

SYRIA REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey

12 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 5 to 12 July 2012. The next update will be issued on 19 July 2012.



Bashabshe transit site in Ramtha, Jordan. Transit sites in Jordan are managing to cope with increased numbers of arrivals through a referral system to separate reception sites for families and singles in Ramtha and hosting opportunities with families and friends. ©A. MC Donnel/UNHCR/2012

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Syrian refugee population in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey is steadily growing. Currently, more than 110,000 Syrians are either registered or being assisted in neighboring countries, an increase of 7,000 compared to last week with as many as 1,000 Syrians fleeing across the border in one day.
- The Jordanian Government has approved the establishment of a refugee camp in Za'atri in the event of a major influx and as a last resort measure.
- According to the Turkish Government, three new sites will be established in Sanliurfa, Kilis and Gaziantep Governorates, upgrading the country's hosting capacity to an additional 30,000 refugees.

REFUGEE NUMBERS

No.of Syrian refugees	JORDAN	LEBANON	IRAQ	TURKEY	TOTALS
Registered and assisted	31,802	28,477	6,547	37,353	104,179
Assisted (awaiting registration)	2,644	2,500	1,453	-	6,597
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** Some 50,000 have been identified by local organizations in Jordan as in need of assistance, some of whom have been registered by UNHCR. According to the Government, there are some 120,000 Syrians in Jordan.*

***Figures are based on estimates and thus might vary.*

JORDAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Jordanian Government has approved the establishment of a refugee camp in Za'atri as part of a joint contingency planning process with UN partners. The identified site has a potential capacity of 131,000 individuals.

Protection/Numbers

- **Registration:** UNHCR has registered 31,802 Syrian refugees, surpassing the number of the remaining Iraqi refugees registered with UNHCR in Jordan. During the past week, 2,301 refugees have arrived, resulting in more UNHCR registrations taking place in Ramtha than Amman.
- **Refugee Profiling:** 79% of the Syrian refugees has been registered in the past four months, including 74% women and children. Over half of them originate from Homs. However, in the past fortnight, over 70% of those registered have been from Dara'a, the scene of recent intensified hostilities.
- **Child Protection:** To date, nearly 6,500 children and family members received child protection awareness raising and psychosocial support through UNICEF, Save the Children, International Medical Corps and partners. During the reporting period, IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF undertook an assessment mission in northern Jordan to evaluate what further support is needed for unaccompanied minors.

Assistance/Outreach

- **Contingency Planning:** On 9 July the Jordanian Council of Ministers has approved the establishment of a refugee camp in Za'atri as part of the contingency planning. The camp would be managed by the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) with support and expertise provided by international agencies.
- **Transit Sites:** Transit sites are managing to cope with increased numbers of arrivals through a referral system to separate reception sites for families and singles in Ramtha and hosting opportunities with families and friends.
- **Food Assistance:** WFP continues to provide hot meals and family food packages to transit and other refugee hosting sites with the aim of transitioning to food vouchers upon availability of cooking facilities in the sites. In the urban environment WFP, through the Jordanian Red Crescent Society and JHCO, distributed family food packages reaching 23,400 refugees.
- **Cash for Rent Assistance:** UNHCR successfully launched an ATM cash assistance programme to support rental costs of Syrian refugees. The programme is being rolled out this month for some 450 of the most vulnerable Syrian families and singles who can withdraw the financial support through ATM machines equipped with iris scanners. The aim is to reach out to 3,000 of the most vulnerable families by the end of 2012. The needs of the Syrian refugees are growing and are being exacerbated by the high rental and living costs in Jordan in comparison to their home country.
- **WASH:** Following the spike in new arrivals, UNICEF mobilized 20 portable latrines which were installed at the transit facilities in Ramtha. UNICEF would also support safe water, latrines, hygiene facilities, solid waste management and hygiene promotion activities in the potential sites in Mafraq.



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LEBANON

HIGHLIGHTS

Some 600 Syrian refugee children in northern Lebanon are benefiting this summer from an accelerated learning program supported by Save the Children.

Protection/Numbers

- **Registration:** 28,447 Syrian refugees have been registered so far by UNHCR in the Bekaa, and jointly by UNHCR and the Lebanese High Relief Commission (HRC) in the north of the country. 1,500 refugees are yet to be registered in the Tripoli and 1,000 in the Bekaa.
- **Security:** Following recent security incidents, ensuring the safety of families living in border villages is of primary concern to UNHCR and partner agencies. Up to 800 Syrian refugees are currently hosted in villages in a precarious zone along the Lebanese-Syrian border.
- **Education:** Some 600 children in northern Lebanon are benefiting from a Summer Accelerated Learning Program supported by Save the Children to help them complete the academic year interrupted by displacement. UNICEF, Terre des Hommes Italia, Association Culturelle de Hermel and War Child Holland also introduced summer camps for children in the north and the Bekaa. Meanwhile, aid agencies are also advocating with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education to accredit Syrian students who complete the school year in Lebanon and to sit for official exams.
- **Child Protection:** UNICEF introduced a monitoring and reporting system for the set up Child Friendly Spaces in an attempt to better measure participation, impact and gender equality of the interventions.

Assistance/Outreach

- **Food Assistance:** HRC requested WFP to replicate the food voucher system that was launched in the Bekaa to northern Lebanon. WFP is currently carrying out a local capacity assessment in preparation for the introduction of the voucher system and is providing food kits for families in Akkar and Tripoli.
- **Shelter:** Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is undertaking minor rehabilitation to hosting homes and is providing shelter toolkits for hosting and displaced families. Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is also rehabilitating collective shelters and building prefabricated houses.
- **Health:** As of 30 June HRC stopped covering the cost of secondary health care due to lack of funding. This will have a severe impact as, while UNHCR and partners continue to deliver most of the humanitarian support, current funding levels do not permit these agencies to provide secondary healthcare. Meanwhile, UNHCR and the International Medical Corps (IMC) do cover the costs of life-saving medical care and hospitalization for registered Syrian refugees. Also during the reporting period, UNHCR and IMC assessed primary health care centers in the north of the country to evaluate the need for expansion of referral-supported primary health care services.



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IRAQ

Protection/Numbers

- Registration: The total number of Syrian refugees of Kurdish origin registered with UNHCR and the Iraqi Department of Displacement and Migration (DDM) in the Kurdish Regional Governorate has reached 6,547. Another 1,453 Syrians are awaiting registration.
- The camp population in Domiz has reached 2,457 Syrian refugees, including 323 families and 557 singles. The number of singles in the camp has decreased compared to 600 last week as some are moving onwards to Erbil and Suleimaniya seeking better life conditions.
- Residency Permits: The Iraqi Residency Directorate in Duhok continues to grant 6-months temporary residence to Syrian refugees in Domiz camp. So far, 2,077 individuals have been provided with residency permits valid until the end of the year and entitling them to free access to public services.
- Education: On 11 July UNICEF launched summer school classes for 136 primary and intermediate school age children in Domiz camp.

Assistance/Outreach

- Shelter: Among the 557 singles in Domiz camp, 420 have relocated to small tents in a temporary site pending the construction of additional tent foundations and services. Another 173 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.

TURKEY

HIGHLIGHTS

The arrival of Syrian refugees in Turkey continues to show an overall upward trend. According to the Government of Turkey, the camp population has doubled in the period from 24 May to 9 July 2012 and currently reaches 37,353.

Protection/Numbers



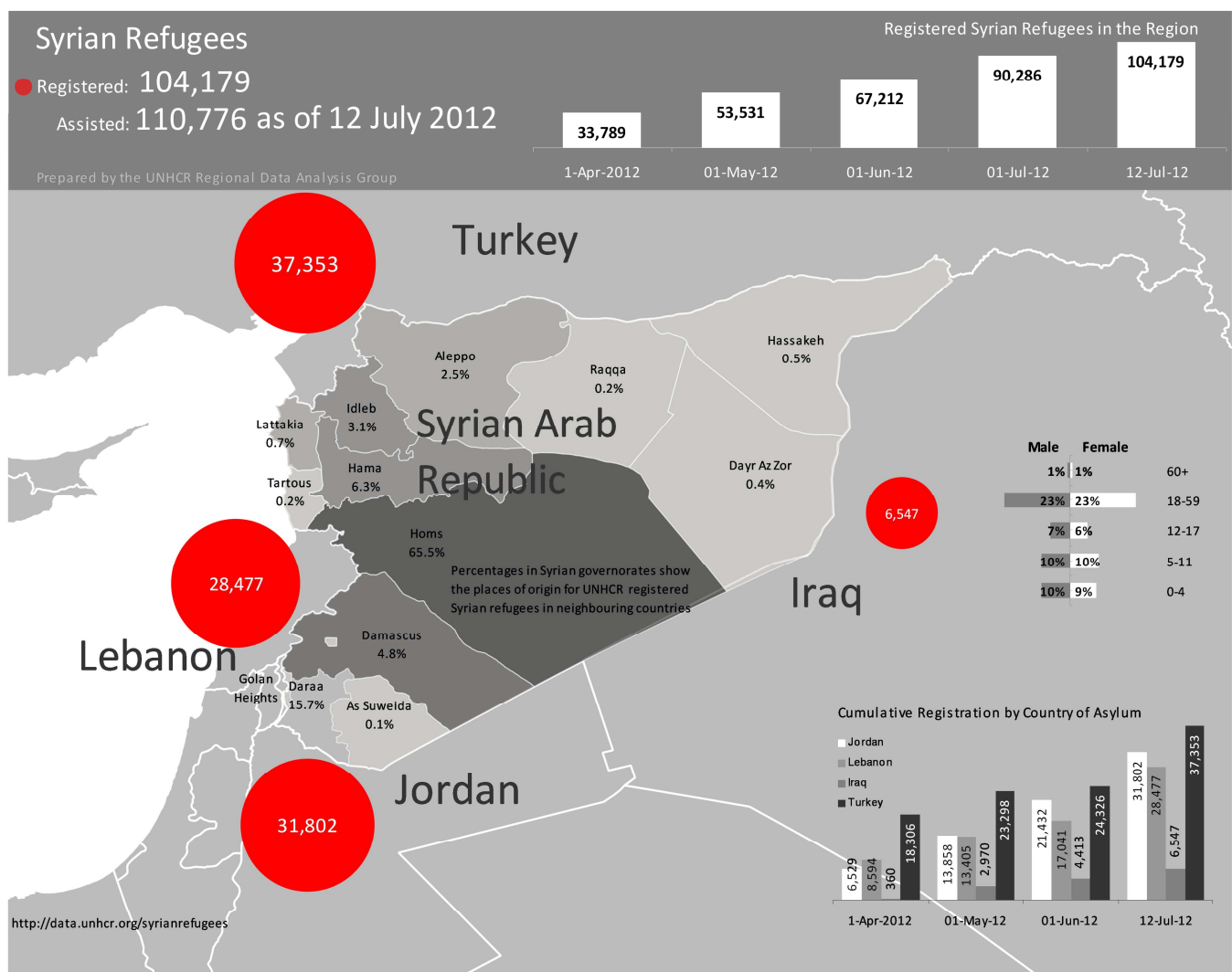
Ceylanpinar refugee site in Sanliurfa, with tents provided by the Turkish Red Crescent ©UNHCR

- Numbers: Syrian refugees are hosted and assisted under a temporary protection regime in 7 camps in the border provinces of Hatay (7,999 individuals), Gaziantep (6,145 individuals), Kilis (11,498 individuals) and Sanliurfa (11,493 individuals).
- Protection: The temporary protection regime which the Turkish Government declared for Syrians continues, ie. open-border policy, protection against forcible returns (non-refoulement), and access to basic registration arrangements where immediate needs are addressed.
- Education at pre-school, primary and secondary level is provided to 4,511 children and adolescents.

Assistance/Outreach

- **Shelter:** According to the Turkish Government, three new sites will be established in Sanliurfa, Kilis and Gaziantep, upgrading the camp capacity with 30,000. Meanwhile, the majority of new arrivals continue to be transferred to Ceylanpinar camp and UNHCR is providing core relief items for emergency shelter.
- **Food Assistance:** WFP will undertake an assessment in view of introducing a food voucher programme for 30,000 Syrian refugees. Food assistance is currently undertaken by the Turkish Government.

OVERVIEW MAP



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. The appeal has been funded for USD 49.6 million / 26% of the total needs.
- A detailed financial tracking system is provided each last week of the month.

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