

SITUATION REPORT

6 June 2013



Left - A young boy collects Non-Food Items (NFIs) from IOM staff during a distribution in Tartous © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Syria).



Bottom right— IOM provided essential household and hygiene items to extremely vulnerable refugees in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq).

Bottom left: Since August 2012, IOM has provided NFIs to over 150,000 ©IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Syria).

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ **Jordan:** During reporting week, IOM assisted **4,944** Syrians with transportation from border areas to Za'atri and Emirates Jordanian camp.
- ⇒ **Iraq:** From 2 to 4 June, IOM distributed **245** NFI kits to **245** extremely vulnerable Syrian households living in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah governorates.
- ⇒ **Lebanon:** On 24 and 25 May, IOM distributed quilts to **1,500** Syrian refugees in Sarafand, Zahrani, Ansariye and Bebliye.

IOM COUNTRY OPERATIONS



Emergency Transportation of Refugees:

The number of Syrian refugees crossing into Jordan increased to **4,944** refugees compared to **707** refugees who arrived in the previous week - an average of **706** refugees transported per day. During the current reporting period, IOM facilitated the transportation of **4,729** Syrian refugees to Za'atri camp and **215** Syrian refugees to Emirates Jordanian Camp (EJC). To date, IOM has facilitated the transportation of **312,114** Syrians from border areas (Thnebe) to Za'atri and EJC camps.

During the reporting period, the majority of the internal road network in Azraq Camp was completed, and the construction of basic services areas is expected to start around mid-June. Areas were demarcated for the IOM

Reception Centre and village assistance and information sharing posts were identified. IOM will provide support to camp management at the site, transport to the camp, provide reception services upon arrival, and ensure that there is information sharing with refugees through information sharing posts. IOM teams staffing the posts will assist families to settle within the transitional shelter areas while accommodation is identified, allocated and set up. IOM will monitor occupation of shelters within the camp and share information with partners to assist them to locate extremely vulnerable households with specific needs. IOM teams will also identify vulnerabilities to enable specialized service providers to access people with special needs. IOM teams will use a variety of methods to communicate to camp residents from regular one-to-one engagement to providing a hotline/infoline for refugees with limited mobility to access basic services.

Emergency Health Assistance upon Arrival in Jordan: As part of the transportation services, the IOM Emergency Response team provides pre-registration and reception services to newly arriving refugees, and the IOM medical team conducts initial health screenings, including referrals to health care providers at the camp as needed. During the reporting period, IOM assisted **66** individuals with medical conditions, requiring immediate referral or treatment at Za'atri Camp health clinics. Since 29 July, IOM has assisted **2,960** individuals for further treatment upon arrival at the camp.

Tuberculosis (TB) Diagnosis and Prevention Activities: An IOM team works daily within the camp to investigate suspected TB cases and to provides follow-up and direct observation of treatment. During the past week, IOM's medical team in Za'atri camp confirmed **one** new TB case and is providing follow-up treatment for this case. Since March 2012, IOM has treated **52** cases of TB, screened **283,585** Syrians for TB and provided TB awareness-raising activities to **80,877** Syrians in the camp, transit centres, and host communities in Jordan.

Immunization of New Arrivals: IOM has expanded its health activities in Jordan to include the immunization of newly arrived refugees in an effort to mitigate the potential of an outbreak of a polio or measles epidemic. On 16 April, IOM's medical team started an immunization campaign against measles and polio, in addition to providing Vitamin A supplements in Za'atri camp. As of 4 June, IOM has vaccinated **38,399** Syrian refugees: **9,074** were vaccinated against polio, **29,325** against measles, and **8,470** refugees were provided with Vitamin A supplements.



IOM teams mark out the locations for the reception area on site at Azraq camp © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Jordan)

Iraq Operations

NFI Distribution to Syrian

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families: During the reporting period, IOM continued with the distribution of NFIs to Syrian

refugee households living outside the camps. From 2 to 4 June, in coordination with the Bureau of Migration and Displacement in Erbil, IOM distributed **95** NFI kits to **95** extremely vulnerable Syrian households living in Banlawwa (**35**) and Kasnazan (**60**) in Erbil governorate, and **150** NFI kits to **150** Syrian households in Sulaymaniyah governorate. The kits distributed to each household contained **35** items including mattresses, pillows, hygiene items, house cleaning items, rechargeable fans and lights, a gas cooker and jerry cans. The households were identified through vulnerability assessments conducted by IOM in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah in coordination with the Bureau of Migration and Displacement in April and early May.



IOM teams set out full kits prior to the distribution. NFI kits were made up of over 35 essential items including household and hygiene items. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq)



Fatima and her family in Hay Rfaat, Iraq © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq)

Fatima divorced while living in Syria, leaving her alone to care for her children during the escalating crisis. Fearing for her children's safety, she returned home to Iraq. Upon her return to Iraq, the only place she was able to find shelter was with her aging father in Qadissiya governorate. She is currently living in a room in Hay Rfaat neighbourhood with her six children, with limited electricity and no sanitation facilities. With no income, she is unable to pay for accommodation and necessities like food and school supplies for her children. Legal barriers in Iraq have prevented Fatima's children from reintegrating back into society. Her eldest daughter has been unable to work since returning to Iraq despite holding a university degree. Employers have refused to accept her degree from a Syrian university and tell her that she will need to have her credentials certified - a costly legal process which the family cannot afford. Fatima's 19-year-old daughter is struggling to return to a normal life in Iraq, as she cannot begin university in Iraq without first converting her Syrian high school records, a difficult and expensive undertaking. Her eldest son had to stop going to school in Syria in order to work to help support the family. Fatima and her family need urgent help to address their situation. She needs help to pay for better accommodation, clothes and school supplies.*

IOM Iraq's income generation and legal assistance programs can help women like Fatima's daughters to find jobs and return to school in Iraq.

**Name has been changed.*

Telling their stories...

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Lebanon Operations



Transit Assistance: From 28 - 4 June, IOM assisted **334** refugees (**168** women, **166** men) including **52** children during their transit in Rafic Hariri International Airport for resettlement to Australia, Canada, Finland and the United States. To date, IOM has provided transit assistance to **2,635** refugees.

NFI Distribution: On 24 and 25 May, IOM provided **1,500** quilts to **1,500** Syrian refugees in Sarafand, Zahrani, Ansariye and Bebliye. The beneficiaries were identified through a rapid needs assessment on 20-21 May for vulnerable new comers and unregistered Syrian refugees conducted by municipal staff in the area.

Turkey Operations



Repatriation Assistance to Stranded Migrants: IOM received a request from the Kyrgyz Embassy in Ankara to assist a family of three to return to Bishkek. IOM will assist the family by providing transportation assistance after the travel documents have been issued by the Embassy. In addition to this, IOM Ankara received a request from the Vietnamese Embassy to assist with the repatriation of a stranded migrant currently in Aleppo. IOM is waiting for the migrant's updated contact information from the Embassy in order to take the necessary procedures to provide safe return of the migrant. IOM has repatriation **64** stranded migrants from Turkey since August 2012.

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