



IOM Regional Response to the Syria Crisis

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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 18 October. For activities implemented in Syria, please consult the full situation report.



IOM distributing winter NFIs, Baalbeck, Lebanon (Oct 2012)

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Jordan:** IOM launched Tuberculosis (TB) screening and awareness-raising activities in Za'atri camp.
- **Iraq:** On 17 October, IOM launched its first NFI distribution to vulnerable Iraqi returnee families. IOM has already distributed NFI packages to benefit over **3,600** Syrian refugees in Iraq.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

JORDAN There are **58,005** UNHCR-registered Syrian refugees in Jordan and an additional **30,758** with registration appointments.¹

LEBANON To date, **67,848** refugees are registered with UNHCR and an additional **29,102** have been in contact with UNHCR to be registered. Of the registered Syrians, **33,549** are in North Lebanon, **24,905** in Bekaa, and **1,635** in Beirut.²

IRAQ There are **40,911** UNHCR-registered Syrian refugees in Iraq and an additional 17,300 with registration appointments.³ These figures include the over **31,000** Syrian refugees residing in the Kurdistan Region with some **13,000** individuals living in Domiz camp.

Over **44,000** Iraqis have returned to Iraq since 18 July according to UNHCR. Most Iraqi returnees have indicated that they are heading to Baghdad, Diyala or Anbar.⁴

TURKEY To date, **100,363** Syrian citizens reside in 13 camps, a temporary reception centre and a container city established by the Prime Minister's Office of Disaster and Emergency Management (AFAD):⁵ 5 tent cities in Hatay, 2 in Şanlıurfa, 3 in Gaziantep, 1 in Kahramanmaraş, 1 in Osmaniye and 1 in Adıyaman, as well as a container city in Kilis, with a capacity to shelter 12,000 people.⁶

According to the Turkish Foreign Ministry, the number of Syrians across the border is still estimated to be about 14,000.⁷

COUNTRY OPERATIONS

1. Jordan Operations

Emergency Transportation of Refugees

IOM transit assistance to Za'atri camp includes refugee pre-registration, offloading passengers and baggage, health assessments/referrals to camp health services and coordination with partner agencies (UNCHR, JHCO, and Save the Children) that provide food, shelter, and blankets to arriving Syrian refugees.

¹ <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

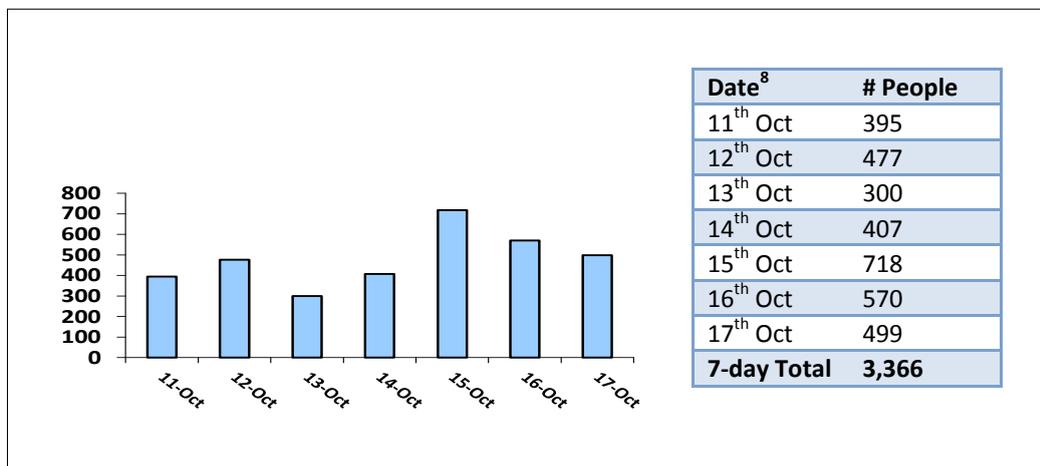
⁵ http://www.afetacil.gov.tr/Ingilizce_Site/index.html

⁶ According to AFAD, **12,068** Syrian citizens have been sheltered in Hatay, **17,237** in Gaziantep (7,736 of whom are in İslahiye, **6,754** of whom are in Karkamış and 2,747 of whom are in Nizip), **12,789** in Kilis, **30,934** in Şanlıurfa (18,847 of whom are in Ceylanpınar, 12,087 of whom are in Akçakale tent cities), **14,620** people in Kahramanmaraş, **8,060** people in Osmaniye and **3,980** people in Adıyaman. Currently, **675** Syrians are hospitalized, **573** of whom are injured.

⁷ United Nations Country Team in Turkey Daily Situation Report, 9 October 2012.

In the past week, IOM provided transportation assistance to Za'atri camp for **3,366** Syrian nationals. The number of daily Syrian arrivals in Jordan moderately increased this week after several weeks of steady decline due to violent clashes at the border. Since 29 July, IOM facilitated the transportation of **42,437** Syrians from border areas to Za'atri Camp.

Refugees provided with IOM Transport Assistance (11- 17 October)



Health Services

IOM provides initial health screening, and health referrals as needed, for all Syrian refugees arriving at the Za'atri camp as part of the transportation assistance services. In total, IOM provided health checks to **637** individuals with medical conditions requiring immediate referral or treatment at the camp's health clinics as part of the transportation assistance services.

The IOM medical team launched Tuberculosis (TB) screening and awareness-raising activities in Za'atri camp. Since March 2012, IOM screened **21,641** Syrians for TB and provided **23,568** Syrians with TB awareness-raising activities in the camp, transit centres, and host communities in Jordan. IOM's medical team confirmed **11** TB cases (3 extra-pulmonary, 8 pulmonary, 2 detected at Za'atri camp), and is providing follow-up treatment for all cases. In addition, IOM is currently investigating suspected TB cases and screening people that were in contact with the confirmed cases.

2. Lebanon Operations

Distribution of Non-Food Items (NFIs) – Winter kits

The onset of the winter season continues to be the most pressing concern for a large proportion of Syrian refugees and Lebanese returnees. From 9 to 15 October, IOM distributed winter/shelter sealing items⁹ to **143** families (887 individuals) in the Bekaa Governorate (Baalbeck, Fekha, Hermel and Labwe) and **48** families (326 individuals) in North Lebanon (Wadi Khaled, Akroum and Bireh). IOM beneficiaries include newly arrived and vulnerable Syrian refugees and Lebanese returnees.



⁸ Dates reflect evacuation statistics collected the day of and night before the date stated.

⁹ The winter kit consists of one blanket and carpet. The shelter support/sealing items consists of tarpaulin plastic sheets to cover the roof and floor, one wooden pole, ropes, sieve nets, hammer, iron pins and rings and nylon frames.

Coordination and partnerships

On 17 October, IOM started discussions with the Government of Lebanon and the World Food Programme (WFP) to establish a national response program to address the basic food and NFI needs of Lebanese returnees.

On 11 October, as lead agency for the assistance to Lebanese returnees, IOM convened and chaired the third coordination meeting of the Lebanese Task Force, which was attended by Lebanese authorities and humanitarian partners.

3. Iraq Operations

Distribution of Non-Food Items (NFIs)

On 17 October, IOM launched its first NFI distribution to vulnerable Iraqi returnee families. IOM distributed **46** NFI kits to Iraqi returnees in Ninewa after conducting vulnerability assessments of 90 returnees registered with the Ministry of Migration and Displacement and determining that **46** of them were eligible for assistance. The kits include mattresses, blankets, gas stoves, plastic cabinets, kerosene heaters, hygiene kits, carpets, and pillows.

IOM is also continuing to distribute NFIs to Syrian refugees and is preparing to distribute **700** NFI packages in Domiz camp. The items include kerosene heaters, water filters, plastic cabinets and hygiene kits.

4. Turkey Operations

Distribution of Non-Food Items (NFIs)

On 18-19 October, IOM will be conducting a field visit to Karkamis camp to monitor and evaluate the installment of 15 containers (showers and latrines) by the Turkish Red Crescent.

To date, IOM has distributed a total of **27,625** NFIs including essential household items such as, beds, mattresses, bed linens, kitchen sets, pillows, tents and containers (showers and latrines) to five different camp sites in Turkey.¹⁰

Emergency Repatriation of Migrant Workers

IOM Turkey is facilitating the repatriation for a Vietnamese female migrant worker stranded in Syria, at the request of the Vietnamese Embassy in Ankara. IOM is coordinating with the Vietnamese embassy, the Syrian consulate in Istanbul, and the IOM office in Damascus to assist in renewing her travel documentation and waving her exit fees.

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¹⁰ Ceylanpinar camp, Yagladgai camp, Islahiye camp, Akcakale camp, and Karkamis camp.