

SITUATION REPORT

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IOM teams distributed **230** NFI kits in Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and Baghdad. Kits include fans and water storage containers to assist beneficiaries to cope with high summer temperatures.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ **Jordan:** In the past week, IOM facilitated the transportation of **3,871** Syrian refugees. To date, IOM has facilitated the transportation of **325,829** Syrians from border areas (Thnebe) to Za'atri and Emirates Jordanian (EJC) camps.
- ⇒ **Iraq:** On 30 June and 1 July, IOM distributed **230** Non-Food Item (NFI) kits to **230** households in Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and Baghdad.
- ⇒ **Lebanon:** IOM teams and engineering experts assessed **five** shelters and selected **one** shelter for immediate renovation to accommodate **200** vulnerable Syrian refugees.

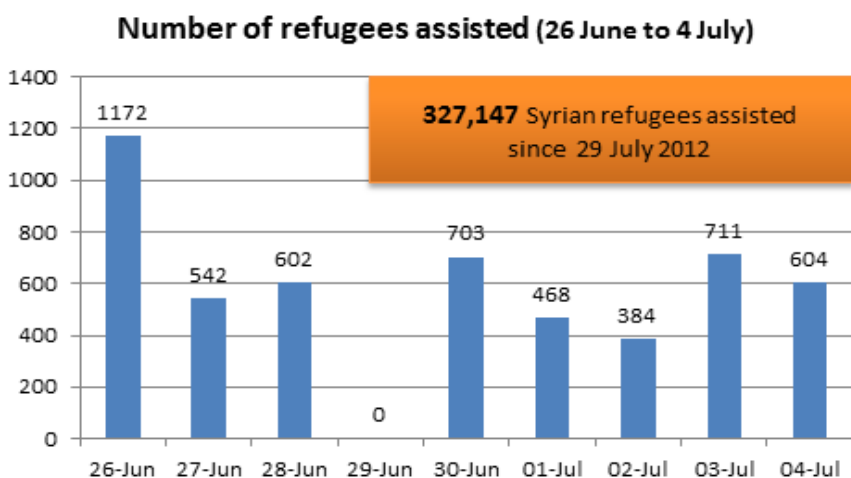
Jordan Operations



Emergency Transportation of Refugees: **3,871** Syrian refugees crossed into Jordan in the past week, with an average of **553** refugees transported per day. During the past week, IOM facilitated the transportation of **3,597** Syrian refugees to Za'atri camp and **274** Syrian refugees to Emirates Jordanian Camp (EJC). IOM also distributed basic hygiene kits and shoes to the **3,597** new arrivals to Za'atri camp. To date, IOM has facilitated the transportation of **325,829** Syrians from border areas (Thnebe) to Za'atri and EJC camps.

Insecurity in Za'atri camp is impacting operations: On 29 June, IOM did not transport any refugees to Za'atri camp as access was restricted due to rioting near the main gate. In Jordan, partners report an increase in the number of Syrian refugees who decide to return to Syria. During the reporting period **1,436** Syrian refugees decided to leave Za'atri camp and to voluntarily return to Syria.

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 **51** individuals with medical conditions requiring immediate referral or treatment at Za'atri Camp health clinics. Since 29 July, IOM has assisted/referred **3,161** 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 **three** new TB cases and is providing follow-up treatment for these cases. Since March 2012, IOM has treated **66** cases of TB, screened **296,673** Syrians for TB and provided TB awareness-raising activities to **103,668** 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 3 July, IOM has vaccinated **50,448** Syrian refugees (**11,584** were vaccinated against polio and **38,924** against measles), and provided **10,651** refugees with Vitamin A supplements.

Iraq Operations



Distribution of NFI Kits to Syrian Refugee and Iraqi Returnee Households: On 30 June and 1 July, IOM distributed **230** NFI kits to **100** households in Erbil, **50** households in Sulaymaniyah and **80** households in Baghdad. Syrian refugee and Iraqi returnee households were grateful to receive water containers in the kits as they had been struggling to store water which is essential during the hot, summer months. The beneficiaries of the NFI distribution were identified from the vulnerability assessments conducted in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah in April 2013. IOM plans to distribute NFI kits to **84** Iraqi returnee households and **67** Syrian refugee households in Karbala, Najaf and Ninewa during the course of this week. Many Iraqi refugees left Syria with mostly clothing and some valuables, and are in need of basic household items for cooking and cleaning.

Iraq Operations cont.

From 27 June to 2 July, IOM distributed supplementary items to around **400** Syrian refugee households who were not part of previous NFI distributions in Domiz camp. Domiz camp is now home to some **40,000** Syrian refugees. The camp remains overcrowded with nearly half of the refugee families sharing tents due to lack of land. The distributed kits contained hygiene items, plastic food containers, coolers and rechargeable fans to assist refugees to cope with high summer temperatures. The distribution of these essential NFIs will continue until the end of July, and aims to provide NFIs to around **4,000** vulnerable Syrian refugee households.



A woman and her children receive an NFI kit in Erbil. Many families cross the border with only a few suitcases of clothes and some valuables, few carry basic household items. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq)

Joint Field Assessment of Border Crossing Point facilities: IOM is planning to provide transportation to vulnerable Syrian refugees from Fayshkhabur border crossing point (BCP) in Duhok and Sehela BCP in Ninewa to the refugee camps. Currently refugees must either walk to the camps or pay the high prices demanded by taxi drivers waiting at the border. On 27 June, IOM and UNHCR staff conducted a joint field assessment to Sehela and Fayshkhabur BCPs to evaluate the conditions at the border in preparation for IOM's transport assistance to Syrian refugees. Key findings include:

- **Sehela BCP:** This BCP has been closed since 19 May due to instability on the Syrian side of the border. Basic water and sanitation facilities have been built by partners. These include shaded areas for up to **90** people, **6** toilets, and **12** taps that provide safe drinking water. Sufficient space exists to establish office areas if needed. Currently, refugees must walk 2-3 kilometres to reach the Sehela BCP.
- **Fayshkhabur BCP:** The BCP is only accessible by students, Iraqi returnees, and vulnerable Syrian refugees in need of urgent medical attention. There is good physical infrastructure in Fayshkhabur (offices, bank, customs, ambulance, and parking). **3** boats operate to cross the river. A bridge has been built, but is not yet operational. UNHCR established a de-registration centre in Deraboon village (Duhok), **7** kilometres from the BCP, for Syrian refugees who wish to return to Syria. After de-registration, refugees are transported to the BCP by bus. An average of 300 refugees per day are currently being assisted by UNHCR to return to Syria.

Turkey Operations



Transportation services in Adiyaman camp: IOM is implementing a pilot project in Adiyaman camp to transport Syrian nationals to travel to and from medical facilities and social service centres/offices. There are over **10,400** Syrians living in Adiyaman camp, located in Adiyaman province **231** kilometres from the Syrian border. In Turkey, over **490,000** Syrians have registered with the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), with the largest concentration of refugees in Sanliurfa (**88,200**), Gaziantep (**32,000**), and Kilis (**19,000**). IOM is planning to extend operations to South East Turkey and is currently consulting with local authorities to set up an office in Gaziantep city.

Lebanon Operations



Transit and Resettlement Assistance:

During the reporting period, IOM provided assistance to **159** Iraqi, Somali and Syrian refugees who were accepted for resettlement, to transit through Lebanon. The caseload included **77** female and **82** male passengers (**28** of whom were children). Since February 2013, IOM has provided transit assistance to **3,146** refugees leaving Syria. Additionally, IOM provided assistance to **4** stranded migrants (**2** women, **2** men) from Burkina Faso to transit through Lebanon during repatriation, and is planning to provide transit assistance to **138** stranded migrants from Ethiopia (**13**), Philippines (**59**) and Sudan (**66**) from 2 to 8 July. IOM has provided transit assistance to **517** stranded migrants since the start of the crisis.



IOM staff distribute food to refugees, accepted for resettlement from Syria, who are transported by road from Damascus to Rafic Hariri Airport. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Lebanon)

Profiling of Lebanese Returnees: During the past week, the High Relief Commission (HRC) completed a rapid assessment in locations across Lebanon and identified **6,500** Lebanese returnee households (**49,000** individuals). IOM and HRC are selecting and interviewing staff in **6** governorates who will carry out the profiling exercises of vulnerable returnee households. During the data collection phase of the project, IOM and HRC teams plan to assess **25,000** Lebanese returnees.

Shelter and NFI Distribution: On 4 July, IOM plans to distribute **250** NFI kits containing hygiene and baby care items to **250** vulnerable Syrian households (**1,250** individuals) living in Zahrani. Since the start of the crisis, IOM has provided **88,527** beneficiaries with NFIs and **15,776** beneficiaries with shelter support items. In addition, IOM has assessed **5** shelters and has identified **one** shelter in Sarafand to be rehabilitated and prepared to shelter around **200** persons. IOM has hired an engineer to visit the site and perform a structural assessment of the building.

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