

# INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL RESPONSE FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey

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## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Some 1.2 million people have been displaced by insecurity in Iraq between January and June 2014 and heavy fighting continues to force people to flee to other parts of the country. Many of the displaced have sought safety in the Kurdistan Region, which is also hosting more than 95 per cent of the 217,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq.
- Deadly gun battles in the Lebanese border town of Aarsal erupted on 2 August, with heavy armed skirmishes continuing. More than 40,000 Syrian refugees and 35,000 Lebanese residents are estimated to be impacted. Humanitarian access has been severely hindered. UNHCR is working with the Government of Lebanon and humanitarian partners to review contingency plans and assess needs.
- The United States of America and the European Union (EU) have both approved additional funding for the Syria Situation. The United States is providing nearly US\$ 378 million in additional aid to help those affected by the war. The EU will make available an additional EUR 50 million for humanitarian assistance and EUR 125 million for development assistance for the Syria Situation.

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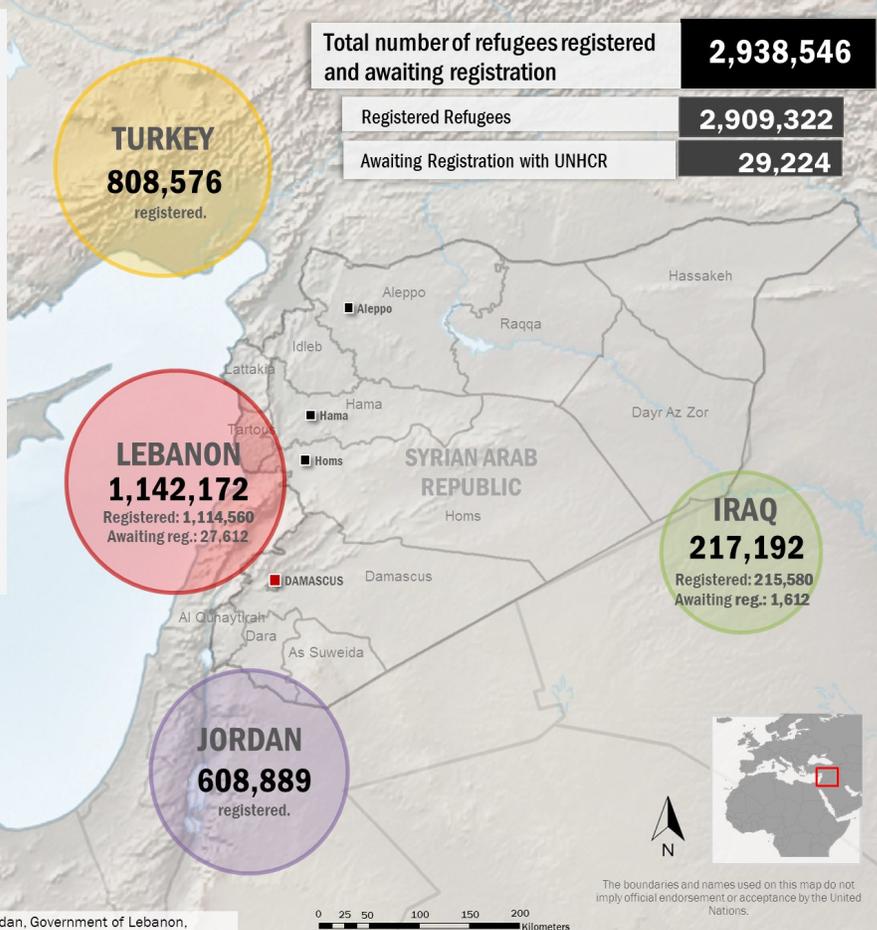
**2.9 million** Syrian refugees have fled to neighbouring countries and North Africa

**860,000** refugees outside camps are estimated to be living in sub-standard shelter

**2.4 million** people estimated to be in need of support to prepare for winter

**1.7 million** refugees require food assistance.

**900,000** Syrian school-age children need education



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

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## UNICEF: MITIGATING WATER SCARCITY AND IMPROVING SANITATION

- Lebanon - UNICEF is continuing to scale-up activities to mitigate water scarcity for Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese communities. In June, more than 100,000 people benefited from improved access to safe water through the installation of five pumps in vulnerable localities in the Bekaa Valley. Installation of more than 40 chlorination systems in the South and Mount Lebanon is also ongoing to improve water quality in these two regions. UNICEF has also started a pilot to rationalize and improve the management of solid waste in the 23 most vulnerable municipalities of the Bekaa and the North.
- Jordan - WASH projects with implementing partners WVI, ACTED, Mercy Corps (MC), and JEN are targeting 150,000 refugees in camps and 80,000 Jordanians in host communities in 2014. In addition to these ongoing programmes, UNICEF has identified priority quick impact projects in host communities with the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MoWI). The installation of wastewater treatment units in Zaatari is 50 per cent complete and due for completion by end-September. UNICEF is finalising agreements with ACTED and OXFAM on the construction of the “Communal++” water supply network for Zaatari to expand the water distribution network through additional communal water taps/posts to be placed at every 50 meters on the network. The location for sewage treatment units in Azraq have also been identified.
- Iraq - In June, UNICEF began work with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) to upgrade household sanitation by rehabilitating holding tanks and improving wastewater collection. UNICEF, UNHCR and DMC engineers continue planning to improve road and drainage systems throughout Domiz camp as a part of a tripartite agreement. With support of UNICEF, the Directorate of Surrounding Waters (DoSW) began construction to extend the water network of Domiz II to reach 500 families. The DoSW is also working to improve the distribution network to balance the delivery of water across the camp and increase the average daily water supply to 61 litres per day per person from 39 litres in January. To ensure access to water and combat financial strains on camp management, UNICEF will continually finance water trucking from June to October.

## LEBANON: FRESH CLASHES IN ARSAL CAUSE NEW DISPLACEMENT

- Ongoing fighting in and around Arsal, in the northeastern part of Lebanon near its border with Syria, have damaged sites sheltering refugees. Local businesses (bakery and gas station) have also been impacted.
- Arsal has a resident Lebanese population of around 35,000 people and is host to more than 40,000 Syrian refugees, most of whom fled fighting across the border in November 2013 and earlier this year.
- More than 1,300 affected persons were reported by humanitarian partners to have arrived from Arsal to various parts in the Bekaa Valley. Movements of refugees from North Bekaa have also been observed.
- Insecurity have restricted humanitarian access in Arsal and humanitarian activities have been severely affected. The security situation has also prevented the medical evacuation of the severely wounded. Arsal field hospitals have reported a total of 268 wounded and 38 fatalities between 2 and 4 August 2014.
- The water supply situation in the whole of Arsal is increasingly precarious, with trucking now impossible. Electricity has been reportedly cut, which has prevented pumping of boreholes from being operational.



*Shelters in the Arsal transit site burned down when the site was hit by shelling. UNHCR*

## UNFPA: SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

- Lebanon - UNFPA distributed reproductive health kits for post-rape treatment to Baabda Governmental University Hospital and procured reproductive health commodities to be distributed to the Ministry of Public Health's primary health care centres, covering the needs of both for Syrian and Lebanese communities.
- Jordan - A total of 9,779 women and girls benefited from reproductive health services in July, including services for family planning, antenatal care, postnatal care, sexually transmitted infection management and deliveries. In Azraq camp, UNFPA through its implementing partner International Medical Corps offered reproductive health services to around 2,900 women and girls in its clinics and carried out the safe delivery of the first baby in a UNFPA-supported clinic in Azraq camp.
- Individual awareness-raising and group sessions took place in Zaatari camp on reproductive health and family planning, reaching 50 households on a daily basis. In addition, more than 4,100 women, girls, men and boys in the camps and communities benefited from the awareness sessions that took place at UNFPA-supported centres and information materials were distributed on family planning, early marriage, psychology, personal hygiene, sexually transmitted infections, nutrition, and vaccination for pregnant/lactating women and girls. In addition, UNFPA in collaboration with UNICEF supported the Institute for Family Health with 100 baby kits and 100 mother kits to cover the needs for six months in Cyber City, King Abdalla and Emirate Jordanian camps.
- Iraq - The UNFPA-supported reproductive health clinics in the camps provided services to 1,055 women of reproductive age throughout July, including antenatal care, postnatal care and family planning services.

## RELIEF INTERNATIONAL: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES IN JORDAN

- Relief International (RI) in partnership with UNICEF, provides remedial and informal education to Syrian refugees children living in Zaatari and Azraq camps. The programmes help children overcome their unique challenges to progress academically and acquire skills for a better future.
- Since February 2014 to date, RI has registered 2,698 Syrian children at Zaatari camp's remedial education centre. Students are receiving support in maths, Arabic, science, English and life skills three hours per day, five days per week. Through this programme, students were assisted to succeed at their grade levels in different classes.
- In addition, 255 Syrian children in Zaatari and 593 Syrian children in Azraq are registered in RI's informal education programme, which includes literacy, numeracy, English, computer science lessons, life skills and recreational activities including sports and arts. The programme also provides psycho-social support and services to increase confidence and motivation of Syrian refugee children and youth. Informal education programme has enabled students to return back to formal schools established inside Zaatari camp.
- All teachers, case managers, and community mobilizers in the program are Syrians to promote understanding and foster trust between staff and children.



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