

SITUATION REPORT

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Top Left – Syrian refugees carry NFIs from an IOM NFI distribution in Zahrani, Lebanon.

Top right – IOM staff offload hygiene and baby care items for distribution to extremely vulnerable Syrian refugees living in South Lebanon. IOM identified families in need of assistance during a rapid needs assessment of 5 locations on 8 June 2013.

Bottom right – In South Lebanon, many Syrian refugees are living in make-shift shelters, and derelict and abandoned buildings. They are in need of shelter support items and non-food items including hygiene and baby care kits

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ **Jordan:** During the reporting period, IOM facilitated the transportation of **3,793** Syrian refugees to Za'atri camp and Emirates Jordanian Camp (EJC).
- ⇒ **Iraq:** From 16 to 20 June, IOM conducted rapid needs assessments of **64** Syrian refugee households in Erbil governorate.
- ⇒ **Lebanon:** On 21 June, IOM distributed NFI kits containing hygiene and baby care items to **300** vulnerable Syrian families (**1,596** individuals) living in **three** collective shelters in Zahrani.
- ⇒ **Turkey:** On 25 June, IOM successfully repatriated **two** stranded migrants from Kyrgyzstan.

Jordan Operations



Emergency Transportation of Refugees: The number of Syrian refugees crossing into Jordan increased to **3,793** refugees compared to **3,070** refugees who arrived in the previous week -an average of **542** refugees transported per day. During the current reporting period, IOM facilitated the transportation of **3,537** Syrian refugees to Za'atri camp and **256** Syrian refugees to Emirates Jordanian Camp (EJC). IOM also distributed basic hygiene kits and shoes to the **3,537** newly arrived refugees in Za'atri camp. To date, IOM has facilitated the transportation of **321,958** Syrians from border areas (Thnebe) to Za'atri and EJC camps.

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 **64** individuals with medical conditions, requiring immediate referral or treatment at Za'atri Camp health clinics. Since 29 July 2012, IOM has assisted **3,110** 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 provide follow-up and direct observation of treatment. During the past week, IOM's medical team in Za'atri camp confirmed **six** new TB case and is providing follow-up treatment for the case. Since March 2012, IOM has treated **63** cases of TB, screened **292,705** Syrians for TB and provided TB awareness-raising activities to **94,396** Syrians in the camp, transit centres, and host communities in Jordan.

Immunizations 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. As of 26 June, IOM has vaccinated **47,339** Syrian refugees (**10,817** were vaccinated against polio and **36,522** against measles), and provided **10,046** refugees with Vitamin A supplements.

Iraq Operations



Syrian Refugee and Iraqi Returnee Profiling: From 16 to 20 June, IOM conducted rapid needs assessments of **64** Syrian refugee households in Erbil governorate. The assessments were conducted to help IOM in identifying the interviewees' skills, previous work experiences and interests to better inform IOM the type of livelihood assistance that best suits them.

Distribution of NFI Kits to Syrian Households: Between 25 June and 1 July, IOM plans to distribute **150** NFI kits to **100** households in Erbil and **50** households in Sulaymaniyah. The beneficiaries of the NFI distribution were identified from the vulnerability assessments conducted in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah in April 2013. During this period, IOM also plans to deliver essential NFIs to those refugees who were not included in previous distributions. These kits could contain hygiene items, plastic food containers, coolers and rechargeable fans to assist refugees to cope with high summer temperatures.



IOM staff conduct validation visits to On-the-Job (OJT) sites in Erbil. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq)

Iraq Operations cont.

Building Resilience for Out-of-Camp Syrian Refugee Communities in Duhok and Erbil: IOM is implementing a UNHCR-funded capacity building programs to assist Syrian refugees in Duhok and Erbil. This program is designed to allow refugees to develop sources of income which will enable them to obtain a degree of financial independence. During the reporting period **40** individuals enrolled in vocational training and are being trained to operate/manage grocery shops and internet cafes, sewing and hairdressing, and **6** are enrolled in on-the-job training in hairdressing, restaurant management, hotel administration and automobile maintenance. Additionally, **30** in-kind grants were distributed and **8** business plans were approved. Since January 2013, **132** beneficiaries have benefited from IOM livelihood assistance.

Lebanon Operations



Transit and Resettlement Assistance: During the reporting period IOM provided assistance to **110** Iraqi, Palestinian and Somali refugees who were accepted for resettlement, to transit through Lebanon. The caseload included **53** female and **57** male passengers (**22** of whom were children). Since February 2013, IOM has provided transit assistance to **2,987** refugees leaving Syria. Additionally, IOM provided assistance to **50** stranded migrants (**24** women, **26** men) including **13** children from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Ethiopia, Morocco and Sudan to transit through Lebanon during repatriation. IOM has provided transit assistance to **513** stranded migrants since the start of the crisis.



Syrian refugees in Zahrani shelter from the sun during an NFI distribution. On 21 June, 300 families received NFIs. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Lebanon)

Profiling of Lebanese Returnees: Following the deployment of IOM Iraq Information Management experts to Beirut, a rapid assessment template was shared with the High Relief Commission (HRC). **Six** governorates will be rapidly assessed within the coming weeks to determine the capacity of the field staff to carry out the profiling exercise in each governorate.

Shelter and NFI Distribution: On 21 June, IOM distributed **300** NFI kits containing hygiene and baby care items to **300** vulnerable Syrian families (**1,596** individuals) living in **three** collective shelters in Zahrani. To date, IOM has provided **88,527** beneficiaries with NFIs and **15,776** beneficiaries with shelter support items since the start of the crisis.

Needs Assessment of TB centres: On 14 June IOM completed an in-depth needs assessment of **two** (of the **eight** TB centres in Lebanon) TB centres in Tyre and Saida to establish the number of Syrian refugees served by these centres. It was noted that the two centres are under-resourced and under-staffed. IOM in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoPH), has planned to complete assessments of the remaining **four** centres by mid-July.

Turkey Operations



Repatriation Assistance to Stranded Migrants: On 25 June, IOM repatriated **two** stranded migrants (a woman and her child) from Kyrgyzstan. In addition, IOM is currently following up with the Vietnamese Embassy and IOM Damascus on the issuance of a laissez-passer for a Vietnamese stranded migrant. To date, IOM Turkey has provided repatriation assistance to **66** stranded migrants.

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