# Weekly Report Public Health and Nutrition Za'atri Camp HIS Week 50

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#### 1. Population data

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Number registered in Za'atri as or 20th December	42,218*
Number of new arrivals registered between 13th and 20th December	5,687

This figure is not adequately adjusted for those who have already left the camps since the October verification exercise and who have not handed in their ration card to UNHCR.

#### 2. General

- A two year old girl died in hospital after a being burnt during a fire in the family tent in Za'atri camp (will be reported in week 51 HIS). The fire was believed to be caused by an electric heater. Fire safety measures are being disseminated by NRC.
- Following the announcement of an increased presence of Ministry of Health in Za'atri camp the details of the arrangement are being finalised at MoH Amman level. It is believed the MoH staff will focus more on management and coordination rather than provision of clinical services.
- UNHCR Health met with Karak Italian Hospital (approximately 180 kilometres south of Amman) who report receiving many more Syrian refugee patients since October, most of whom are women and children including deliveries and pneumonia. This has strained available resources of this not-for-profit facility. Solutions will be sought by UNHCR through Caritas, Jordan.

### 3. New arrivals

- The number of new arrivals has more than doubled during the last week with 5687 persons arriving between December 13<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> (day shift). Most of the new arrivals are form Da'raa, Damscus and Homs
- From 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December the IOM medical team provided health screening for Syrian refugees upon arrival to Za'atri camp for 4,984 individuals; IOM provided 26 individuals with medical conditions requiring immediate referral or treatment at the camp's health clinics as part of the transportation assistance services. Since July 29, IOM referred 802 medical cases for treatment in the camp health clinics (JHAS, French hospital, Moroccan Military field hospital, Jordanian-Italian field hospital) or outside hospitals.

#### 4. Immunization

- UNICEF continues to provide vaccines to new arrivals in Za'atari camp through the measles, polio and Vitamin A supplementation campaign. To date, 9,429 children between the ages of six months and 15 years have received vaccinations in the camp, under the campaign launched in September. Staff from the French hospital in Za'atari have started regularly disseminating messages on the importance of vaccinations. On 16 December, UNICEF and vaccination stakeholders met with JHCO to discuss how to optimize vaccination messaging within the camp.
- The vaccination of children in host communities (Ramtha, Irbid and Mafraq) began on 27 November and was concluded on 6 December. Over 124,386

children are estimated to have been vaccinated against measles under the campaign (final numbers pending).

#### 5. Clinical services

- 19 health care providers in Za'atri trained in diarrhoea case management including 3 paediatrician, 5 GPs, and 11 nurses. The staff received flow charts with the ABC plans for treatment according to degree of dehydration.
- 5 JHAS clinic and managerial staff were coached by UNHCR health staff on health care management, logistics, and clinical protocols systems and procedures. That included s triage, internal referral, quality prescriptions and case definition harmonization. As part of the mentoring methodology 7 cases were followed up jointly with the core team in order to identify bottlenecks and resolve them.
- There were 40 inpatient admissions during week 50. The majority of these are for paediatric, internal medicine and obstetric cases but notably 6 were due to shrapnel injury and six due to gunshot injury.
- 6. HIS and surveillance and diseases of outbreak potential
- No outbreak alerts
- Number of cases of acute jaundice syndrome decreasing
- Number of watery diarrhoea cases remains stable

## 7. Reproductive health

• UNFPA trained fifteen providers (doctors, midwives and psychosocial support staff) in Za'atri on Clinical Management of Sexual Violence on the 20th of December. For the time being sexual violence cases will be managed by JHAS only until other providers are also trained. The necessary medications are available at the JHAS clinic. The training emphasised referral for psychosocial support and protection services. The initial training was in Arabic. Two subsequent trainings will be conducted in French and English.

# 8. Tuberculosis:

• IOM continues its TB screening and management of new arrivals funded by UNHCR. From 12 Dec till the 18 Dec 5,487 refugees were screened (2,658 males and 2,829) females making the total from 28th March to date 50,737 persons screened; 41% were under 15 years of age. Total detected TB cases is 17 (14 pulmonary -including 3 multi-drug resistant cases- and 3 extrapulmonary). A new MDR-TB case was diagnosed recently and is being managed and Annor Sanatorium.

#### 9. Nutrition

• UNICEF and WFP have completed the analysis of data collected during the UNICEF-led nutrition assessment for Syrian children under 5 across Jordan. Data collection was completed on 24 October in host communities and on 13 November in Za'atari. The final assessment report, compiled by UNICEF, WFP and MoH, will be disseminated by the end of December. Based on the results of the nutrition assessment, UNICEF is finalizing a Project Cooperation Agreement with Save the Children Jordan, to support the

- implementation of an infant and young child feeding programme in camps and host communities, which is expected to start in January 2013.
- IMC with funding from UNHCR conducted a five day training on Nutrition in Emergencies for 22 people from Ministry of Health, health NGOs, WFP, UNICEF and UNHCR. The emphasis was on infant and young child feeding in the context of the Syrian crisis including appropriate use of breast milk substitutes; maternal anaemia; chronic diseases and nutrition and monitoring of nutrition interventions.
- WHO has been assisting with identification of products locally for the management of moderate and severe malnutrition. There are no ready-to-use therapeutic products for the management of these conditions approved for use in Jordan. WHO has been discussing with the Jordan Food and Drug Authority the requirements for approval of Plumpynut®, PlumpySup® or their equivalents.

#### 10. Mental health

• The Mental Health Working group in Za'atri camp is working on a number of measures to improve quality of care in mental health. These include weekly case conferences amongst mental health providers; a database of mental health clients to assist in follow up and reduce duplication; and orientation of different service providers on mental health referral systems.