

This report is produced by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on its humanitarian response for the crisis in Syria. The summary covers events and activities until 12 September. For activities implemented in Syria, please consult the full situation report.



IOM NFIs Distribution, Akcakale camp in Turkey. IOM 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

- ➔ **Jordan:** IOM has started operating in Thnebe, 1km away from the Syrian border, however security conditions are currently hampering operations.
- ➔ **Lebanon:** IOM assisted a total of **3,345** individuals (**697** families) with winterization NFIs and household shelter support items.
- ➔ **Iraq:** IOM completed an assessment regarding the migration patterns, livelihoods, registration and needs of Syrian refugees and Iraqi returnees. IOM staff conducted **65** interviews with Syrian refugee families, 196 interviews with Iraqi returnees.¹
- ➔ **Turkey:** IOM Turkey distributed **2,500** mattresses, **7,000** pillows and **5,000** bed linens in Akcakale camp in the past week.

¹ Full Report at: <http://www.iomiraq.net/Documents/SyriaReport.pdf>

SITUATION OVERVIEW

JORDAN UNHCR reports **49,236** registered Syrian refugees in Jordan.² The number of Syrians crossing into Jordan has remained relatively steady at around **4,000** per week. To date, 30,093 Syrian refugees reside in Za'atri camp, and **1,250** Syrians in King Abdullah Park (KAP). As of 20 September, IOM will handover Primary Health Care services in KAP to the Jordanian Ministry of Health.

Following a visit to the Thnebe border crossing, IOM deployed staff on 5 September to work in this crucial location - 1 km away from the Syrian border. However, security conditions are currently hampering operations. IOM will provide registration, reception, medical assistance, blankets and hygiene kits, among other services, to arriving refugees.

LEBANON An increasing number of Syrians are reporting difficulty in crossing the border due to checkpoints on the Syrian side. The security of refugees living in border areas is a major concern, as border villages continue to be affected by daily shelling on the Syrian side.

Over **65,000** displaced Syrians are receiving protection and assistance through the Lebanese Government, the UN and NGO partners, **48,072** of whom are registered with UNHCR.³

IOM completed a detailed study identifying Lebanese returnee families in need of assistance with regard to livelihood, shelter, food and NFIs.⁴

IRAQ With the Al-Qaim border crossing point still closed, no refugee entry was reported from 31 August to 6 September. The total number of Syrian refugees in Iraq stands at **22,563**.⁵ IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO conducted a joint assessment estimating that **3,000** Syrians are currently in the Al-Qaim border area waiting to cross into Iraq. Should the border reopen, it is estimated that some 10,000 refugees would cross from there into Iraq.

In coordination with the education working group led by UNICEF, it was decided that five additional classrooms will be constructed in Domiz camp. IOM will contribute by equipping the classrooms with air-conditioning units and large water filters to provide safe drinking water for the students.

² <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

³ <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

⁴ The full report will be available on the UNHCR portal by next week.

⁵ Ibid.

TURKEY UNHCR reports that **80,104** refugees have been registered to date.⁶

Approximately 10,000 Syrians are waiting to cross into Turkey, at the Kilis and Hatay borders. The delay in admitting refugees is due to procedures and security checks allowing for only small groups of people to enter at a time. Also, lack of space in the camps is a concern while priority is given to people currently living in schools and public buildings.

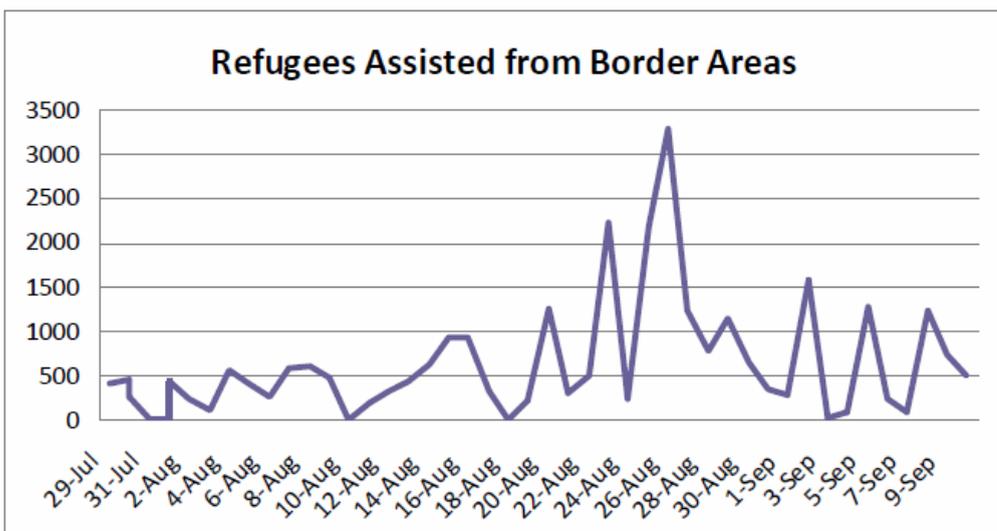
COUNTRY OPERATIONS

1. Jordan Operations

Transport assistance

To date, IOM has provided transportation assistance for a total of **29,123** Syrian refugees. In the past week, IOM assisted **4,145** Syrian refugees.

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Evacuation Movements	
Date ⁷	# People
5 th Sept	83
6 th Sept	1,281
7 th Sept	239
8 th Sept	83
9 th Sept	1,226
10 th Sept	734
11 th Sept	499
7-day Total	4,145

Health assistance

As a first responder agency, IOM provides all assisted individuals with fit-to-travel health checks. In the past week, IOM staff identified **68** individuals with injuries or serious medical conditions requiring immediate referral to a hospital or treatment upon arriving to Za'atri camp.

Since the end of June, **10,282** Syrians (40% females, 39% children under 15 years of age) have received health care and referral services through IOM's Primary Health Clinic at King Abdullah Park (KAP).

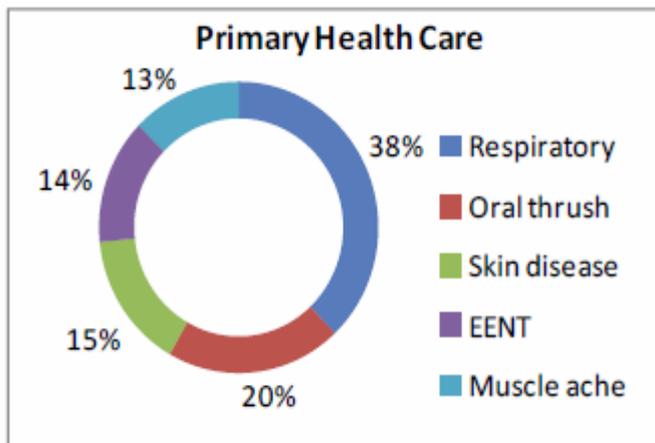
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⁷ Dates reflect evacuation statistics collected the day of and night before the date stated.

The most common illnesses are asthma, sinusitis, allergic rhinitis (respiratory); oral thrush; skin disease; eye, ear, nose, throat (EENT); and muscle ache.

IOM has provided tuberculosis (TB) screenings to a total number of **16,041** Syrians and reached **20,792** Syrians through awareness-raising activities in Jordan, since March 2012. IOM’s medical team has confirmed 9 TB cases, treated 2 extra-pulmonary cases and 6 pulmonary TB cases.

On 7 September, IOM was asked to evacuate from Thnebe CA1 due to an intensification of military activity on the Syrian side of the border. The JAF is now processing a formal clearance for IOM to resume operations at CA1.

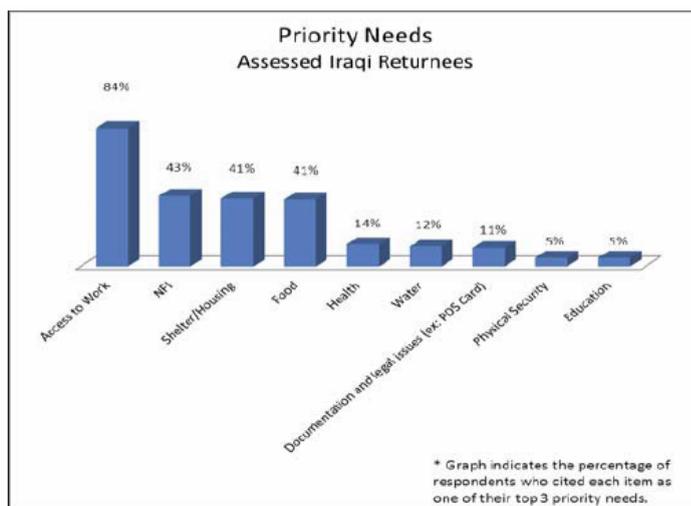
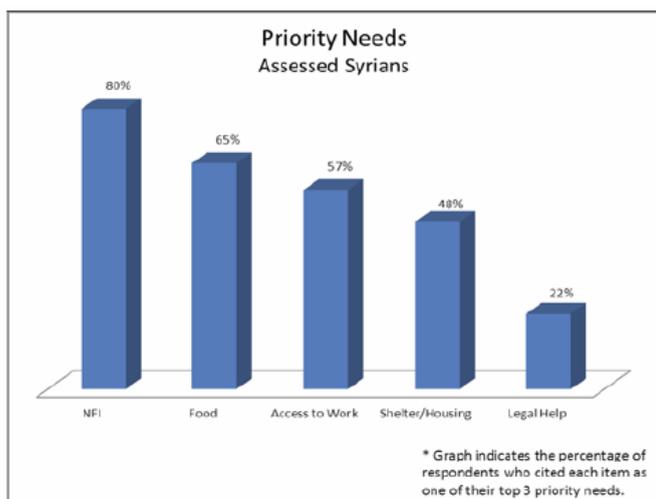


2. Iraq Operations

Needs assessments

From 1 to 14 August IOM conducted a needs assessment of Syrian refugees, Iraqi returnees and key informants, including border representatives, representatives from the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD), local council representatives, and camp/Transit Receiving Center (TRC) managers.⁸

The report identifies causes for leaving, priority needs, and future plans (see full report).⁹ According to MoMD and local council representatives, top priority needs include employment, shelter, non-food items, and assistance securing legal documents. In addition, they indicated that access to financial aid, health care, food, water, and hygiene were equally important.



⁸ Full Report at: <http://www.iomiraq.net/Documents/SyriaReport.pdf>

⁹ Ibid.

MoMD and local council representatives suggest that the best way to assist Iraqi returnees is by helping them find jobs that fit their skills and providing them with financial assistance as well as legal advice.

It is anticipated that the arrival of displaced Syrians and Iraqis returning from Syria may present challenges for host communities. MoMD representatives expect that large numbers of arrivals could increase rental rates and competition for jobs in certain areas. Iraqis returning from Syria have generally been welcomed by host communities, but many of the families hosting returnees already face economic challenges. Most Iraqi returnees are currently hosted by relatives or local families, further stretching already limited resources.

3. Lebanon Operations

Distribution of Non-food Items (NFIs)

IOM launched a round of NFIs distribution in the north of Lebanon on 11 September consisting of blankets and household shelter support items (material for sealing unfinished buildings/precarious huts and metallic containers). A total of **3,345** individuals (**697** families) were assisted.

Another round of NFI distribution will be organized in Baalbeck and the surrounding area on 14-15 September, also comprising winterization NFIs and household shelter support items. It is anticipated that up to **3,200** individuals (**571** families) will be reached. Beneficiaries are selected among the most vulnerable families. Distributions are balanced between Syrian refugees and the Lebanese returnee population.

4. Turkey Operations

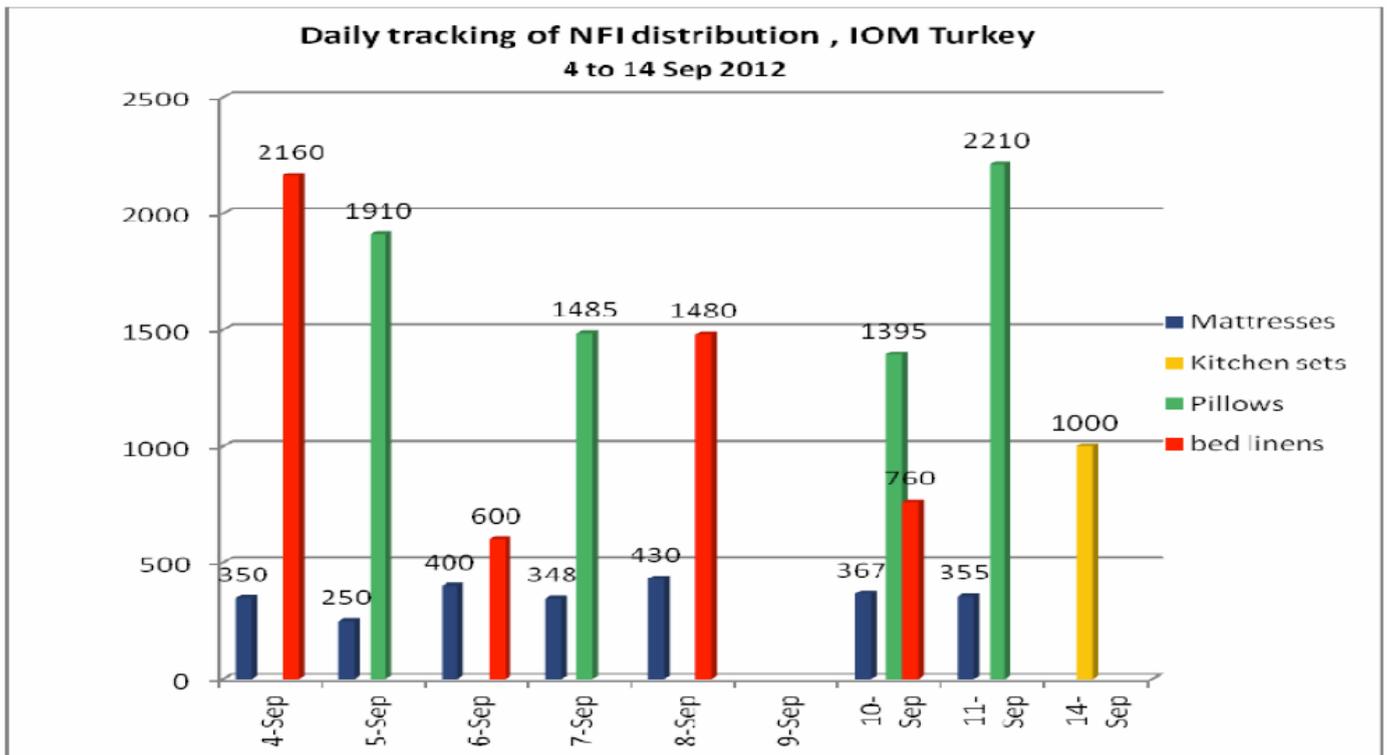
Transport assistance

To date, IOM has assisted in the return of **24** TCNs to their home countries; 2 Moldovan families, 1 Belarusian family and 8 Chinese nationals who had fled from Syria to Turkey.

Distribution of Non-food Items (NFIs)

IOM initiated the distribution of NFIs on 4 September in coordination with the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), thanks to the support from the United States Government. From 4 to 11 September, IOM distributed **2,500** mattresses, **7,000** pillows and **5,000** bed linens in **Akcakale camp** (camp population: **9,682 persons**) in SanliUrfa.

Kitchen sets and container showers are in the pipeline for distribution. **1,000** kitchen sets are due to arrive to the camps on the 14 September. **15** containers (**8** WC containers, **7** shower containers) are due to arrive on site on 28 September and are expected to be functional within 10 days of their arrival date. The identification of these items was coordinated with the Turkish Red Crescent, taking into account specific needs of people with disabilities.



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