

SYRIA REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey

5 July 2012



This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations and partners' response to the influx of Syrian refugees into Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. The response is led by the UN Refugee Agency and is undertaken in full coordination with host Governments. This report covers the period from 28 June to 5 July 2012. The next update will be issued on 12 July 2012.



With the increase in the number of Syrian refugees fleeing to Jordan, some newly-arrived were initially hosted in make-shift tents. At the same time accommodation capacity is being uparaded to host new arrivals. @UNHCR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Currently, more than 103,000 Syrians are either registered or being assisted in neighboring countries, more than double the number of last March.
- During the last week, 3,367 Syrians refugees have crossed the border seeking refuge in Jordan prompting aid agencies to upgrade their level of response. Another 2,500 Syrian refugees were received in refugee camps in Turkey.
- Following the centralization of registration in the Lebanese Akkar and Bekaa areas, some 8,000 Syrian refugees have been registered during the month of June.

REFUGEE NUMBERS

No.of Syrian refugees	JORDAN	LEBANON	IRAQ	TURKEY	TOTALS
Registered and assisted	28,934	26,183	6,163	35,565	96,845
Assisted (awaiting registration)	2,056*	4,000	320	-	6,376**
TOTALS	30,990	30,183	6,483	35,565	103,221

* Some 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.

JORDAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- During the past week 3,367 Syrian refugees have illegally crossed the border seeking refuge in Jordan, prompting aid agencies to upgrade their level of response.
- All sites are now under severe pressure with over 2,000 individuals accommodated at three different sites of the Bashabsheh transit center.

Protection/Numbers

- Increased Arrivals: During the past week 3,367 Syrian refugees fled to Jordan. The majority (70%) of those crossing the border in recent days have been from Dara'a, which is the scene of intensified violence, with remaining numbers arriving from Homs and Damascus.
- Registration: UNHCR has registered 28,934 Syrian refugees. The Jordanian Health Aid Society (JHAS) has established a support team for Syrians arriving during the night at Bashabsheh.
- Education: UNICEF, in collaboration with partners and the Jordanian Ministry of Education, began school-based summer holiday remedial education classes, targeting 5,500 vulnerable Syrian and Jordanian children in 15 directorates.
- Child Protection: To date, UNICEF and partners have reached more than 6,500 vulnerable Syrian children and family members with psycho-social activities in Ramtha; case management and referrals in key areas of Jordan; and 'better parenting' sessions to empower Syrian parents with enhanced knowledge on basic health, nutrition, and protection issues for their children.



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Assistance/Outreach

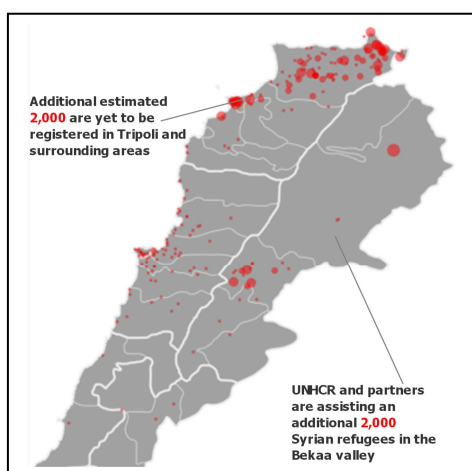
- Shelter: Bashabsheh transit center is consistently accommodating over 2,000 newly arrived refugees, sometimes even reaching 2,500, while its actual capacity is only 500-600. Given the high number of arrivals, the current transit centres system is being revised.
- NFI Distribution: UNHCR is enhancing its stocks of non-food items (NFIs), including tents, for up to 5,000 families or 25,000 individuals. UNICEF procured 3,000 baby hygiene kits, which are prepared for distribution in transit sites in the coming weeks.
- Food Assistance: An additional 3,000 complementary food packages have been provided in the transit centers sites.
- Host Communities Support: NFI kits were dispatched to 5 community based organizations in Amman, Mafrq, Ramtha and Irbid to be distributed to 574 families and 120 singles during the first week of July. UNHCR, through its implementing partner IRD, also continues implementing quick impact projects in different governorates.

LEBANON

HIGHLIGHTS

- 25,411 Syrian refugees are registered with UNHCR and the Lebanese High Relief Commission (HRC). This represents an increase of 8,000 persons since the end of May, largely due to the introduction of the centralized registration system in Akkar and the Bekaa areas.
- All assistance activities resumed by the end of June as the security conditions returned to normal.

Protection/Numbers



- General: Syrian refugees continue to be permitted to enter Lebanon. However, while the Government has been generously providing support in northern Lebanon, it remains reluctant to issue circulation permits to registered Syrian refugees. As a result, registered refugees continue to be confined to small areas and are unable to search for work opportunities to help them provide for their families.

- Registration: An increase in arrivals has also been noted in Lebanon. 26,183 refugees have been registered so far. In northern Lebanon, 5,000 displaced Syrians were registered in June alone. In Tripoli, UNHCR, HRC and outreach workers from the Ministry of Social Affairs continue to conduct door-to-door registration. In the

Bekaa, 7,647 out of an estimated 9,000 Syrian refugees have been registered. In total, over 30,000 displaced Syrians are currently receiving protection and assistance in Lebanon.

- Community Services: Psycho-social support was enhanced in Akkar and Tripoli thanks to the combined efforts of UNICEF, IMC and DRC. UNICEF trained 45 teachers, community workers and caregivers on psycho-social interventions as well as on means of identifying psychological difficulties and devising referral mechanisms. At the same time, a first community centre has been established in Rama (Akkar) where NRC provides education and recreation for displaced Syrian and host community children.

Assistance/Outreach

- Shelter: UNHCR and DRC are also building collective shelters on the grounds of abandoned schools while, together with NRC, developing a system to identify families in need of shelter alternatives. Efforts to support rent are also underway.
- Relief Distribution: In a coordinated effort involving HRC, UNHCR, WFP, DRC, Muslim Aid and Azzam wa Saadeh, the first centralized distribution took place in Tripoli this June, with over 1,000 families receiving food and NFIs, including host families. In northern Lebanon 7,734 persons received food, hygiene and baby kits, while in the Bekaa, distribution efforts continue to rely on local support.
- Food: In Aarsal, WFP introduced the food voucher system for registered Syrian refugees.
- Health: The provision of primary medical assistance remains a key concern to all agencies as refugees continue to express their need for additional access to primary health care services.

IRAQ

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Iraqi Residency Directorate in Duhok started to grant temporary residency permits valid for six months to Syrian refugees living in Domiz camp. So far 1,280 persons have been provided with residence permits, entitling them to free access to public services.

Protection/Numbers

- Registration: The total number of Syrians of Kurdish origin registered with UNHCR and the Iraqi Department of Displacement and Migration (DDM) in the Kurdish Regional Governorate has reached 6,163. Duhok hosts 4,910 individuals, followed by Erbil with 875 individuals and Suleimaniya with 378 individuals. Upon instruction from the Ministry of Interior, Syrian new arrivals are relocating from Erbil and Suleimaniya to Duhok Governorate in order to obtain a residency permit.
- The camp population in Domiz has reached 2,338 persons, including 300 families and 600 singles.
- Education: Several initiatives have been taken to secure education for school-aged children during summer time. Discussions are on-going with the Government's Directorate of Education regarding next school year's curriculum. UNICEF and partners established a Child Friendly Space that provides recreation for around 125 Syrian children in Domiz camp.

Assistance/Outreach

- Shelter: Among the 600 singles in Domiz camp, 400 have relocated to small tents in a temporary site pending the construction of additional tent foundations and services. The remaining 200 continue to live nearby the camp in a mosque and big tents.
- Food: WFP is preparing to deliver food by the end of July while a voucher system should be in place next September. A UNHCR-WFP led Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) took place in Domiz camp.
- Health: The Government's Directorate of Health conducted a nutrition survey among the children in Domiz camp. Results will be available soon.

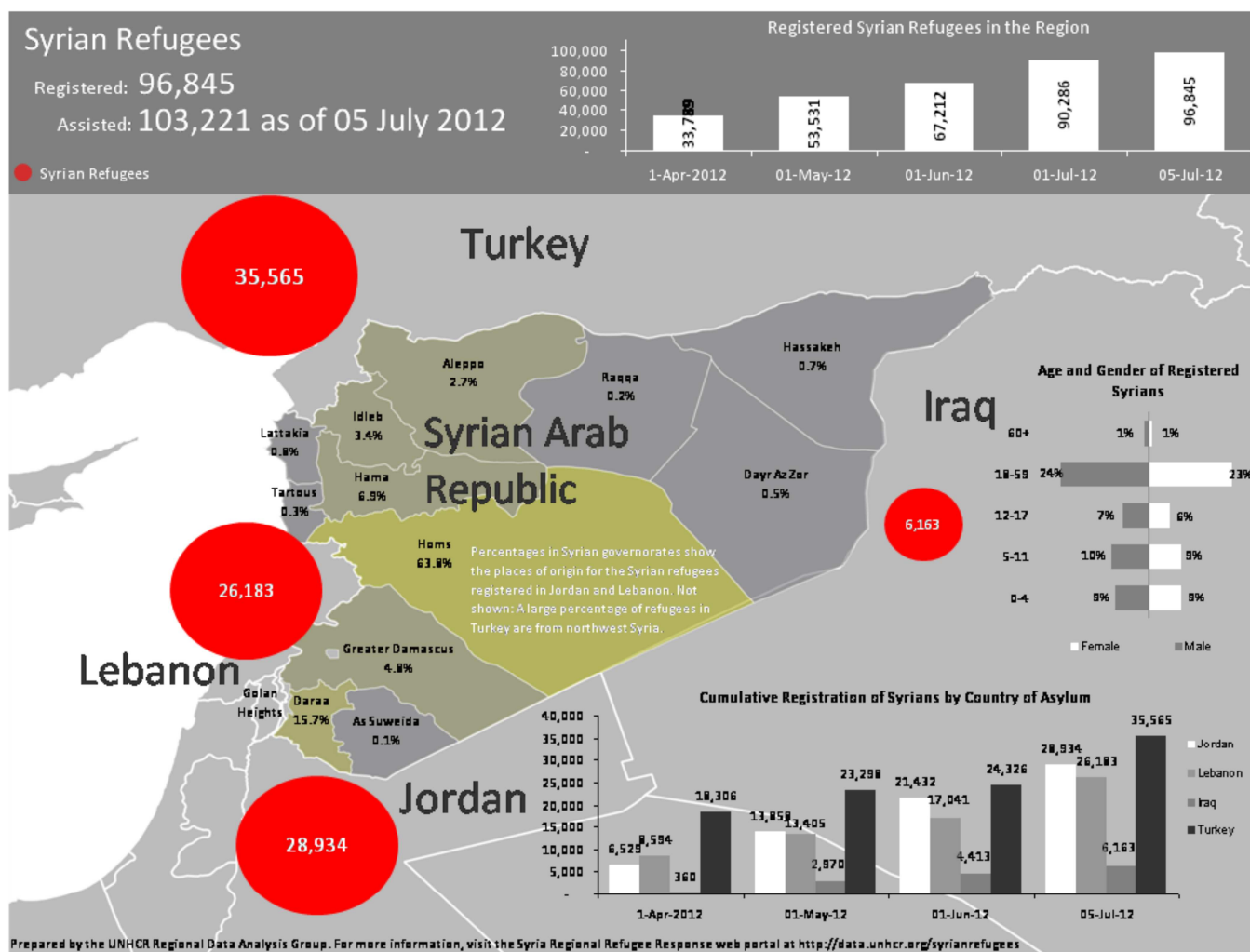
TURKEY

- Camp Population: The total population in the Syrian refugee camps in Turkey has reached 35,565 individuals. Syrian refugees continue to be hosted and assisted in 7 camps in the border provinces of Hatay (7,799 individuals), Gaziantep (6,251 individuals), Kilis (11,498 individuals) and Sanliurfa (9,805 individuals).
- New arrivals continue to be transferred to the refugee camp of Ceylanpinar in Sanliurfa.
- Education: Education in the camps, provided by the Turkish Government, is planned to be expanded, in line with the Turkish curriculum. Through the recently procured tents and education and recreational materials, UNICEF will help provide Syrian children of different age groups, especially adolescents and youth, in the camps with safe child-friendly learning environments.

FUNDING UPDATE

- On 28 June the revised Regional Response Plan for Syrian refugees was launched by 7 UN agencies and 36 NGO partners, jointly appealing for USD 193 million to help Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. So far the appeal has been funded for USD 49.6 million or 26% of the total needs.
- A detailed financial tracking system is provided each last week of the month.

OVERVIEW MAP



Country Situation Reports and further information are available on the webportal <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees>.

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