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Regional Response to the Syria Humanitarian Crisis

HIGHLIGHTS



Iraq: IOM completed **592** household interviews, **61** key informant interviews and **19** focus group discussions with Syrian refugees and Iraqis returning from Syria. The report with findings on Syrian refugees and Iraqi returnee needs and vulnerabilities was released on 26 September 2013.



Lebanon: IOM provided assistance to **227** refugees from Iraq, Palestine, Somalia and Syria who were accepted for resettlement, to transit through Lebanon.



Jordan: IOM transported **4,053** Syrian refugees from Raba' al Sarhan to EJC and Za'atri camp. IOM has provided transportation assistance to **340,071** Syrian refugees since July 2012.



Turkey: IOM and partners assisted **1,015** Syrian nationals with transportation services from Adiyaman camps to medical facilities and social service centres.

IOM OPERATIONS IN IRAQ



100 IOM tents erected in Guelam, Dahuk for Syrian refugees who crossed into Iraq's Kurdistan region. IOM has now erected a total of **270** tents. Since 15 August, IOM assisted **45,464** Syrian refugees with transportation from the border to camps and nearby cities in Northern Iraq. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq)

Thematic Assessment: From May to July 2013, IOM Rapid Assessment and Response Teams conducted **592** household interviews, **61** key informant interviews and **19** focus group discussions with Syrian refugees and Iraqis returning from Syria. The field assessments were predominantly in the northern and western governorates of Sulaymaniyah, Dahuk, Erbil, Ninawa, Anbar and Kirkuk, although other assessment locations were also selected based on the presence of significant numbers of Syrian refugees or Iraqi returnees (**17** governorates were reached). The report draws conclusions and provides recommendations aimed at addressing challenges generated by the crisis at the community and individual level. In doing so, the report explores the immediate and longer term consequences of the Syria crisis in Iraq, and aims to provide a better understanding of the profile, background, composition and needs of the Syrian refugees and Iraqi returnees in Iraq. The report maps the movements and locations of vulnerable populations, explores their living conditions and access to vital services, assesses the relations between them and host communities and identifies their medium to long-term needs and intentions. The final report was released on 26 September 2013.

IOM OPERATIONS IN LEBANON

Transit Assistance to stranded migrants and refugees accepted for resettlement from Syria: During the reporting period, IOM provided assistance to **227** refugees from Iraq, Palestine, Somalia and Syria who were accepted for resettlement, to transit through Lebanon. The caseload includes **127** female and **100** male passengers (**43** of whom were children). Since February 2013, **4,553** refugees and **546** stranded migrants were assisted by IOM to transit through Lebanon.



Shelter Assistance to Vulnerable Syrian Refugee Households: On 23 September, IOM organized a monitoring visit to Bebleye, Loubeh, Ghassaneye and Saksakeye in South Lebanon, to determine whether families previously identified for assistance remained in need of support to meet their rental payments. In August and September, IOM assisted **100** families, which will increase to **150** families by October. From 10 to 23 September, IOM identified **23** households of the most vulnerable Syrian refugee families in need of rental assistance from **103** households assessed in North Lebanon. The nationwide shelter shortage remains a concern to humanitarian partners as most refugees are renting apartments. With limited livelihood and income generating opportunities, many refugee households are in need of financial assistance to meet monthly rent costs.



Top - IOM staff provided cash-for-rent grants to 100 vulnerable families (approximately 500 individuals) in North and South Lebanon in September 2013. **Above** - IOM and partners assess a collective centre in Sarafand, South Lebanon. The centre accommodates over 600 Syrian refugees. © IOM 2013 (Photos: IOM Lebanon)

Health Activities: During a one-day clinic organized on 4 September in a shelter in Sarafand, **24** refugees in need of specialist consultations or diagnostic tests were referred to the Lebanese Welfare Association clinic. The specialist consultations were completed on 17 September. IOM provided transport assistance, covered the full consultation fee for non-registered refugees and the remaining part of the fee for registered refugees. IOM also covered the fee of diagnostic tests as well as prescribed essential medicines.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support to Syrian Refugees: During the reporting period, **202** Syrian refugees in Sarafand benefitted from psychosocial activities: **66** children benefitted from recreational, educational, and artistic mediation activities, and **60** women, **52** men, **21** adolescents, and **9** families participated in support groups and discussion groups. Additionally, **265** individuals in Bekaa were provided with psychosocial support: **150** Syrian refugee and Lebanese returnee children benefitted from recreational and artistic mediation activities, and **115** women benefitted from sport activities and support groups.

IOM OPERATIONS IN TURKEY

Transportation services for residents of Adiyaman camp: During the reporting period, IOM and partners assisted **1,015** Syrian nationals with transportation services from Adiyaman camps to medical facilities and social service centres. A total of **7,854** Syrian nationals have benefitted from the transportation services in Adiyaman camp since the project began on 1 July 2013.

On 18 September, IOM conducted a monitoring mission to Adiyaman camp and met with the Deputy Governor and camp management who expressed a need for transportation assistance to the camps. IOM is exploring with the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) the possibility of providing transportation for Syrian children in urban areas to schools in Urfa and Gaziantep.

IOM Field Presence in Gaziantep: IOM is establishing a presence in Gaziantep in order to facilitate IOM's operations in South East Turkey and to strengthen the Organization's response to the crisis.



Transportation for Syrian Refugees at Adiyaman camp (1 July - 22 September 2013)			
Reporting Period	Total pax	Male Passengers	Female Passengers
July	3,549	2,087	1,413
August	1,699	1,037	662
26 August - 1 September	644	362	297
2 - 8 September	670	353	318
9 - 15 September	634	319	315
16 - 22 September	642	339	303
Beneficiaries assisted	7,854	4,497	3,308

Top - During the reporting period, IOM and partners assisted **1,015** Syrian nationals with transportation services from Adiyaman camps to medical facilities and social service centres. **Centre** - The number of Syrians making use of the transportation has increased since the service was launched in July 2013. **Above** - IOM staff assist camp management to process the requests for transportation assistance. © IOM 2013 (Photos: Baris Kutlu)

Nasib and Nabilah's story - In the tent where Syrians were waiting to use IOM/AFAD's transportation services, IOM staff met and interviewed with a refugee couple who were going to register to marry:

Nasib and Nabilah met in Adiyaman camp nine months ago. Both have been in Turkey for nearly a year. Nasib was studying in his fourth year of his five year degree in Psychology at Hamah University and hoped to become a teacher. Nabilah was in her second year studying to be a primary school teacher also at Hamah University. Both of their homes were destroyed and they fled to Turkey with their families and have lived in the camp for nearly a year. They are happy about getting married but unsure of what the future holds for them and when they will be able to return to continue with school. While the camp provides essential services, they miss their lives back in Syria and are waiting and hoping for the war to end.

IOM OPERATIONS IN JORDAN

Emergency Transportation of Refugees: 4,053 Syrian refugees were transported from the Rabaa' al Sarhan Screening Centre to Za'atri camp (3,937 refugees) and Emirate Jordanian camp (116 refugees) during the reporting period (11 to 24 September). As IOM teams routinely continue to medically screen all arrivals to Za'atri camp, they reported 83 individuals were identified with medical conditions requiring immediate referral for treatment. Since transport operations began in July 2012, IOM has transported 340,071 Syrian refugees from border areas to camps. All new arrivals received refreshments, hygiene kits, and shoes upon arrival at the IOM reception centre in Za'atri camp.

Immunization of New Arrivals: During the reporting period, IOM vaccinated 3,041 refugees (6 months to 30 years) against Measles, 895 refugees (new-born to 5 years old) against Polio, and 847 children (6 months to 5 years old) received Vitamin A supplements. Since March 2013, 63,466 Syrian refugees have been immunized against Polio and Measles in Za'atri camp.

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening and Awareness-Raising Activities: 3,615 Syrian refugees were screened during the reporting period and 2 new cases were identified. Since March 2012, IOM has confirmed 84 suspected cases and is providing directly observed therapy (DOT)

and follow up for 81 of these cases IOM provides screening for suspected cases, DOT, and awareness-raising through a team of 42 healthcare community workers who work in the camps and urban communities. Since March 2012, 215,501 beneficiaries have participated in TB information and awareness-raising sessions. IOM continues to work with partners and the Ministry of Health to screen for and treat active cases of TB and since March 2012, IOM has screened 311,595 Syrian refugees.

Following increase in the number of Hepatitis A cases at EJC, IOM is following-up on the matter with the UAE Red Crescent (camp management) and medical staff in order to coordinate a health awareness campaign. IOM is currently organizing a health and sanitation awareness campaign at EJC with UNICEF, Save the Children and the WASH committee.

Vocational Training at EJC Camp: IOM continues to provide recreational activities for residents of the camp. IOM, in collaboration with the British Council, will be increasing the number of English classes provided each week from 3 October to meet the demand for the classes and to enable new arrivals to take part in the course.

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