 tent foundations for the families as well as bathrooms and cooking areas. A total of 40 tents in the section for singles have been erected and are accommodating 176 singles. **NFIs:** UNHCR have, jointly with IOM, distributed NFI packages to 56 families and 31 rechargeable fans to 124 singles living in five big tents and the mosque. DDM distributed refrigerators and air coolers to 90 families in the camp. 88% of the camp population have now been provided with these items. **Health:** The medical unit established in the camp by the Department of Health (DoH) continues to provide daily health services to an average number of 40 -50 cases per day.

WASH: Fayda Water Department continues provision of potable water by tankers in a capacity of 90,000 litres per day. In addition, DoH is continuing distribution of chloride tablets for family's water storage tanks every three days. Fayda Municipality continues the garbage collection in Domiz camp on regular basis. Diakonia Germany has distributed hygiene kits to 29 families, as well as 56 hygiene kits to groups of 4 singles. **Nutrition:** DDM continues the provision of three hot meals a day to the single males, while providing dry food rations to the families who have kitchen facilities. DDM has agreed to cover additional

dry food shares for families for the second half of June. WFP is looking at providing food rations to the population in Domiz as of July, while assessing the situation of the Syrians and planning to distribute food vouchers at a later stage. **Education:** Several steps have been taken to secure education for the school age children during the summer period. Arrangements are in place to launch the summer education plan for 175 children; and UNICEF is deploying efforts to secure text books and the curriculum from Syria. Teachers were selected amongst the refugee population and discussions on incentivising them are on-going.

Coordination

UNHCR met with the Dohuk Governor, visited Domiz camp as well as Syrian Asylum Seekers living in Moquble camp. UNHCR held its coordination meeting with other UN agencies and NGOs last week where it was agreed between the agencies to conduct a Joint Assessment Mission and plan for a Rapid Needs Assessment in Domiz camp.

V. TURKEY

Highlights

- The overall number of Syrian refugees in Turkey now stands at 32,134 persons.
- The Government of Turkey has decided to participate in the Syria Regional Response Plan.

Protection/Numbers

A sizeable increase of Syrian refugees crossing the border was observed during the last week as the Syrian refugee population increased to 32,134 persons, reportedly due to fears of insecurity from their areas of origin. Newly arrived persons are being transferred to the Ceylanpinar Camp in Sanliurfa. Syrian refugees in Turkey are assisted by the Turkish Red Crescent Society in the border provinces of Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis and Sanliurfa.



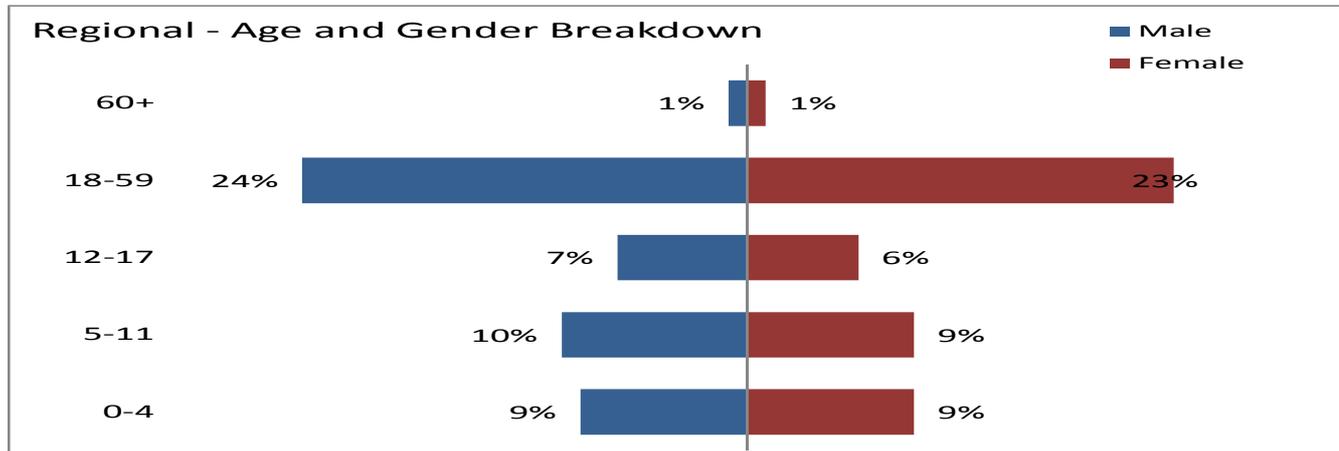
Syrian refugees smoking Nargile in Oncupinar/USA Today/2012

Assistance/Outreach

NFIs and Food: The Government of Turkey and the Turkish Red Crescent Society continue to provide assistance to Syrian refugees registered in their camps. **Education:** Reportedly 4,251 children in Kilis, Oncupinar Container Site, 805 in Hatay and 600 in Gaziantep, Islahiye Camps are receiving education.

VI. STATISTICS

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in the Region



Funding: The funding overview for the RRP is provided once a month on the Syria Regional Refugee Response Update of the last week of the month. The last updated overview was provided in Update No. 6 of 24th May where the RRP was funded at the level of 36%. For more details please go to <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>. The next funding update will be provided in the next Syria Regional Refugee Response weekly Update on 28 June 2012.

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