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## General Situation and Response 17

*This update provides a snapshot of the UNHCR response to the influx of Syrians into Iraq. The response is led by UNHCR, and is undertaken in full coordination with the Government of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, UN agencies as well as international and national NGOs.*

### I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

An estimated 50 families and around 300 singles entered the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR) and approached DDM and UNHCR for registration during the reporting period. An increase in the number of Syrian new arrivals continues to be observed with a total of 794 new arrivals registered during the week.

- The JAM exercise was finalised with assessments in Suleimaniya on the 10<sup>th</sup> July and the process of analysing the results have started.

- The Residency Directorate in Duhok has granted residency permits valid for six months to a total of 2400 individuals, including 390 families comprising of 1,750 individuals and 650 singles. On instruction of the Ministry of Interior, Syrian new arrivals continue to relocate from Erbil and Suleimaniya to Duhok Governorates in order to acquire residency permit.
- HOSO held a meeting with the Minister of Interior on 05 July for the identification of the contingency site in Duhok for the reception of the continuous and increasing influx of Syrians, as well to accommodate the singles and families who are currently residing in the community, but as per the instructions of the MOI will have to move in Domiz .
- Following that a meeting was held with the Governor of Duhok together with the UN agencies, UNICEF, WFP, UN HABITAT, IOM, WHO to brief on the response activities as well for the identification of the contingency site. The Governor agreed to the allocation of new site , adjacent to the existing Domiz camp. Identification of land and site plan is being prepared by the senior technical coordinator together with the local authorities.



## II. Situation Overview

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As per information from the KRG, the on-going unrest in Syria has so far resulted in more than 8,000 Syrian nationals having crossed into Iraq since February 2012. The total number of Syrians registered with UNHCR and DDM in the KR has reached 7,490. The arrival trend suggests that with sustained unrest in Syria, combined with an open door policy of KRG, UNHCR will continue to register on average 1,600 Syrians per month.

The camp population in Domiz has reached 2,540 individuals, among them 350 families, comprising 2,040 persons living in the family section of the camp, and a number of 500 singles who have relocated to small tents in a temporary site pending the construction of additional tent foundations, latrines, bathrooms and cooking areas. In addition, 100 singles continue to live nearby the camp in a mosque and hosted by the community. During the week, 27 fami-

lies have relocated to Domiz camp. The relocation of the families is the result of the expansion of the camp and the increase of assistance provided.

Following training conducted by UNHCR, DDM continues to conduct screening interviews for the single deserters. So far, out of 600 singles that have been interviewed by DDM, 155 were found to be army deserters. All of the deserters were found to have genuinely renounced military activities and considered by DDM as civilians in need of international protection.



## OVERALL GOAL: Emergency Protection Including Assistance -STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### 1. Fair protection process and documentation

#### 1.1. Administrative institutions and practice: overall practice:

The Residency Directorate in Duhok continues to grant 6 months temporary residence to Syrians living in Domiz camp. So far, 2,400 individuals, including 390 families comprising 1,750 individuals and 650 singles have been provided with residence permits valid until the end of the year. The permit grants its bearer free access to public services. UNHCR conducts awareness campaigns to inform the Syrians new arrivals on the procedures required to acquire residence permits and the residency directorate has observed flexibility to grant the permit.

UNHCR continues to conduct protection monitoring in the camp, raising awareness and conducting group discussions. The major concern among the camp population remains the work exploitation of Syrian workers. UNHCR and DDM continue their joint effort to develop a response to this situation.

DDM continues the screening of single deserters who fled the regular army in Syria and sought protection in the KR. Among the 600 singles, who have been screened 155 were found to be army deserters who have genuinely renounced military activities and are unwilling to take part in hostilities.

UNHCR continues the second phase of registration

on proGres. During the week, the newly recruited registration clerks in Sulaymaniya and Erbil have been provided with training, and registration has taken place in both Duhok (Domiz) and Erbil.

UNHCR Dohuk coordinated with the border forces in Chabana area, Sehela sub district regarding two cases of Syrian Arabs who initially were notified with a return order. Following the intervention from UNHCR, the two Syrians were able to proceed and settle in Domiz camp.

UNHCR Dohuk provided counselling to several cases of 5 cases of singles and two families of new Syrian arrivals in Domiz about the procedures and requirements for reunification with their family members abroad.

The Syrian arrivals reported that around 20-25 singles have returned to Syria over the last weeks. The reported reasons for return include lack of work opportunities and source of income, concerns over their family members (in particular wife and children) in Syria who are unable to cross the border illegally; and some were disappointed when their expectations on immediate resettlement to a third country were not met. It was also reported that there is no contact between the Syrians in Domiz camp and their families and friends in Syria.





## 1.2 Quality of Registration and Profiling

As at 17<sup>th</sup> of July, UNHCR in Erbil, and DDM in Duhok and Suleimaniya have registered an accumulative total of 7490 Syrians of Kurdish origin. Among these are 723 families, comprising 2,929 individuals, and 4,561 singles. No new arrivals in Erbil and Suleimaniya were registered during the week. For Erbil the number of registered continues to be 66 families, comprising of 253 individuals, and 645 singles, while in Suleimaniya the 21 families, comprising of 67 individuals, and 313 singles are registered. In Duhok

Governorate, 157 families consisting of 613 individuals and 775 singles of new arrivals were registered during the reporting period, placing the total number of registered in Duhok at 636 families, comprising 2,609 individuals, and 3,603 singles. The number of Syrians awaiting registration in Duhok is 550 individuals.

UNHCR also continues the second phase of registration on progress. In Domiz camp 334 families consisting of 1404 individuals, and 166 singles have

been registered in proGres and been provided with UNHCR Asylum Seeker Certificates valid for 6 months. In Erbil, 85 cases, consisting of 117 individuals Syrians have so far been registered in proGres.

Duhok remains host to the largest number of Syrian new arrivals, with 6,212 individuals, followed by Erbil with 898 individuals and then Suleimaniya with 380 individuals as indicated below.

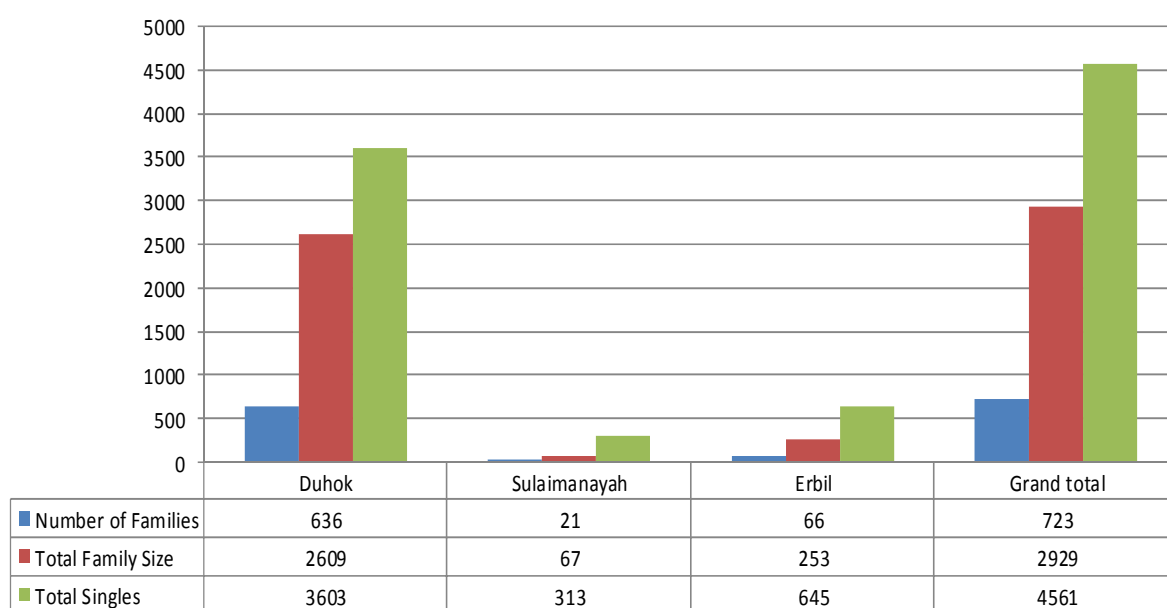
*Below is a table showing the registration trends per month from the period of 31 March up to the 17th of July 2012, and shows the steadily increasing numbers approaching UNHCR to register. It is to note that the below table does not reflect or take into consideration the number of asylum seekers who fled Syria prior to the violence.*

Reporting period	Families	Individuals in families	Singles + UAMs	Total Registered	Pending registration	Total arrivals
As at 31st March	21 families	79	281 including 15 UAMs	360	400 individuals	760
As at 8th April	147 Families	604	636 singles including 15 UAMs	1,240	1,000 individuals	2,240
As at 15th April	198 Families	803	973 Singles including 15 UAMs	1,776	600 individuals	2,376
As at 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	240 Families	979	1,350 Singles including 27 UAMs	2,329	800 individuals	3,129
As at 29th April	312 Families	1,269	1,701 Singles including 27 UAMs	2,970	300 individuals	3,270
As at 06th May	330 Families	1,341	1,830 Singles including 27 UAMs	3,171	315 individuals	3,486
As at 13th May	389 Families	1,563	2,110 Singles including 27 UAMs	3,673	270 individuals	3,943
As at the 20 <sup>th</sup> May	427 Families	1,711	2,327 Singles including 30 UAMs	4,038	243 individuals	4,281
As at 30th May	468 Families	1,872	2,541 Singles including 30 UAMs and SCs.	4,413	425 individuals	4,838
As at 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	479 Families	1,912	2,637 Singles including 30 UAMs and SCs.	4,549	450 individuals	4,999
As at 10 <sup>th</sup> June	501 Families	2,044	2,897 Singles including 30 UAMs and SCs.	4,941	465 individuals	5,406
As at 17 <sup>th</sup> June	528 Families	2,141	3,117 Singles including 30 UAMs and SCs.	5,258	460 individuals	5,718
As at 24th June	562 Families	2,278	3,561 Singles including 31 UAMs and SCs.	5,839	347 individuals	6,186
As at the 1 <sup>st</sup> of July	584 Families	2,374	3,789 Singles including 31 UAMs and SCs.	6,163	320 individuals	6,483
As at the 5th of July	632 Families	2,561	3,886 Singles including 31 UAMs and SCs.	6,547	1,453 individuals	8,000
As at the 17 of July	723 Families	2,929	4,561 Singles including 31 UAMs and SCs.	7,490	550 individuals	8,040



In terms of demographics, out of the 7,490 registered individuals, 29,38% are females and 70, 61% are males. Of the total population, 59,35% are single males, with the remaining made up mostly of head of families. With regards to the reason of flight, 48% have fled following participation in demonstrations, hence being wanted by the Syrian authorities, 31% are draft evaders, who have fled owing to fear of participation in the ongoing violence, while 13% had deserted the regular Syrian army.

*The chart below illustrates the number of arrivals to the different Governorates in the KR (Erbil- Suleimaniya and Duhok). The KR's borders remain open to Syrian nationals fleeing unrest in Syria.*



## 2-Basic needs and essential services (Duhok)

### 2.1 Shelter and Infrastructure

As at the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, 350 families comprising 2,040 persons are residing in Domiz camp in the family's section, and 500 singles are residing in the singles` section. In addition, 100 singles continue to reside in the mosque and the host community nearby the camp. A total of 410 tents have been erected in the family section and 120 in the singles section. Some 27 families living in several districts in Duhok governorate have relocated to the camp during the week. Singles who were occupying big tents have been relocated to small LW tents in the single site. The below work was taking place in the various sectors of the camp during the week:

## Sector 1: Individual sanitation units with sewerage for family plots:

The number of family plots is 211. The sector was divided between two contractors (Dosko and Zudam companies). The contractors have started working in building the individual sanitation units and closed sewerage for 211 families.

The work progress is as shown below:

Detail	Planned number	Performed	Estimated work progress %
Sanitation foundation	211	92	44%
Sanitation walls and roof	211	72	34%
Septic tanks	46	46	100%
Sewerage lines	3063 m	1715	56%

The work in this activity is very slow and the main reason is the nature of the work inside the residential part of the camp.

## Sector 2: Family plots:

4 contractors are working on construction of tents foundations, walls, cooking areas and sanitation units for 214 plots (Zab company 70 plots plus Nipple, Dolub and Qalaat Ninewa companies- 48 plots for each).

Detail	Planned number	Performed	Estimated work progress %
Tents foundation	286	286	100%
Tents walls	286	286	100%
kitchen foundation	214	214	100%
Kitchen walls and roof	214	184	86%
Sanitation foundation	214	201	94%
Sanitation walls	214	158	74%
Septic tanks excavation	54	54	100%
Pits excavations	54	54	100%

## Singles sector:

A contractor (Salar Company) has started working with establishing 100 tents, cooking areas and sanitation units for singles. The work includes fixing a fence around singles tents.

Detail	Planned number	Performed	Estimated work progress %
Tents foundation	44	44	100%
Tents walls	44	44	100%
kitchen foundation	100	100	100%
Kitchen walls	100	100	100%
Sanitation foundation	100	100	100%
Sanitation walls	100	100	100%
Septic tanks	17	17	100%
Pits with boulder	11	11	100%
Fence around singles tents	750 m. Length	750 m. length of poles and pole base cast	97%

## 2.2 Health Status and psycho-social support

The medical unit established in the camp by DoH continues to provide daily health services to an average 50-60 cases per day. MSF has also recruited a doctor who is working three days a week; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and a cleaner for the Health Unit in the camp. According to DoH statistics covering the period of 15 April to 02 July 2012, the main reported diseases among the camp population are as follows: upper respiratory tract infection (348 cases), Tonsillitis (229 cases), Gingivitis (172 cases), Diarrhoea (176 cases), joint pain (131 cases). DoH provides the required medicines covering most of the cases. A total of 2,400 persons of concern have been tested for Hepatitis B and HIV (30 positive cases of Hep-B were detected, no HIV cases). DoH is following up to ensure the required treatment for these individuals.

MSF's request to ensure transportation of individuals in Domiz camp suffering from chronic diseases to health facilities in Dohuk town has been raised by UNHCR with the DDM Director. The latter has agreed to cover transportation cost for this purpose for the duration of two months.

The Mental Health Centre (MHC) in Duhok has started its program to conduct regular visits to Domiz camp for provision of counselling and assistance to individuals with psychological problems. Qualified, specialised staff from MHC will conduct visits to Domiz four days per week. MHC is coordinating with both ACTED who is responsible for the Child Friendly Space in the camp and the UNHCR Community Service team for identification and referral of cases who require their intervention.

## 2.3 Supply of potable water

The Water Department of Fayda continues provision of clean water by tankers to residents of the camp in a rate of 200,000 liters per day. DoH continues providing chlorine tabs to families and singles once every three days.

UNHCR through Qandil started implementation of a water project on 02 July for sectors 1 and 2 through Kurds (LNGO). The work includes laying of more than 7000 polyethylene pipes, construction of 5 elevated storage tank (23 m3 each) and drilling one deep well. The water project is in good progress, - the completed work includes some 2500 Meters Length (ML) of excavation works, 2300 ML connection of pipes of different sizes diameters, covered with soil, 870 ML of connected water network, fixing 240 water joints by connecting one meter length pipe of 1/2 inch in diameter in front of 240 tents, connecting 2 water valves to pipes of 125 mm in diameters, cast foundation of concrete tank base after reinforcing with steel bars and digging 100 meters depth for deep well in sector 2.

## 2.4 Nutrition

DDM continues the provision of three hot meals a day to the single males, and dry food rations to the families who have kitchen facilities. DDM will continue the distribution of food rations until WFP is able to take over by the end of July. The results of the nutrition survey are yet to be issued, however, WFP's preliminary report following the JAM records no sign of malnutrition.

## 2.5 Sanitation and Hygiene

Fayda Municipality is conducting irregular garbage collection in Domiz camp. Concerns over the lack of garbage cleaning in the camp are growing. DDM is planning to contract a local company for removing garbage in the camp.

Havkar local NGO distributed baby diapers for 320 babies in Domiz camp during the week.

## 2.6 Services for persons with specific needs

UNHCR continues its daily field visits to the Syrian families and singles in order to assess the needs and identify possible gaps. Lack of job opportunities remains the major concern. DDM and UNHCR are discussing the suggestion of creating an office in the camp for coordinating the recruitment of the Syrian new arrival with relevant employers.

The Directorate of Violence Against Women (DVAW) in Semel district has conducted an awareness session for 40 residents of Domiz camp. The session covered topics related to KRG roles and regulations regarding the issue of domestic violence.



## 2.7 Education

A meeting [of](#) the Education Sub Working Group was held on 08 July 2012 in Dohuk Directorate of Education with participation of DoE, UNHCR and IOM. The final preparations for opening summer school classes for the children in Domiz were finalized by DoE and other actors. On 11 July Domiz Summer School was officially opened. The Mayor of Semel, the Director General of Education in Dohuk, the Sub-Mayor of Fayda, the DDM Director, NGOs, UNHCR and IPs attended the Ceremony.

DoE [will](#) provide the local text books in Arabic language for the students, as well as desks and white board for all the classes. It was decided that the teaching language of the local curriculum would be in Arabic [as](#) per Syrian new arrival request following separate focus groups discussions with children, women, men and teachers in Domiz. The teachers for the summer school are recruited from the camp population; and UNHCR has committed to cover the incentives of 11 teachers and 4 support staff for the duration of the summer school. IOM provided the school with 15 desk top computers, 6 Split AC devices and UNHCR through Qandil did installation.

Initially the school is hosting 123 students of grade 1 to 9. They have all received text books and school bags. According to the administration of the school, another 94 students have been registered and will soon join the school. Due to the increasing number of children in the camp, there is identified [a](#) need for two additional caravans to be used as class rooms and two extra teachers. Moreover, the three class rooms of the old Qamishlo school in the camp need to be furnished and provided with a cooler system. Another meeting [of](#) the Education Sub-Working group to discuss these issues [is](#) planned to take place in Domiz in the coming week.

## 2.8 NFIs assistance

UNHCR distributed 63 packages of NFIs to 63 families of 111 individuals; and 86 tents for 73 families, 13 of the families received 2 tents while 10 families received only [one tent](#). 44 singles received 11 tents during their relocation to the single site.

Arrangement of DDM warehouse continued during the week, UNHCR staff moved 85 pallets to the Rub-hall in Domiz camp, and stored 200 canvass tents in the communal kitchen in Domiz.

UNHCR through Qandil distributed 6 garbage containers and 18 brooms to Domiz School that opened officially on 11 July.

DDM distributed 200 refrigerators and 200 air coolers to 200 families living outside and inside the camp in Duhok governorate.

## 3. Security

The Asaayish security is available in the camp. It has, however, been reported that the presence of only three personnel /civilians is currently not enough to control the security of entire camp. Assayish has informed that the security department is planning to send patrols and police to the camp. This is seen as necessary as cases of robbery were reported in the camp. UNHCR Dohuk requested DDM to raise the issue with the Security Department and requested an additional caravan for the increased number of security personnel, guard box for the checkpoint at the entrance of the camp and two moveable barriers, one for the admin entrance and one at the main gate entrance.



## 4. Coordination and Partnership

The result of the election for the Camp Committee was announced during the week, and the Camp Committee consisting of 2 representatives from the singles, 2 females and 2 males was officially established. UNHCR and DDM conducted a meeting with the elected members to agree on coordination and clarify roles. In addition, the following meetings and missions took place during the week:

- On 08 of July 2012 an Education Sub Working Group meeting was held in Directorate of Education in Dohuk, all pending issues that hindered the startup of Summer School (two months duration course) for some 136 children of primary and secondary stages in Domiz camp were reviewed, and all the arrangements were finalized for the opening of the school on 11 July 2012.
- On 08 July 2012, UNHCR Dohuk met with the DDM Director and reviewed the requirement for enhancing DDM camp administration in Domiz. A list of required items in term of staffing, equipment, furniture, additional vehicle and additional caravan in Domiz has been shared with UNHCR SO Erbil for advice and endorsement.
- On 09 July 2012, UNHCR Dohuk jointly with DDM organized a meeting with Directorate of Electricity in Dohuk to get an update on the situation of electricity extension in Domiz camp.
- On 10 July 2012, UNHCR Assistant Representative for Operation visited Dohuk and Domiz camp for monitoring the development of the infrastructure and shelter projects in Domiz camp.
- On 11 July Domiz School was officially opened with the Mayor of Semel, the Director General of Education in Dohuk, the Sub-Mayor of Fayda and the DDM Director, NGOs, UNHCR and IPs attending the Ceremony.
- On 12 July 2012, an interagency mission comprised of WFP, WHO, UNICEF, Habitat, IOM and UNHCR paid a visit to Dohuk and met with Governor of Dohuk. The agencies briefed the Governor about their interventions in Domiz camp. The request for identification of a new site for 5000 individuals, preferably close to the current site, and the need to enhance security of Domiz camp by increasing security staff and having permanent police outside the camp for security control, were key issues raised during the meeting. The interagency mission then paid a visit to Domiz camp where the UNHCR team briefed them on camp activities under development and paid a visit to the newly opened Domiz School.

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