Jordan

The issuance of birth certificates, supported by UNHCR, is crucial to enable refugee children to access basic services. ©UNHCR/Shawkat Al Harfoush

Key Refugee Figures

(as of 30 June 2026)

Approximately
393,000
Refugees registered with UNHCR

80%
Refugees in communities

20%
Refugees in camps

50%
Refugee children

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

In April, **the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation of Jordan initiated the planning phase of its 2026–2028 Strategic Framework for the Refugee Response.** With UNHCR's close engagement in the process, the framework aims to deliver an integrated and results-oriented approach in a context of constrained funding, while addressing refugee returns as a key strategic priority.

In June, **UNHCR released findings from the 2026 Socio-Economic Survey on Refugees in Jordan**, conducted in collaboration with the World Bank and WFP. The survey, carried out every two years, covered a representative sample of 4,905 refugee households across camps and host communities, representing 24,752 registered refugees. Findings indicate persistently high levels of economic vulnerability, with an estimated 66 per cent of refugees living below the poverty line of 89 JOD per person per month.

SOLUTIONS

- From 8 December 2024 until 30 June 2026, more than **203,500 UNHCR registered refugees returned to Syria**. The number of returns increased towards the end of May (approximately 5,000 returns) and continued to rise in June (nearly 6,900 returns). More information about the number and profile of refugees returning from Jordan to Syria is available in UNHCR Jordan's returns dashboard.
- In addition to **the cash assistance programme** (USD 100 per member of eligible families) **and transportation support for voluntary return**, in April, UNHCR launched a cash top-up for vulnerable families returning to Syria. Families meeting specific vulnerability criteria are eligible for a USD 300 top-up per family. In June UNHCR recorded an increase in the number of refugees requesting transportation support, primarily driven by the end of the academic year.
- In April-June, 376 refugees departed Jordan for **resettlement in other countries.**

PROTECTION

- Between April and June, UNHCR interviewed an average of 23,000 refugees per month through in-person and remote modalities to ensure that they have **proper and updated documents** and can access basic services and support, such as education and healthcare. UNHCR's registration and documentation are essential for UNHCR's own programming and operational planning, as well as for informing the planning and delivery of humanitarian assistance by other actors in the refugee response.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and its partners **counselled** more than 350 refugees each month who faced risks to their safety and well-being. In addition, per month, UNHCR provided urgent cash assistance to an average of 170 families who were unable to meet their basic needs and were experiencing heightened vulnerabilities, such as disability and older age.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- During the second quarter of 2026, UNHCR provided **basic needs cash assistance** to nearly 10,000 families in host communities.
- UNHCR continued to support clinics in Azraq and Zaatari camps ensuring management of acute and chronic conditions, maternal and newborn care, the operation of emergency rooms, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). In addition, in April-June, UNHCR referred an average of 800 refugees per month, from the camps **to receive vital health care treatment**, at affiliated public healthcare facilities outside of the camps.
- In May, UNHCR launched the **Energy Dispensers Project in Zaatari Camp**, originally implemented in Azraq Camp, a system which allows households to monitor their energy consumption and enables up to 24 hours of electricity supply at the shelter level. The project will cover about 6,500 families in Zaatari.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Following the **launch of the caravan sale initiative in Zaatari Camp** in the first quarter, aimed at enabling refugees planning on returning voluntarily to Syria, to monetize their shelter through sale to companies, nearly 500 caravans have been sold by approximately 250 families.

Financial Information

Total allocated funding for the operation in 2026, including indicative allocations, amount to some $65 million. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors, including especially those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and softly earmarked funds.

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