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OVERVIEW of cumulative activities since April 2012



46,379 individuals assisted through the provision of non-food item kits.



8,614 individuals assessed for vulnerability and immediate needs to identify NFI assistance eligibility.

NFI

9,943 NFI kits distributed.



189 individuals assisted with transport from Faysh Khabur border crossing to Domiz Camp.



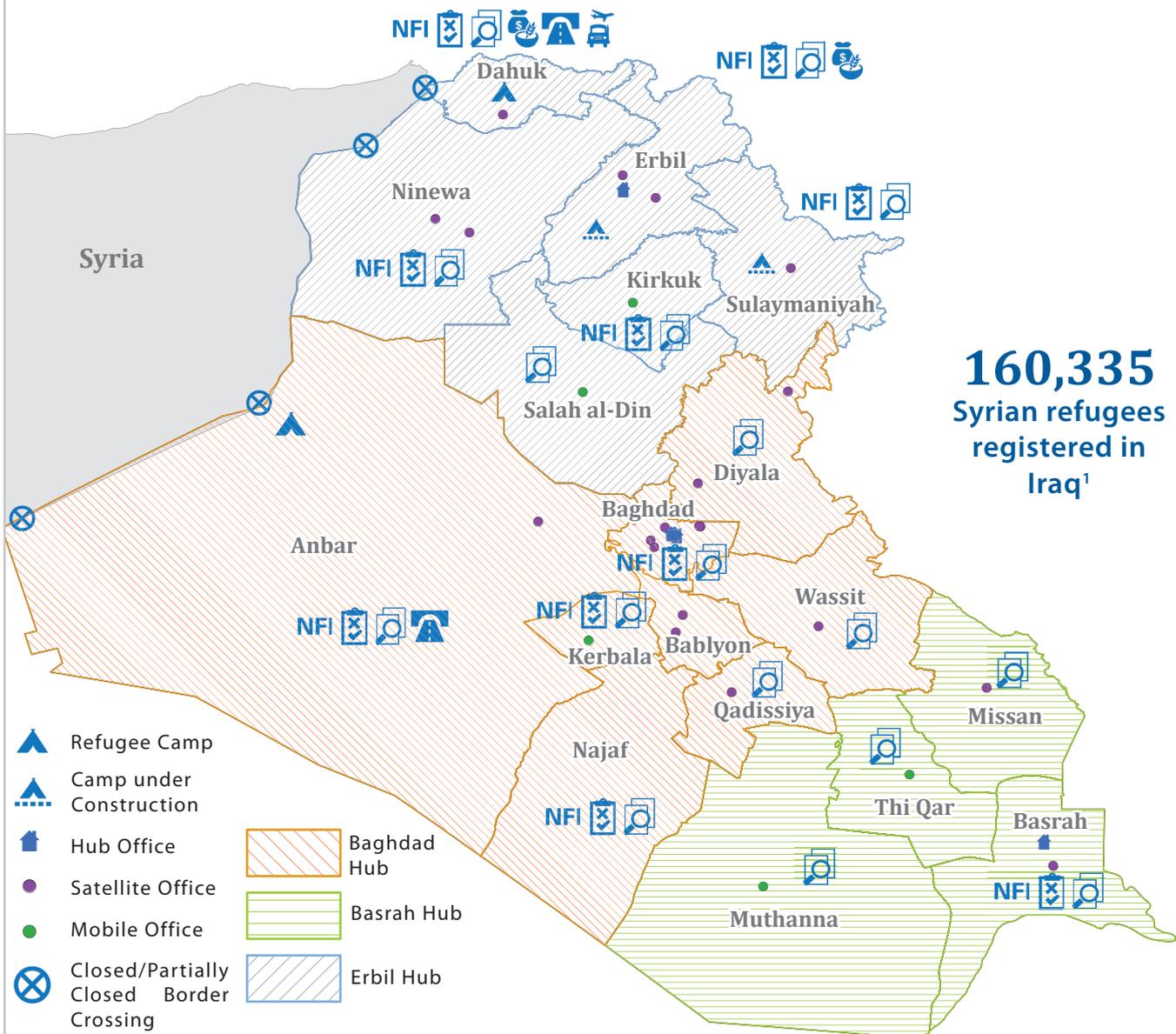
729 individual beneficiaries received direct livelihood assistance in Dahuk, Domiz Camp, and Erbil.



296 Syrian families assessed in 54 of the 167 IOM-identified locations as part of an assessment on the Syrian refugee situation in Iraq, to be published Autumn 2013.



3 infrastructure projects completed (two WAT-SAN and one education).

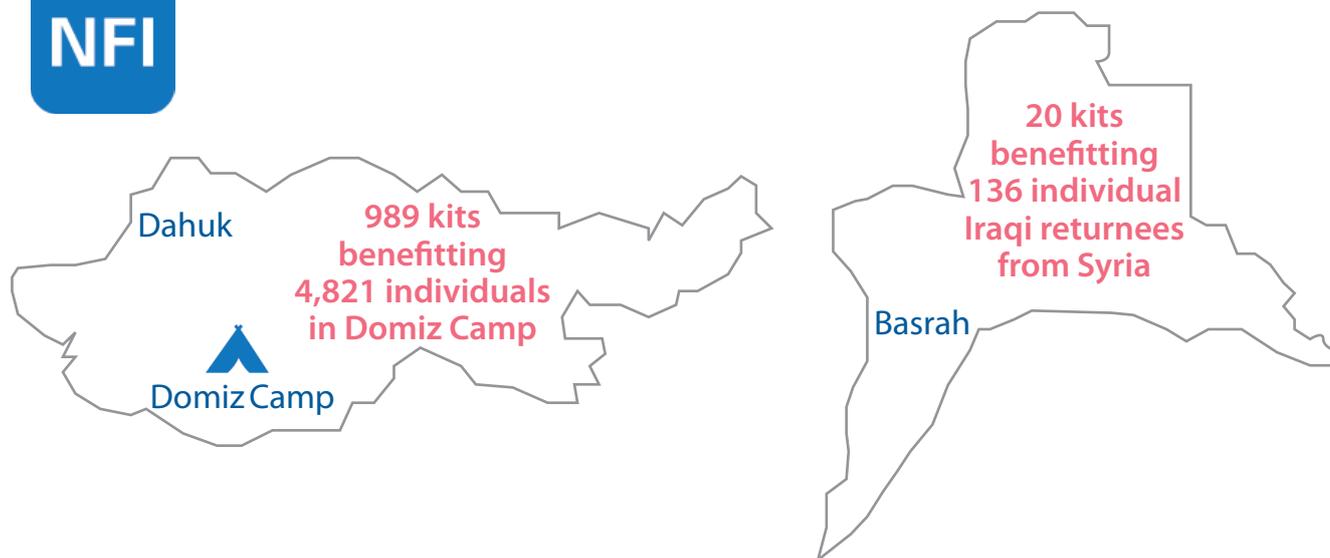


¹ 28 July 2013, UNHCR. More information and statistics available at <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees>.

PROGRAM UPDATES from the reporting period

Distributions

NFI



Livelihood Assistance



Fire Safety Awareness Training *Domiz Camp, Dahuk*

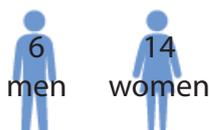
51 people attended the training on July 24.



Due to overcrowding in Domiz, and the resultant close proximity of tents to one another, camp residents have raised fire hazard concerns. In response, IOM conducted a fire safety awareness session.

The session introduced techniques for fire prevention, damage control, and containment. Attendees expressed interest in firefighting training, in order to establish camp firefighting units.

Vocational Training *Erbil*



Beneficiaries, 20 of who completed the IOM-facilitated intermediate-level computer training course, hope to find work in the service and trade sectors.



The two month tech-based course also involved a basic training in business management, aimed at assisting beneficiaries to more effectively integrate into the working world.

Ramadan in Al Obaide Camp

For Syrian refugees in Al Obaide camp in Anbar, the holy month of Ramadan is a particularly challenging time. The scarcity of resources has not only posed difficulties to the Syrian refugees, but has also placed a burden on Iraq as a host country, which is already facing economic, social, and political challenges. As a result, Iraq is limiting the number of Syrian refugees, due to a lack of resources and inadequate security.

These challenges are particularly detrimental in Al Obaide camp. Syrian refugees, most of who are fasting, suffer from limited food, in terms of quantity and quality, a lack of non-food items, and have no relief from the severe summer conditions due to inadequate shelter. While Syrian refugees in Al Obaide camp are, in general, facing psychological stress and a shortage of medicines, **women and children**, in particular, are encountering life threatening illnesses due to poor medical care.

IOM's dedicated staff are continuously responding to the needs of the Syrian refugees inside the camp of Al Obaide, planning to provide vital non-food items during this holy month of Ramadan.



A Family's Struggle to Meet Basic Needs

Since fleeing the conflict in Aleppo in April 2013, the Habash family has experienced many hardships, particularly in providing for their children.

The Habash children's development is being threatened by a lack of both **proper nutrition** and **facilities to play or learn**. The family's concerns increase as they believe that due to limited schooling options for refugee children as well as limited funds for educational costs, the children may not attend school.



Non-food items provided by IOM through funding from the Japanese government.

While relief items have greatly assisted the family's transition to their new surroundings, they are still forced to borrow money to meet minimum expenses, including the costs of accommodation and food. The family often resorts to eating fewer meals to conserve resources. The Habash family express hopes that moving into the new refugee camp in Sulaymaniyah, when it is completed, will increase their **access to sufficient nutritional food, education** for their children, and **affordable shelter**.

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