



*This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations inter-agency response to the influx of Syrians into Jordan. The response is led by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and is undertaken in full coordination with the Government of Jordan.*

### I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- Syrians continue to arrive in Jordan and the number of registered Syrians with UNHCR since March 1st up to 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2012 is 2,749. Since last week, 79 cases were registered with the Refugee Agency, representing 202 Syrian individuals.
- An informal briefing was held for the diplomatic community in Jordan regarding Syrians in Jordan during the reporting period. The event was convened in response to the significant interest in the situation, and held in coordination with the UN resident Coordinator and UNICEF at UNHCR Amman on behalf of the UN Task Force.
- His Majesty, King Abdullah is currently on an official state visit the US and has met with President Obama, Vice President Biden, along with Congressional leaders. In an interview with CNN, King Abdullah shared his views on the Syrian situation, "I don't see Syria going through many changes. I think what you're seeing in Syria today, you will continue to see for a while longer."
- This week, a UNHCR Senior Physical Planner is on mission in Jordan. While UNHCR is not looking to establish a camp, unless as a last resort, all possibilities are currently being explored in coordination with the GOJ.

### II. Situation Overview

During the reporting period, UNHCR continued to conduct field missions to villages and urban centres, predominantly in the north of Jordan in an effort to identify pockets of Syrians and conduct a rapid data collection exercise. Mafrqa, a governorate which borders Syria to the North was the focus of sustained missions by teams made up of protection, field and community services staff.

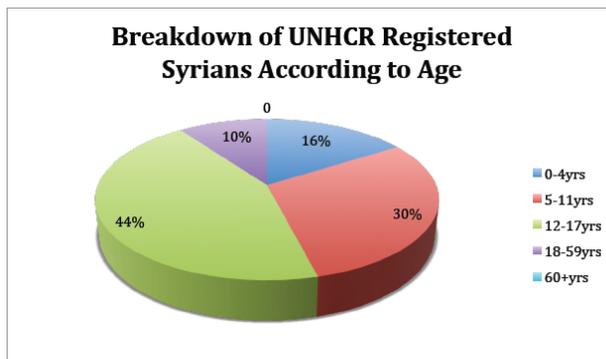
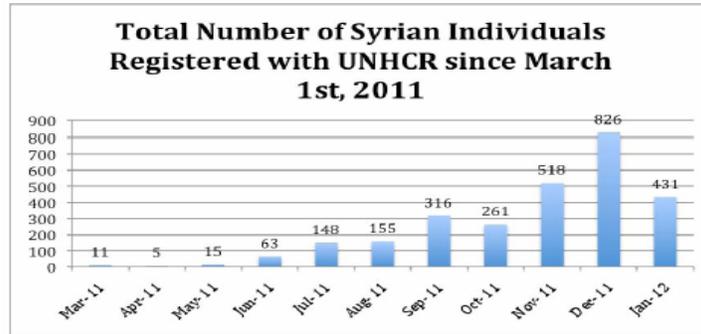
A large-scale Non-Food Items (NFI) distribution effort is underway in conjunction with UNHCR implementing partner; JHAS. Items such as stoves, blankets, and mattresses are being distributed to vulnerable Syrians identified in Ramtha and Mafrqa areas.



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As insecurity in Syria prevails, Syrians continue to cross the border both legally and illegally into Jordan. The total number of Syrians registered with UNHCR Jordan since March 2011 is **2,749**. This figure does not include the Syrians that have been in Jordan for years and registered with UNHCR earlier. Below is a table showing the registration trends per month from the period of March 2011 up

to 19 January 2012, and shows the steadily increasing numbers approaching the Agency to register. Throughout Jordan, local NGOs are playing an important role in referring Syrians of concern to UNHCR for registration, in addition to outreach efforts carried out by UNHCR community services, field staff and protection staff.



In addition, a breakdown is provided according to age of Syrians registered with the Agency.

As of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, there are 383 children registered between the ages of 0-4, 735 children between the ages of 5-11 and 1073 between the ages of 12-17.

Access to health care and education remains a key concern for those arriving from Syria, and the Inter-Agency task force on Syrians in Jordan is continuing to work with the GOJ to provide such services. UNICEF, through the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, continue to provide remedial classes to Syrian children at the Ramtha Facility and are exploring the possibility of extending this to Syrians in Ma'an.

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