

Syria Crisis highlights Jordan

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Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: With UNICEF support, Za'atari camp has 90 functional WASH units, comprising of 450 fixed showers, 450 latrines, 450 hand-washing units and 204 laundry taps and sinks. An additional 87 mobile latrines are available for use by new camp arrivals, students of the UNICEF school, and persons with disabilities. As part of the winterisation strategy, UNICEF is preparing to install new winterised WASH units in the camp module two and will soon begin the ground work in module three.

In collaboration with UNFPA and UNHCR, UNICEF has carried out a blanket distribution of WASH and hygiene kits in Za'atari. In host communities, UNICEF/Mercy Corps continue to assist the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) and the Yarmouk Water Company in the rehabilitation of Mafraq and Ramtha water networks, to increase pipeline capacity and ensure a more efficient supply of water in both towns.

Child Protection: Last week, close to 2,700 children benefited from psychosocial activities in UNICEF-supported Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Za'atari camp- nearly half of them were girls. UNICEF partner Save the Children has reported an improvement in terms of decreased levels of violence in interaction between children in Child-Friendly Spaces, especially among older boys. Seven child protection committees are now operational in the camp. Four new youth spaces will be set up in the new camp modules and will be run by UNICEF partners IMC and Save the Children.

Education: Over 3,300 students (1,800 girls) in Za'atari camp are registered in the temporary learning spaces opened by UNICEF and the Ministry of Education (MoE). There was a peak in average daily school attendance last week, partly due to the distribution of textbooks and school bags. To date, over 2,700 boys and girls have received school bags and stationery while some 2,000 children have received textbooks. Additional textbooks are being delivered and will be distributed in coming days. In host communities, UNICEF, in close cooperation with SC Jordan, has distributed school bags to over 5,800 Syrian and Jordanian school children. Last week, over 70 Jordanian teachers (of which half are female) completed a six-day induction training on teaching methodology and class management. MoE in collaboration with UNICEF and SC Jordan have identified overcrowded schools to be double-shifted to accommodate further students. UNICEF and Save the Children International are carrying out small scale renovations in 50 public schools across Jordan.

Health: UNICEF continues to support immunisations for children for new arrivals in Za'atari through the measles, polio and Vitamin A supplementation campaign. The next phase of the campaign will be the vaccination of children in the host communities of Ramtha, Irbid and Mafraq, expected to begin on 18 November. UNICEF is procuring an additional 350,000 polio doses, 130,000 measles doses and 250,000 syringes to support the vaccination campaign. The Ministry of Health (MoH) has restarted weekly routine immunization in Za'atari camp.

Nutrition: UNICEF along with other UN agencies and the Jordanian government are continuing a nutrition assessment for Syrian children under 5 across Jordan. Data collection in host communities was completed on 24 October. Data collection in Za'atari will begin on 4 November and last until 8 November. UNICEF in cooperation with Save the Children Jordan is developing a new partnership to support the implementation of an infant and young child feeding programme in Za'atari, to start in the first week of November.

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