

INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL RESPONSE FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey

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This situation update is prepared by UNHCR Office of the Director, Middle East and North Africa Bureau. It provides a snapshot of the inter-agency regional humanitarian response in full coordination with host Governments and 157 partners across the region.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The mid-year update of the 2014 Regional Response Plan (RRP6) inter-agency appeal is underway. The documents will be launched in early July. A reduction in population planning figures and funding requirements is expected.
- This year marks the third Ramadan since the outbreak of the Syrian conflict. WFP and humanitarian actors are ensuring that food assistance supports families' efforts to maintain their regular traditions and practices during the holy month.
- More than 550 new offers of resettlement or humanitarian admissions for Syrian refugees were pledged on 27 June by Belgium, Ireland, Switzerland and Uruguay, taking the total number of offers received since mid-2013 to more than 34,700 places.
- The newly elected Iraqi parliament convenes on 1 July for the first time since the election. The situation across central and north-central parts of Iraq remains volatile, with violent armed clashes taking place in various areas including Anbar, Ninewa, Salah din and Kirkuk governorates.

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REGIONAL FIGURES

2.8 million Syrian refugees have fled to neighbouring countries and North Africa

62% of Syrian school-aged refugee children are not enrolled in formal education

85% of Syrian refugees live outside of formal camps

Total number of refugees registered and awaiting registration **2,898,634**

Registered Refugees **2,842,718**

Awaiting Registration with UNHCR **55,916**

TURKEY
789,678
registered.

LEBANON
1,117,095
Registered: 1,068,859
Awaiting reg.: 48,236

IRAQ
225,475
Registered: 217,795
Awaiting reg.: 7,680

EGYPT
138,151
registered.

N. AFRICA*
23,367
registered

* Morocco, Algeria and Libya

JORDAN
604,868
registered.

Sources AFAD, Government of Egypt, Government of Iraq, Government of Jordan, Government of Lebanon, UNHCR Regional Datawarehouse, Common Operational Dataset (COD), UNGIWG, Natural Earth, UNCS

0 25 50 100 150 200 Kilometers

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Refugee population as of 1 July 2014, based on available data. For updated figures, please visit <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees>

CONTRIBUTIONS OF GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL COUNTRIES AND ACTORS

- The Governments of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, along with charities and other actors in these countries, have significantly contributed towards meeting the objectives outlined in the RRP6 through appealing agencies.
- Contributions made by Gulf States to support activities in health, education, WASH, shelter, basic needs, nutrition and infrastructure have provided much-needed humanitarian aid to vulnerable Syrian refugees and host communities alike. Additionally, Gulf actors have supported the assistance to Syrian refugees through bilateral contributions, and direct implementation of projects. Recent initiatives include:
 - Distribution of food assistance in Lebanon and Jordan during the holy month of Ramadan by Kuwait's Al-Rahma International Charity and the Saudi National Campaign;
 - Support to health care clinics for refugees by the Big Heart Campaign, under the auspices of UNHCR's Eminent Advocate Her Highness Sheikha Jawaher, and Kuwait's Al-Rahma International Charity;
 - Support to primary, secondary and technical education for refugees from the Big Heart Campaign; and
 - A pledge of US\$ 50 million from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development to Syrian refugees in neighbouring host countries.
- UNHCR and partners continue to work on strengthening partnerships and coordination with Gulf actors, including the over 25 Gulf organizations that have contributed to meeting RRP6 objectives to date, to ensure that support is delivered most efficiently and effectively and that the humanitarian efforts and generosity of Gulf actors are adequately recorded and reflected.

DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE SYRIAN REFUGEES

- New offers of resettlement or humanitarian admissions for Syrian refugees were pledged by Belgium, Ireland, Switzerland and Uruguay on 27 June. In all, 565 new places were announced during a high-level meeting of 42 countries, taking the total number of offers received since mid-2013 to more than 34,700 places. In addition, the United States has pledged open-ended resettlement numbers.
- So far, 22 countries have offered places for Syrian refugees. The majority of offers have come from European states, with Germany having offered over half the global total.
- UNHCR has asked States to provide 30,000 resettlement and humanitarian admissions places for Syrian refugees in 2013 and 2014. A further 100,000 places are being sought for 2015 and 2016.
- UNHCR continues to urge States to consider all solutions that can provide secure, urgent and effective protection for Syrian refugees in need. UNHCR anticipates that in the coming years, there will be increasing numbers of vulnerable Syrian refugees who will be in need.
- States are also being encouraged to offer programmes to complement resettlement for Syrians, for example supporting family reunification, scholarships for Syrian students, or medical evacuations for refugees with serious health conditions.



Germany's humanitarian programme provides temporary shelter and safety to up to 10,000 of the most vulnerable Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries. The first group to depart flew to Hanover in 2013 and included Ahmad and his family. They have a son who is deaf and needs constant care that was not available in their previous host country, Lebanon.
UNHCR | E. Dorfman

DRC: PROMOTING LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFUGEES IN IRAQ

- There are some 220,000 Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan Region, Iraq (KR-I). Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is assisting Syrian refugees in both camp and non-camp communities in the KR-I.
- DRC's programme in Iraq for Syrian refugees focus on emergency preparedness and response, including in the sectors of WASH, shelter and other basic needs; and promotion of durable solutions through vocational training and re-skilling, livelihoods, small business start-up management support, and other income generating activities.
- In the month of May, DRC provided livelihood assistance to 164 people including Syrian refugees and vulnerable households in the host communities.
- In Qushtapa camp, 96 people who completed training and business planning support received the first portion of their small grant support to establish their businesses. Each grant is worth between US\$ 1,000 - 1,300, depending on the business plan. After a two-month monitoring period, the progress of each business will be reviewed and the second portion of the grant will be distributed. An additional 37 people in Basirma camp has completed the training and business planning phases of the programme, and will receive their grant distribution before the end of June.
- Job placements were provided for 31 beneficiaries (17 Syrian refugees and 14 local people) in Erbil during May. DRC has provided more than 200 people with job placements since February 2014.

TURKEY: IMPROVING SELF-RESILIENCE THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING

- Vocational classes are taking place in several camps aimed at building the capacity of refugees and strengthening their self-resilience. Courses are given in multiple disciplines including computer skills, trades and English and Turkish languages.
- In Nizip-2 camp, officials organized a diploma ceremony on 26 June for the Syrians who completed the Turkish Language course provided by the Turkish Language Teaching Centre of Ankara University. Over 830 students participated in the course nation-wide, with 404 passing the proficiency exam. Among the participants in the camps, Osmaniye camp reportedly had a success rate of 83 per



A Syrian girl plays in the late afternoon with a young child in the Akcakale refugee camp in southern Turkey. UNHCR | A. Branthwaite

- cent, the highest in the country. Camp managements are planning to organize supplementary courses during the summer and will use the same curriculum to prepare the students for the next exam.
- A charity bazaar was organized in Adiyaman town where Syrian refugees from Adiyaman camp sold local food. Refugees had the opportunity to market and sell their products produced in vocational courses in the camp. Some 2,600 TL (US\$ 1,221) was reportedly raised. Camp management and refugees will jointly decide how to use the proceeds to benefit all camp residents.
- The Social Assistance and Solidarity Fund (SASF) office will start to provide cash assistance to the value of 50 TL (\$23.50) per person to Syrian refugees living in Midyat. Officials are aiming to assist up to 4,000 persons (800-1,000 vulnerable families). In Urfa, Turkish NGO IMPR Humanitarian has started a cash assistance program in collaboration with partner WHH. Field teams were established to identify some 8,500 vulnerable persons in Kiziltepe (5,000 persons) and Ceylanpinar (3,500 persons). Beneficiaries will receive 40 TL (\$18.80) per person as cash assistance.

LEBANON: DEMAND FOR REGISTRATION REMAINS PERSISTENTLY HIGH

- UNHCR's operation in Lebanon has transformed in the three years of the Syria crisis from meeting the needs of 10,000 mostly Iraqi refugees, to more than 1.1 million registered Syrian refugees.
- Based on the registration criteria agreed upon with the Government of Lebanon in 2011, UNHCR ensures that refugee status is reserved for only those in need of international protection including civilians who have fled persecution or the violence in Syria. Registration teams capture the bio-data of every individual, reason for flight, living conditions in Lebanon, preliminary vulnerabilities, as well as any protection concerns and risks.
- Between January and May 2014, an average of 65,000 registration appointments have been requested on a monthly basis. Multiple efforts to accelerate registration have led to an increased number of people registered daily and a decrease in waiting periods across all registration centres.
- In order to facilitate access to registration, UNHCR and partners Terres Des Hommes and SHIED provide transportation to assist refugees who live far from registration centres; have financial limitations that prevent them from reaching registration centres; or who have medical conditions, disabilities or protection/security concerns that deter them from registering. UNHCR also regularly conducts mobile registration missions.

Registration Appointment Requested per Month



The regional response for refugees fleeing Syria is the coordinated effort of 157 participating organizations, including 105 appealing agencies:

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