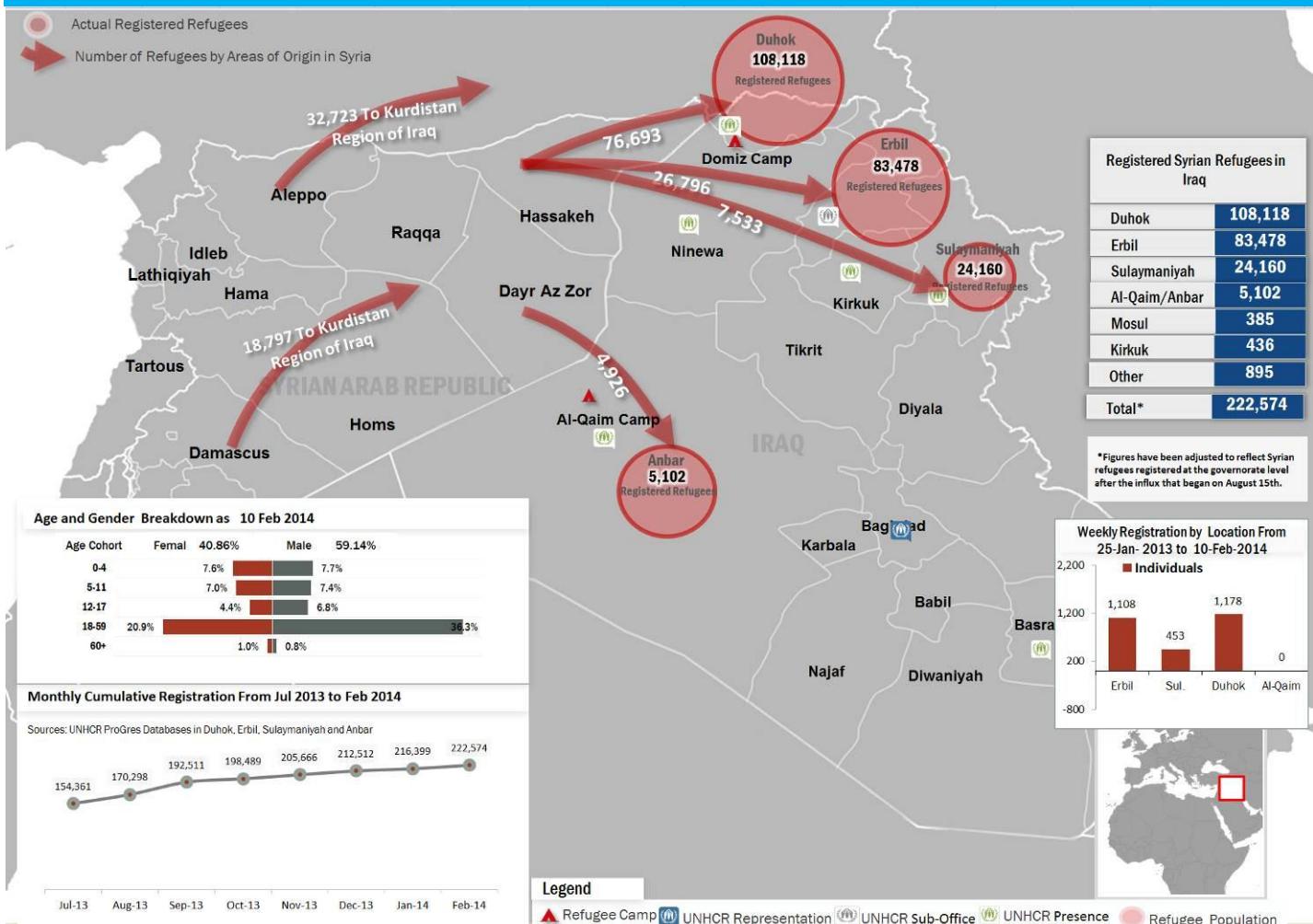


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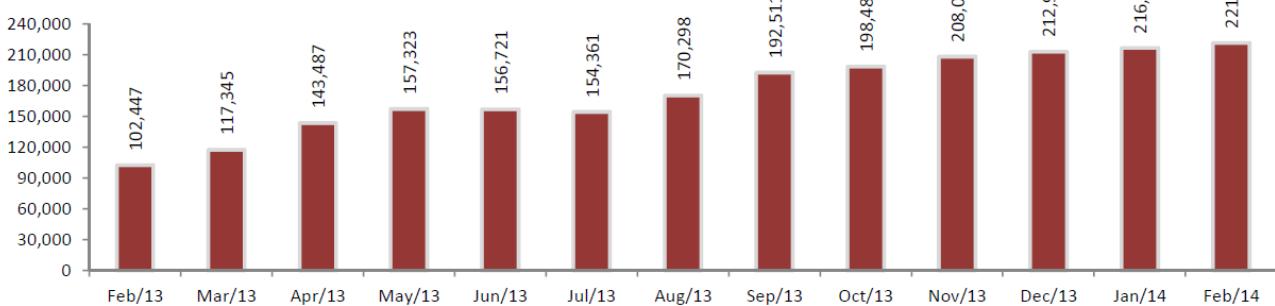
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UNHCR Registration Trends for Syrians		10 Feb 2014		The UN Refugee Agency Iraq
Registration Unit	Total Registered Up to Date	Individuals	Households	
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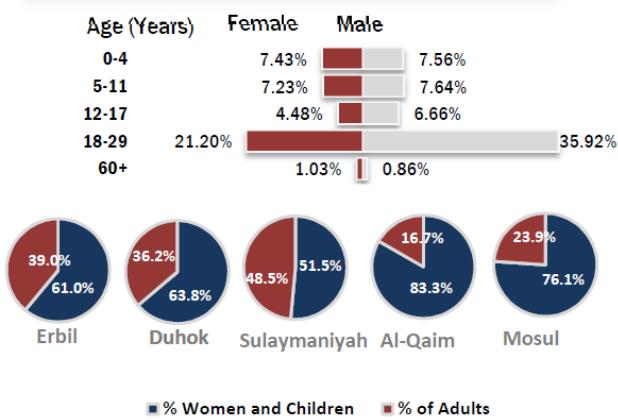
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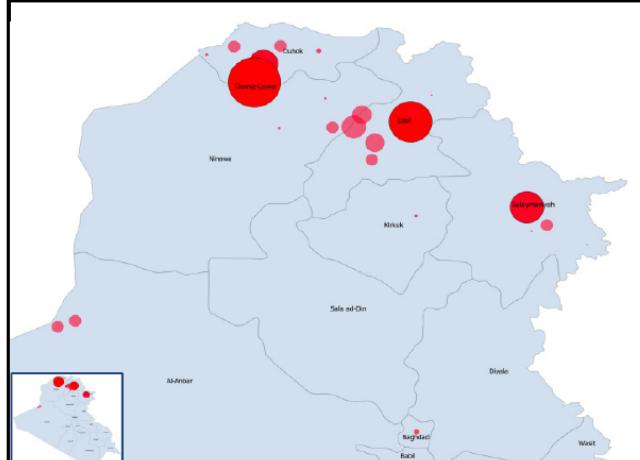
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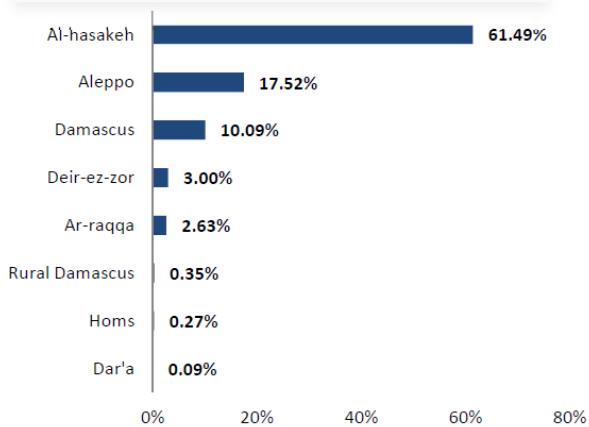
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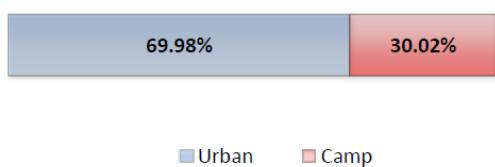


Place of Origin



Governorate	Individuals	Households	% Total
Duhok	108,118	36,907	48.58%
Erbil	83,478	24,657	37.51%
Sulaymanniyah	24,160	9,167	10.85%
Anbar	5,102	1,281	2.29%
Mosul	385	108	0.17%
Kirkuk	436	133	0.20%
Other	895	357	0.40%
Total Iraq	222,574	72,610	100%

Camp and non-camp population comparison



Camps Population			
Camp	Individuals	Households	% Total
Domiz Camp***	58,500	10,000	61.27%
Al-Obaidi Camp	1,911	408	2.00%
Kawergosk Camp	13,412	3,696	14.05%
Darashakran Camp	7,500	1,800	7.86%
Qushtapa Camp	4,373	976	4.58%
Basirma Camp	2,923	700	3.06%
Arbat Camp	3,000	853	3.14%
Akre Camp	1,364	324	1.43%
Gawilan Camp	2,495	674	2.61%
Total	95,478	19,431	100%

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1. Highlights

- **6,508 Syrians were registered** with UNHCR in the KR since the border opened on 05 January.
- Cold and windy weather in Sulaymaniyah resulted in the destruction of a number of tents in Arbat camp. In coordination with the camp authorities, UNHCR allocated the affected families to more stable tents and provided ready-made meals for three days.
- The bakery in Al Obaidy camp is open producing 4,000 pieces of bread on a daily basis by refugees
- UNHCR lead the **interagency workshop**, including representatives from the KRG, from responding governorates, NGOs and other UN agencies to **review lessons learned from 2013 and to plan 2014**.
- The **arrival of IDPs from Anbar in the KR is overstretching facilities** including health systems among others.

2. Winterization update

- ✓ Save the Children continues to distribute winter clothing for children in camp and non-camp locations.
- ✓ With the winterization period ending, partners agreed to refocus the meeting to planning for NFI distributions.
- ✓ Mercy Corps specified that they are not working in camps, so having a central level meeting on NFI would allow for agencies to collaborate and plan for distributions both within camps and outside of camps.
- ✓ Gawilan Camp: UNHCR conducted kerosene distribution to 602 families; ACTED distributed 1,548 mattresses to 516 families and two folding beds per household in Arbat, Kawergosk, Basirma, Qushtapa and Darashakran
- ✓ On 30 January, ISHO completed the January distribution of kerosene for non-camp refugees in Al Qa'im.
- ✓ On 10 February, ISHO started distributing February kerosene share to the non-camp refugees in Al Qa'im.



Kerosene distribution in Kawergosk camp @ UNHCR



Kerosene Distribution in Al Qa'im @UNHCR/Omer @ UNHCR

3. Border update

Al Qa'im

The border remains closed since 29 March 2013.

Peshkabour and Sehela

The Syrian KR-I border at Peshkhabour and Sehela remained open throughout the reporting period, however due to heavy rain falls during the week the Peshkhabour borders were closed for new arrivals and returnees for two days(28 to 29 January).

A total of 521 cases comprising 1,188 Syrians crossed into KRG via Peshkhabour during the reporting period; bringing the total number of Syrians entered KRG since the opening of Peshkhabour border on January 5th, to 3,786 cases/ 9,633 individuals. Out of the 9,633 new-arrivals, 3,128 individuals have expressed their wish to seek-asylum and so far nearly 808 Syrians have approached the office and undergone Level 2 registration.

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Sixteen separated/unaccompanied children, (10 female; 6 male) were identified among new arrivals.

UNHCR community services (CS) were present at the border throughout the week and identified 40 elderly persons, 105 persons with serious medical conditions, and 12 children with serious medical conditions. CS conducted vulnerability assessments for the new arrivals. Identified cases were referred to follow up services.

Ten trolleys have been provided to the border authorities at Peshkhabour to assist refugees carrying luggage when crossing into KR-I.

4. Response by sector and location

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

Al Qa'im

The number of Syrian refugees in Al Obaidy Camp is 385 cases (1,788) individuals with 846 cases (3,102) individuals settled in the town of Al Qa'im and other districts of Anbar. The total number of Syrians returned to Syria from Al Qa'im is 6,370 individuals. The decision for some refugees to return spontaneously is also related to improved conditions in areas of origin, assistance situation in the camps, and other considerations such as the concern for property, family reasons and access to education for children.

UNHCR registration team continued renewing Asylum Seeker certificates. Eighteen certificates have been renewed during the reporting period.

UNICEF through partner Afkar has increased the number of activities arranged at the CFS to include different ball games, table tennis, and other sports, public folklores, plays, and puzzles. The daily attendance is 50 children and it's expected to increase in the next reporting period. The following activities have been conducted in the YFS during the reporting period: computer (21 female; 20 male), sewing (42 female), domino game (12 male; 8 female), table tennis and football (27 males; 25 females), basketball and volleyball (30 males; 25 females), and drawing (20 females; 10 males).



CFS activities in Al Obaidy @ UNICEF/Edrees

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: During the reporting period 611 Syrians have undergone Level 2 UNHCR registration at the registration centre, including 143 new born (70 female; 73 male) and cases of 57 family reunification.

Ninety protection interviews were conducted with refugees among which 18 with claims of lost-certificates, 15 cases counseled on return to Syria, 10 cases with requests for transfer (from Erbil-Sulaymaniyah to Dohuk), 23 cases of various legal/protection queries, 8 cases identified for BIA interview, 16 cases for family-composition and lack-of documents. The CS team assisted vulnerable families with their registration with DMC. In addition, the CS team referred 73 extremely vulnerable families/chronic diseases and 50 families for further protection assessment.

Gawilan: During the reporting period 12 new arrivals were registered, bringing the total number of registered refugees residing at Gawilan camp to 2,780 individuals.

The tent-to-tent household protection assessment will begin the first week of February. Registration, community services, and protection staff will be trained to conduct the three-part verification, outreach, and protection questionnaire exercise in Gawilan Camp.

Darashakran: The registration centre constructed by Qandil is completed, assessed by the UNHCR technical team and handed over to the registration team. Installation of internet is still pending.

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Registration centre in Darashakran camp complete and handed over to UNHCR

Qushtapa: During the reporting period the camp administrator noted the arrival of 100 families into the camp. All new arrivals were residing in urban areas in Erbil and Dohuk and moved to the camp due to either high rental cost of houses or to get residency permit. Local authorities continue issuing temporary movement permits for refugees to facilitate their movement to the town. The refugees had not yet been issued with residency permits.

The Refugee Status Determination (RSD) Protection team visited Qushtapa Camp to assess how registration/profiling/RSD interviews could be conducted. Based on the information gathered, two RSD interviews will take place at the camp next week; further referrals from the camp are expected.

Kawergosk: During the reporting period, the community services and protection team conducted a total of eight monitoring visits to Kawergosk. Level 2 registration is ongoing in the camp and several of the visits were to monitor the registration process, to assist in establishing referral pathways and to respond to individual cases identified by the registration and community service team. There were no serious protection incidents noted during the monitoring visits.

Additional activities included a Child Protection Rapid Assessment in coordination with Save the Children, Public Aid Organization and ACTED. The results of the assessment are currently being finalized and should be available in the next two weeks.

Basirma: During the reporting period, the protection team conducted a monitoring visit to Basirma Camp. Level 2 registration has been put on hold in the camp due to unforeseen logistical constraints, however, these are in the process of being resolved and it is anticipated that Level 2 registration will commence in the coming weeks. During the monitoring visit, no serious protection concerns were noted. Protection programming remains ongoing with several UNHCR partners, such as NRC, as well as other UN agencies. During the visit, the UNHCR team obtained more detailed information regarding several of the more recent arrivals in the camp from the camp administration so that the distribution of CRI's could be facilitated and to allow verification of camp composition with previous UNHCR lists.

Spontaneous and verified returns

During the reporting period a total of 362 registered cases of Syrians voluntarily returned to Syria. Also a total of 417 Syrians who were not registered with UNHCR returned from KR-I to Syria.

Transit sites

Akre: No registration was conducted; the current camp population is 1,470 individuals. The Akre protection team is working with the non-Camp team to develop a multi-sectorial protection assessment, (tailored to the Akre context) to commence end of February.

Bajet Kandala: No registration was conducted; the current active population at Bajet Qandala is 14 persons (3 families/13 individuals + 1 single). However, with the opening of the border, several hundred Syrians spent one or two days in the centre prior to moving to their destination in Dohuk, Erbil or Sulaymaniyah governorates.

Arbat: 40 families comprising 198 individuals were registered under ProGres Level 2 at the CDO office; 58 singles were also registered. In addition, four newly arrived Palestinian families were registered and assisted in obtaining residence permits.

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The registration office is completed in the Arbat and ready to be operational. A field visit would be arranged with Directorate of Residency within this week, and then the registration office will be operational.

During the reporting period a snow storm coupled with gusty winds that started on 02 February resulted in uprooting of 74 tents in Arbat Transit Camp. The intensity of weather made it impossible to re-erect the tents for four days. The Sulaymaniyah Field Office responded immediately by accommodating the affected families in the rub hall, where registration is carried out. Rehabilitation activities could only start once broken tents were replaced by new ones and the families started settling in. Electricity had to be disconnected to avoid any untoward incidents e.g. tents catching fire. Hot meals were provided to the affected families until Saturday 08 February.



Completed registration office in Arbat Camp, Sulaymaniyah @ UNHCR

✓ **Shelter/Infrastructure**

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: During the reporting period, ACTED completed verification of tent replacements. In total 3,956 shelters were verified, and of them 2,727 were approved for tent replacement. Thus far, 1,743 families have collected their new tents and 984 families are still to receive their tents. The process of tent replacement will be completed soon.

Gawilan: DMC resumed works on the construction of permanent shelters in Gawilan camp. Construction work for the registration centre and PHC by IRW is almost complete.

The MoDM of Iraq continued working on construction of 400 plots of cement base shelter and completed 320; PWJ completed 484 plots and 472 by DMC plots (total planned 1,856 permanent shelters, which were started in 2013).

UNHCR provided new tents to five families whose shelter collapsed during the heavy rain storm.

Darashakran: UNHCR technical team and ERC met on Sunday 02 February to discuss the way forward for Darashakran 2. The ERC Director informed that the government is unable to support the development of Darashakran 2 due to financial constraints. However, UNHCR requested her to re-discuss with the government to reconsider the decision. On her request, UNHCR provided all documentation for her meeting with the Governor. Her feedback on this meeting is awaited.

Qushtapa: Registration and PHC construction work by IRW is complete. Earth works to prepare pouring of concrete slabs is ongoing, and implemented by the government. Construction work for the UNHCR office is ongoing, by Kurds.

Basirma: Registration and PHC construction work is almost complete. Construction work for 404 cement bases started in 2013 is ongoing by the MoDM. Construction work for the UNHCR office is ongoing, by Kurds.



Darashakran camp 1 is now at maximum capacity @ UNHCR



Ongoing works for concrete slabs in Kawergosk, Erbil @ UNHCR

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Kawergosk: UNHCR Registration Office and PHC construction work is completed by IRW. 500 plots by Kurds are completed (concrete slab with kitchen). Construction work for the UNHCR office is ongoing by KURDS. Voucher, the distribution area, and warehouse are almost complete, by ACTED.

Arbat: The registration unit is completed in the Arbat Camp and ready to be operational. A field visit would be arranged soon with Directorate of Residency within the week.

Police and Asaysh: Construction of the police and fire force station is ongoing and will be completed within three weeks.

Reception, Warehouse and Voucher Area: Earth works are complete by Kurds and ACTED will start work today.

Electricity: Installation of electricity is continuing on schedule and will be completed within three weeks, weather conditions permitting.



Construction of concrete slabs, Basirma @ UNHCR

Admin Area: Earth works and leveling of the admin area are completed and installation of the prefabs for the UNHCR office and partners has commenced.

Schools: Earth works and leveling for Primary and Secondary schools in Arbat Camp are complete.

Blocks (tents with kitchens): Works are complete.

Wash (latrine and showers): THW (German NGO) through KURDS and another private contractor started the earth works on eight septic tanks for the two first blocks in Arbat Camp. The implementation period is three weeks, weather conditions permitting.

Casting concrete for cooking area floor completed 100 per cent. Casting concrete for tent area completed 100 per cent. Building by hollow block for tents completed 100 per cent. Drilling cesspools with casing started. Construction of the PHC is almost complete.

Transit sites

Bajet Kandela: The construction of the registration office is complete; construction of 400 concrete tent base shelters is nearly complete.

✓ Child Protection

Al Obaidy

NTR

Kurdistan Region

During the reporting period, UNICEF Iraq registered a disproportionately high number of unaccompanied and separated Syrian children (81) entering the country. Of these children, 43 were placed in camps in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah. UNICEF Iraq child protection staff will request that child protection units (CPUs) in each camp follow-up on the cases and provide support to the children as needed. Separately, UNICEF and the Department of Labour and Social Affairs developed a coordinated child protection response plan for 2014 for the Dohuk area. This plan will now determine the referral pathways for children identified as unaccompanied or separated. UNICEF anticipates that it will conduct a similar exercise in February for Sulaymaniyah and Erbil.

UNICEF, in partnership with DOLSA, continues to operate one child friendly space (CFS), one adolescent friendly space (AFS) and one CPU in each of Domiz, Akra, and Gawilan. These facilities monitor the situation of children in their respective camps, identify cases of neglect abuse and violence against children and offer weekly educational and recreational activities to 2103 children (660 in Domiz camp, 274 in Gawilan camp, 252 in Accra camp and 915 in the Waar city non-camp setting). In Erbil and Sulaymaniyah, UNICEF funded CFSs contribute to the psychosocial wellbeing of roughly 900 children in the month of January, through art and game therapy, group and individual counselling, as well as music and sport activities.

Camps

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Domiz: During the reporting period seven new cases of child labour were referred to the CPU DoLSA by the police in the camp. The Acted CPU remained closed in January due to financial issues.

MSF received 17 new cases concerning mental and physical health issues. MSF has 24 follow up cases.

The three open CFS/AFS have reached total 1,339 registered children. Serdam Youth Centre provided English, Kurdish and painting courses for children. DOLSA CFS/AFS held awareness sessions to the children about early marriage, positive behaviour and hygiene promotion. SCI held a workshop on positive discipline. MAG held a course on minimizing mine risks.

Gawilan: UNICEF's mobile team arranged for activities involving 20 boys. The Rise Foundation re-started their cinema program for children, which will continue throughout the month.

Transit Sites

Akra: UNICEF's mobile team provided psycho-social support activities for 254 (133 boys – 121 girls) boys in Akra. Eight families with a total of 12 child labor cases received counseling and were assessed for vulnerabilities and protection interventions.

✓ Water and Sanitation

Al Obaidy

AFKAR is rehabilitating 100 used latrines in order to send them to the IDPs in Fallujah. Twenty single latrines and five tanks with a capacity of 5,000 litres were transferred to Heet and they will be installed in a school where IDPs are currently settled. UNICEF started installing solar heater boilers for men latrines in Al Obaidy Camp. *Installation of water boilers in Al Obaidy @ UNICEF/Majeed*



Kurdistan Region

UNICEF and partners have constructed sufficient latrines and bathing facilities to meet the most basic needs in camps, but not enough to achieve a level that is culturally acceptable. Rapid implementation was achieved by use of prefabricated units and disposal of waste to simple cesspools. The latter has several undesirable characteristics; it is not a good environmental solution, and requires continuous desludging, which is both expensive to maintain and carries a risk to public health. Consequently, the core of the strategy is to install simple sewerage systems to remove as much a practical of the waste water, resulting in much lower operating costs with a greatly reduced need for desludging, and also producing a safer environment. A further challenge is that none of the camps have environmentally sound means of disposing of the solid and liquid wastes that are removed from the camps.

Camps

Domiz: During the reporting period, UNHCR and WASH actors (QANDIL, FRC and NRC) developed a de-sludging plan. DMC continues to work on improving drainage situation in Domiz. With support of MODM funding DMC is constructing open channels along the main road in Domiz camp as well as in Single's area.



Construction of open channels in Domiz by DMC/UNHCR @ UNHCR/Y.Mahmood

Gawilan: ACF and UNICEF started the installation of 40 mobile latrines in transit 1 which will improve access to sanitation.

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Darashakran: Maintenance works on the water network is ongoing.



Transit Sites

Arbat: The recurrent issues related to WASH and electricity was addressed in coordination with UNICEF and the Electricity Company. Cables of a different/durable quality were requested to be procured by the Electricity Company responsible for installation.

During the reporting period 16 Out of the “32” damaged latrines due to the gusty wind, were fixed by IRC and shower units in Arbat Transit site. All the damaged units are in sections O and L.

Out of 130, 97 damaged tents have been replaced and re-erected by KURDS in Arbat transit site.

Bajet Kandala Transit Site: UNICEF- NRC: construction of sanitation units (165 latrines and 165 showers is ongoing in Bajet Kandala Transit camp, approx. 60 per cent of the project has been completed on 6 Feb.



✓ Core Relief Items

AI Obaidy

ISHO completed the distribution of complementary food assistance (15\$) to the 1,933 camp refugees. On January 29, in collaboration with UNHCR, UNICEF distributed baby hygiene kits for 206 children in Al Obaidy. On January 30, ISHO completed the January kerosene distribution to the camp refugees. UNHCR also distributed hygiene kits to 383 camp families and ISHO began the distribution of February kerosene share to the camp refugees.

The host community and Sheikh Nader distributed food and non food items including vegetables, baby diapers, and clothes for all camp refugees. On 29 January, Snoa-Alhayat local NGO distributed clothes for babies aged 0-3 years old and for old people (both genders) in the camp. On 4 and 5 February, Al-Takhi NGO distributed clothes for camp children aged 2-5, 6-12 years old (male and female) and for refugees (both genders) aged 19 years old.

Kurdistan region

Camps

Domiz: UNHCR distributed relief items such as blankets, mattresses and heaters to 147 families that were affected by a heavy rain storm that hit Dohuk Governorate on 28 January, 2014; UNHCR through its partner KURDS conducted emergency de-sludging of septic tanks that were overflowing with water and assisted 68 families with blankets, mattresses and plastic sheets. Below is the summary of assistance provided to the affected families.

Qandil started with regular round of baby diaper and sanitary napkin distribution in Domiz.

Gawilan: During the reporting period ACF clothes were distributed by Save the Children. During the reporting period, QANDIL distributed 309 NFI kits to 267 families; PWJ distributed 171 winter coats to students in Qamshlo and Ro Jama schools, grades 1-9.

Transit Sites

Bajet Kandala: UNHCR and DMC have mobilized refugees to make channels for water drainage around tents that are currently providing shelter to 300 refugees.

Arbat: During the reporting period, YAO distributed 90,000 litres of kerosene to 450 families in Arbat Transit in addition to 95 empty barrels to the newly arrived families in the camp. UNHCR also received 100 CRI kits from Erbil on 30 January.

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ACTED distributed 1,458 units of folding beds to the Syrian refugees in Arbat Transit.

During the reporting period the Iraqi Government donated tons of in-kind assistance such as wheat flower, tomato paste, powder milk and baby diapers to Syrian refugees in Arbat transit. Distribution of the in-kind assistance was done through local authorities in Arbat.

✓ Food

Al Obaidy

On January 29, WPF through its partner IOM distributed 300 food parcels to IDPs from Fallujah and Ramadi in Al Qa'im and Al Obaidy district. On January 29, ISHO distributed 100 dinner meals to the refugees in Al Obaidy camp. IRW also distributed food parcels to camp refugees; they completed the distribution to 1,788 individuals.



Kurdistan Region

WFP continued its food assistance to Syrian refugees in Iraq, providing food rations, nutrition /high calorie bars and vouchers to refugees living in ten camps across the Kurdistan Region.

Following the opening of the Peshkabour border between Dohuk governorate in Iraq and Al-Hassakeh governorate in Syria on 5 January, WFP dispatched A29 bars to Bajid Kandela Transit Camp/Reception Center to provide immediate assistance to the newly arrived Syrian refugees. In addition, WFP stockpiled family food rations sufficient for 300 families (1,500 people) for one month at the camp to meet their immediate food requirements pending transfer to other camps. Distribution of the food parcels to newly arrived refugees has commenced; however, only refugees deemed as genuine cases of asylum seekers are currently being granted entry into the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

While food rations were provided to 30,316 Syrian refugees in nine out of the ten camps in Iraq, up to 71,547 beneficiaries in Domiz camp received food vouchers. In January 2014 alone, WFP injected US\$2.2 million into the local economy through this food voucher programme. The next cycle of distributions for the month of February started on 4 February, targeting 74,000 Syrian refugees.

WFP Airlift to Syria

Effective 04 February, WFP started a new series of airlifts from Erbil to Qamishli to provide assistance to conflict-affected population in this area. Each airlift consists of 6,000 family food rations. Subject to availability of funding, up to 30 airlifts are planned to deliver 37,400 food parcels sufficient to feed up to 187,000 people. Relief supplies from IOM and UNICEF will also be delivered.

Transit Sites

Arbat: During the reporting period 72 tents in Arbat site were destroyed by strong wind that hit Sulaymaniyah, UNHCR through its partner relocated the families and provided ready-made meals for three days.

✓ Health

Al Obaidy

642 cases received treatment at the PHC during the reporting period:

- Pediatrician: 189 cases
- Cardiologist: 206 cases
- Gynaecologist: 120 cases
- Dentist: 127 cases

DoH/AI Qa'im conducted the second poliomyelitis vaccination campaign in Al Obaidy Camp for 354 children under 6 years old. **Vaccination campaign in Al Obaidy @ UNHCR/Haitham**



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Kurdistan Region

UNICEF's baby hut interventions (primarily breast feeding counselling and growth monitoring) are continuing to successfully deliver services to pregnant and non-pregnant Syrian refugee women. In January 377 under 5 children (U5) received growth monitoring services at the UNICEF baby hut in Darashakran camp (in comparison to only 255 in December 2013). Of that total figure, these interventions identified 20 children as underweight, three of whom were severely underweight. UNICEF distributed nine cartons of high energy biscuits to these malnourished children in addition to providing nutrition counselling to their mothers.

Health coordination meeting has been held in DoH Sulaymaniyah. The meeting was chaired by DoH and Emergency NGO in addition to other I/LNGO participated in the meeting. Overall management of the PHC in Arbat Camp will be handed over to Emergency NGO.

Camps

Domiz: During the reporting period, the primary health centre continued to provide services to refugees; a family having a member with serious medical condition was recommended for cash assistance.

✓ Education

Al Obaidy

On January 29, ISHO distributed incentives - 351,000 ID (300 USD), per individual for teaching staff in the school camp and 175,000 ID for school cleaners. On 04 February, Al-Takhai NGO distributed stationary to the camp school.

Kurdistan Region

UNICEF-funded construction of two schools in Gawilan and Domiz camps concluded in January and will begin class sessions for 1200 children in February. UNICEF will lead construction of an additional seven schools in camp and non-camp settings in the first half of 2014.

In January, UNICEF conducted teacher trainings in Arbat and Kawergosk camps on the subject of child friendly school systems and hygiene promotion, which will now benefit 2,194 students. Additionally, the Ministry of Finance approved teacher placements for three new schools in Domiz, one in Akra, and one in Gawilan and confirmed the contracts of teachers in other camp schools. Previous delays in receipt of these approvals and confirmations represented an impediment to teacher retention and staff stability.

Camps

Domiz: During the reporting period, 2,783 children continued to attend basic education schools. The Ministry of Finance approved the submitted list of 369 teachers for the three new schools in Domiz; one in Akra, and one in Gawilan. The Child Protection Sub-working Group (CPSWG) met on with DoE to agree on how a non-formal curriculum at the CFS/AFS in camp and urban areas can be implemented / streamlined

Nearly 5,000 children currently not registered in school. In view of the recent opening of four new schools, a **back-to-school campaign** was launched in the reporting period to ensure awareness amongst camp residents. Around 800 leaflets are distributed as part of campaign through health and hygiene mobilizers, community leaders, UPP and SCI monitors. WFP continues to provide HEB to camp schools.

Gawilan Camp: It was discussed and agreed that alternative education services will be provided to children of the new arrivals because half-term of the current academic year has already passed.

Preparations were finalized to handover the newly constructed school. The school is expected to benefit all 586 basic education children and 58 high school students. There is already one basic school which is attended by 479 students. WFP continues to provide HEB to the Gawilan camp school.

Transit Sites

Akra Camp: Registration of children to attend the newly constructed 12-classroom school is ongoing.

✓ SGBV

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Al Obaidy

Through Women Listening Centre two cases were identified and received psychological and legal support.

Kurdistan Region

During the reporting period one day workshop held on 27th January 2014 to modify the GBVIMS intake form and adapt it to the Kurdistan region. The workshop was attended by: UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, IRC, NRC and Al Mesalla. The modifications proposed have been shared with HQ for endorsement.

NRC has started the process training KRG security department members (Aseyish) on S/GBV.

Camps

Domiz: During the reporting period, three cases of SGBV were identified and assisted with legal counselling; Save the Children conducted a workshop on SGBV among children, for 30 parents in which topics such as SGBV risk factors, prevention and response were discussed; UNFPA conducted tent to tent awareness sessions on SGBV core concepts for 206 families.

✓ Community services

Al Obaidy

As part of UNHCR livelihood projects, ISHO completed the construction of the two bakeries in Al Obaidy Camp which started producing traditional bread to the camp refugees. *Al Obaidy completed bakery @ ISHO/Laith*



Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: During the reporting period, 26 individuals with educational and professional qualifications were identified and documented for potential employment opportunities; a meeting was held between UNHCR, DMC and DRC to discuss the modalities of cash assistance to refugees.

Community services received 23 CVs for job seekers (13 female; 10 male), which have been added to the job database.

Gawilan and Akre: DMC and CS started to officially receive CVs from job seekers (building of a job database).

Gawilan Camp: DRC distributed winterization kits to 42 children among the new arrivals.

Arbat Transit Site: A family with its head of household having a physical disability was accommodated near the health clinic so as to facilitate their visits to the health centre.

5. Non-camp assistance

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

Erbil: During the reporting period, UNHCR through the PARC conducted field visits and reached out to 117 Syrian refugee families in various locations that have voiced their protection concerns on issues related to lack of documentation (Birth certificate, marriage certificate, IDs) and renewal of residency permits. PARC lawyers are following up with government authorities to facilitate issuance of birth and marriage certificates as well as renewal of residency permits for those who entered KR-I with their national passports.

Sulaymaniyah: An increased number of IDPs from Fallujah and Anbar are reported to have arrived in Sulaymaniyah. According to the information provided by the Security Department, Asayish, over 9,000 IDPs (recorded as tourists) have entered Sulaymaniyah. Their details were noted by Asayish through the various security checkpoints on the peripheries of Sulaymaniyah. The IDPs are scattered in different places and are mostly living in rented accommodations. The biggest concentration is in Dukan with some 120 families residing there.

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During the reporting period the Sulaymaniyah Field Office Community Services (CS) participated in the GBVIMS workshop, for non camp refugees; it was organized in Erbil. CS also attended meetings with the Community Services Colleagues of Erbil office and discussed mapping of organizations providing support to GBV victims as well activating the GBV sub-working group.

Duhok: Up to the reporting period protection assessment of Halo school in Zakho that has approximately 1,050 students that are either IDPs or Syrian refugees was carried out.

During the reporting week, the total number of cases registered with the two urban CFS/AFS located in Var City and run by DoLSA/UNICEF and SCI reached 1,183 children. The Var City CFS also organized special family visits to families who have autistic cases and children who have health problems and organized special sessions with children with anxiety symptoms (suffering nightmares). Save the Children ran an awareness campaign in its CFS Var City on how communities, local leaders, parents and teachers play an important role in guaranteeing the child's psychosocial wellbeing and protection. As the first session was dedicated to parents, UNHCR gave an awareness session on the necessity of birth registration.

✓ Child Protection

In Duhok, the Child/Youth friendly Spaces in Waar City and Fayda continued to provide services to children.

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Child Right Awareness Campaign, Var City @ UNHCR / S. Issa

✓ Health

The UNHCR Al Qa'im team continued cash assistance and medical interviews for non-camp refugees.

In January, UNICEF support to the DoH extended routine immunization services to 1,144 children in Erbil refugee camps. UNICEF Iraq anticipates the effective coverage of this vaccination trend to continue.

✓ Education

During the reporting period, 4,393 children continued to attend basic schools in Duhok areas, while 134 Syrian children attended high schools in Kurdish and Arabic; UNHCR through Harikar has completed all the QIPs projects; UNHCR conducted a field visit to Halo Basic School for Boys and Girls which hosts 1,050 children, 441 of them being Syrian refugees.

Up to the reporting period 1,552 students are enrolled in Arabic Basic Schools and 134 students in Arabic High Schools. In addition, 4,393 students are attending basic Kurdish schools in Dohuk. Save the Children's work on construction of Warr City school is ongoing, and there are additional learning spaces added to schools in Zakho and Dohuk city. Teacher trainings on inclusive learning, positive discipline, CP, PSS and sanitary hygiene are scheduled for the next week.

✓ Cash Assistance

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In Duhok, cash assistance has been approved for two cases: 1 medical and the other urgent SGBV/CP – follow of case still on-going.

✓ CRIs

On January 30, ISHO completed distributing the January share of Kerosene to non-camp refugees and on 10 February, ISHO started the distribution of kerosene for the month of February to non-camp refugees.

As part of UNHCR initiative to assist IDPs from Ramadi and Fallujah, UNHCR Al Qa'im team dispatched CRIs to 34 IDP families in Al Qa'im and sent 100 tents to IDPs in Habaniyah, located between Ramadi and Fallujah.



CRIS distribution to IDPs in Al Qa'im @ UNHCR/Omer

UNICEF distributed clothes to 874 boys and girls under 13 years old in the camp. They also distributed hygiene kits to the camp refugees and IDPs in Al Qa'im.

✓ Community services/livelihoods

In Al Qa'im, 177 families received cash assistance by ISHO to benefit extremely vulnerable refugees.

Qandil has distributed 216 NFIs packages 184 for families and (32 new single groups each group 4 persons) from Domiz population who were registered over the last 2 months.

6. Security

Al Qa'im and Kurdistan Region

The overall situation remains stable in Al Qa'im and northern Iraq. However the armed conflict in Anbar Governorate has made access to Al Qa'im increasingly difficult; alternative roads needs to be used due to the conflict /destruction of key bridges on the main route.

7. Coordination

Al Qa'im

On Sunday 2 February, a mission from UNHCR/Baghdad Operation visited Al Qa'im and met with Mayor of Al Qa'im, Sheikh Nader and Anbar governor advisor; with refugee community leaders of Al Obaidy; and, two IDP families from Fallujah who reside in abandoned school and hotel near the camp.

Kurdistan Region

On Thursday, 30th January 2014, Emmanuel Gignac, UNHCR's Coordinator for northern Iraq visited Kawergosk and Darashakran camps. During his visit, he met and held meetings with Mr. Rizgar Mustafa, Mayor of Karbat, refugee representatives, and partners and made a brief tour of both camps. He was accompanied by Inge Colijn, Assistant Representative (Operations), and Martin Zirn, Senior Technical Advisor. The field team was headed by Whycliffe Songwa who was accompanied by Hawre Abdulla and the undersigned.

The UNHCR Coordinator for the northern Iraq also met with authorities, visited Domiz Camp and met with some camp sector leaders and with Dohuk Sub-Office staff. He also met with the Governor of Sulaymaniyah.



UNHCR Head of Sub Office for Northern Iraq receives a briefing by Darashakran Camp Administration, 30 January @ UNHCR

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Central Iraq

The monthly donor meeting took place in Baghdad on 10 February with participation by NGOs and donors in Erbil and Amman. Discussions on lessons learned and the contingency planning were key topics.

For information related the Regional Response Plan (RRP6) please click on <http://www.unhcr.org/syriarrp6/>

Announcements of all sector meetings along with respective agendas and minutes, along with other information reporting sector-wide progress such as 3Ws, dashboards and camp profiles, are available on the inter-agency information sharing portal on the Syrian refugee response at. <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

9. Acronyms and abbreviations

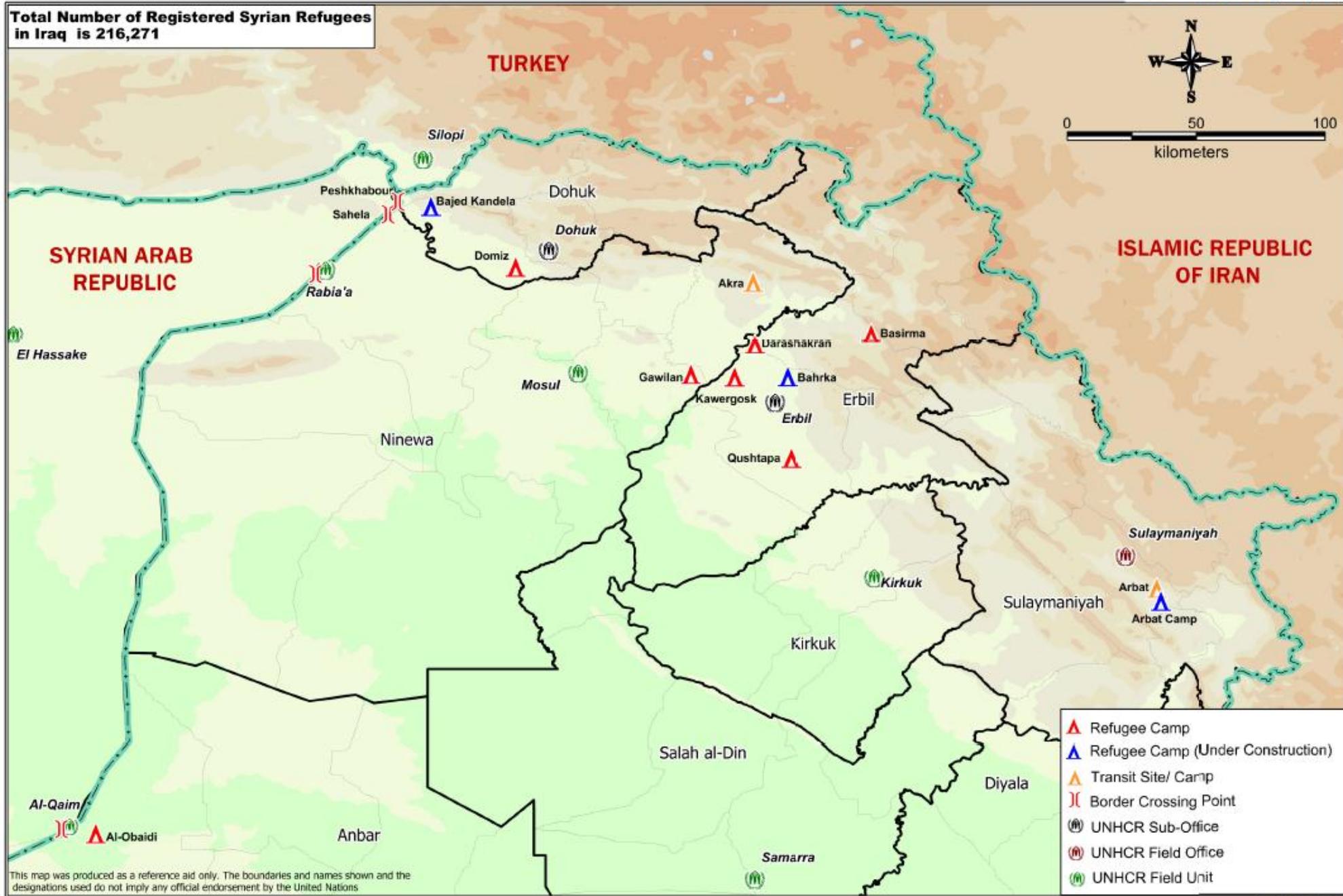
AFS	Adolescent Friendly Space
CFS	Child Friendly Space
CRI	Core Relief Items (formerly known as non-food items/ NFIs)
DDM	Department of Displacement and Migration
DMC	Development and Modification Centre
DoE	Department of Education
DoH	Department of Health
HOFO	Head of Field Office
HOSO	Head of Sub Office
ISF	Iraqi Security Forces
KR	Kurdistan Region of Iraq (or KRI)
MOMD	Ministry of Migration and Displacement
PARC	Protection Assistance Reintegration Centre
PHC	Primary Health Centre
QIPs	Quick impact projects
YFS	Youth Friendly Space

Syrian Refugees Camps / Sites in Iraq

As of 22 January 2014



Total Number of Registered Syrian Refugees in Iraq is 216,271



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