

SYRIA REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey

27 July 2012



This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations and partners' response to the influx of Syrian refugees into Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. The response is led by the UN Refugee Agency and is undertaken in full coordination with host Governments, UN agencies, and NGO partners. This report covers the period from 20 to 27 July 2012. The next update will be issued on 3 August 2012.



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GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Syrian refugee population in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Turkey has currently reached **127,337**. This shows an increase of about 7,719 Syrian refugees during the last seven days.
- On July 26, a regional contingency planning meeting took place at the invitation of UNHCR with the participation of UN, NGO humanitarian partners with the objective of reviewing the emergency response capacity and plans for Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Turkey.

REFUGEE NUMBERS

Number of Syrian Refugees	JORDAN	LEBANON	IRAQ	TURKEY	TOTALS
Registered and Assisted	36,824	31,596	8,445	43,564	120,429
Assisted (awaiting registration)	2,059	2,500	2,349	-	6,908
TOTALS	*38,883	34,096	10,794	43,564	127,337

-Figures are based on estimates and thus may vary.

*-Some 50,000 have been identified by local organizations as in need of assistance, some of whom have been registered by UNHCR. According to the Government of Jordan, there are **more than 150,000** Syrians in Jordan (*).*

JORDAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of Syrian refugees has reached **38,883** with an observed increase of 2,794 refugees since last week.
- Preparation work is ongoing in the newly established Za`atri camp, which is expected to accommodate a total of 113,000 individual refugees. The camp is located some 12km east of Mafraq border point.

Protection / Numbers

- Registration:
 - A total number of 36,824 Syrian refugees are being both registered and assisted. Another 2,059 are being assisted, but yet to be registered.
 - In Amman, (45%) of those registered are from Dara`a, (30%) from Homs, (9%) from Damascus, and (5%) from Hama. There is an observed increase in the number of Syrian refugees arriving from Dara`a and Damascus compared to last week.
 - In Ramtha, the vast majority of those registered are from Dara`a (71%), followed by Homs (23%), and Damascus (3%). There is an observed increase in the number of female-headed households registering in Ramtha.
- New Camp Site: The newly established Za`atri camp is expected to accommodate a total of 113,000 refugees. As of today, the camp is ready to receive some 15,000 refugees, while efforts are underway by UNHCR and the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) to ensure that the camp has the capacity to receive some 25,000 in the coming days. UNICEF and THW are managing the emergency WASH component of the Za`atri site. There are 50 toilets and 50 showers now installed on site. WFP will provide hot meals in the Za`atri camp in the initial period, and provide dry food rations once communal kitchens are established in the camp.



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Assistance / Outreach

- Ramadan Preparations: UNHCR has started Ramadan Iftar tents at four locations in (Mafraq, Ramtha, Zarqa, and Amman) in coordination with the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO), and All Jordanian Youth Commission (AJYC).

- Financial Assistance: Monthly cash assistance to vulnerable Syrian refugees has now extended to 852 families (about 3,500 people).
- Host Communities Support: UNHCR continues to support the refugee hosting communities through quick impact projects (QIPs).

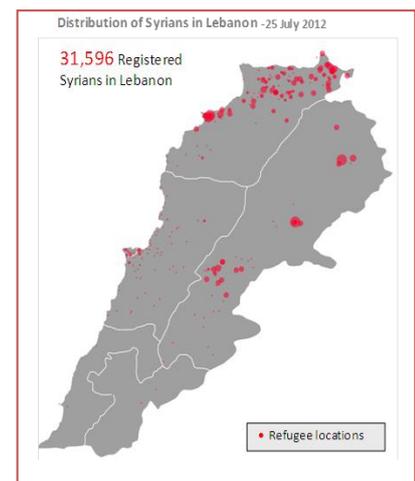
LEBANON

HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of Syrian refugees has reached 34,096 with an observed increase of some 1,610 refugees since last week.
- On the 18th and 19th of July, an estimated 18,000 Syrians crossed through the Masna`a border point into Lebanon, with the majority arriving from Damascus. Since then, no major influx was recorded across the border. Yet, the number of people entering Lebanon remains higher than the number of those returning to Syria.

Protection / Numbers

- Registration:
 - A total number of 31,596 Syrian refugees are being both registered and assisted. Another 2,500 are being assisted awaiting registration.
 - UNHCR registration centers have not witnessed any significant increase in the number of people asking to be registered following the influx of last week. Most of those interviewed on their way into Lebanon proceeded to rented apartments or hotels in Beirut or Mount Lebanon. Some said they are hoping to find work in Tripoli or South Lebanon.



Assistance / Outreach

- UNHCR continues to work with the Lebanese authorities and partners to finalize a contingency plan in the event that larger numbers flee in the coming weeks and months.
- Shelter: Shelter contingency planning to accommodate the displaced Syrian community and a potential influx remains a top priority for UNHCR and partners. During July, shelter activities continued to take place.
- Health: On July 10, the HRC reported that it was unable to cover secondary health care and was running out of funds for the treatment of wounded people. UNHCR is now working with the Government to ensure that adequate funding is in place for needed interventions.

IRAQ

HIGHLIGHTS

- On July 24, the Iraqi authorities announced the reopening of the borders, allowing Syrian refugees to enter the country.
- The total number of Syrian refugees reached 10,794. This shows an increase of some 2,794 refugees since last week.
- According to the Iraqi authorities, a total number of 13,450 Iraqi refugees returned from Syria, following the recent escalation of violence in the country.

Protection / Numbers

- Registration:
 - The total number of Syrian refugees of Kurdish origin registered with UNHCR and the Iraqi Department of Displacement and Migration (DDM) in the Kurdish Regional Governorate has reached 8,445.
 - A total number of 2,349 Syrian refugees have entered Iraq through Al-Qa'im border point since July-23; those of which are awaiting registration.
- On July 27, a high-level government multi ministerial delegation is visiting Al-Qaim with the objective of ensuring a coordinated response to the influx of Syrian refugees. The delegation comprises the Finance Minister, Deputy Minister of Displacement and Migration, Deputy Minister of Health, and Anbar Governorate Security Council.

Assistance / Outreach

- Distribution: UNHCR has distributed non-food items (NFIs) to the newly arrived Syrian refugees at Al-Qa'im border point.



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TURKEY

HIGHLIGHTS

- According to official figures provided by the Government of Turkey, the total camp population has increased by 79% in the last two months. The current number of Syrian refugees has reached 43,564.
- The Turkish Authorities have announced the closure of their borders with Syria, however, they confirmed that this closure will not affect the access of Syrian refugees into the Turkish territory.

Protection / Numbers

- The Syrian population under temporary protection regime is hosted and assisted in 7 camps in the border provinces of Hatay (10,615), Gaziantep (7,343), Kilis (11,410), and Ceylanpinar (13,939).
- The Turkish Government has declared a temporary protection regime for Syrians, the core elements include: i) open border policy with admission to the territory for those seeking protection, ii) protection against forcible returns (non-refoulement) iii) access to basic registration arrangement, where immediate needs are addressed.
- New camp sites: Two new sites will be established in Gaziantep/Karkamis, and Sanliurfa/ Akcakale. According to government officials, this will increase the overall accommodation capacity in the upcoming months.

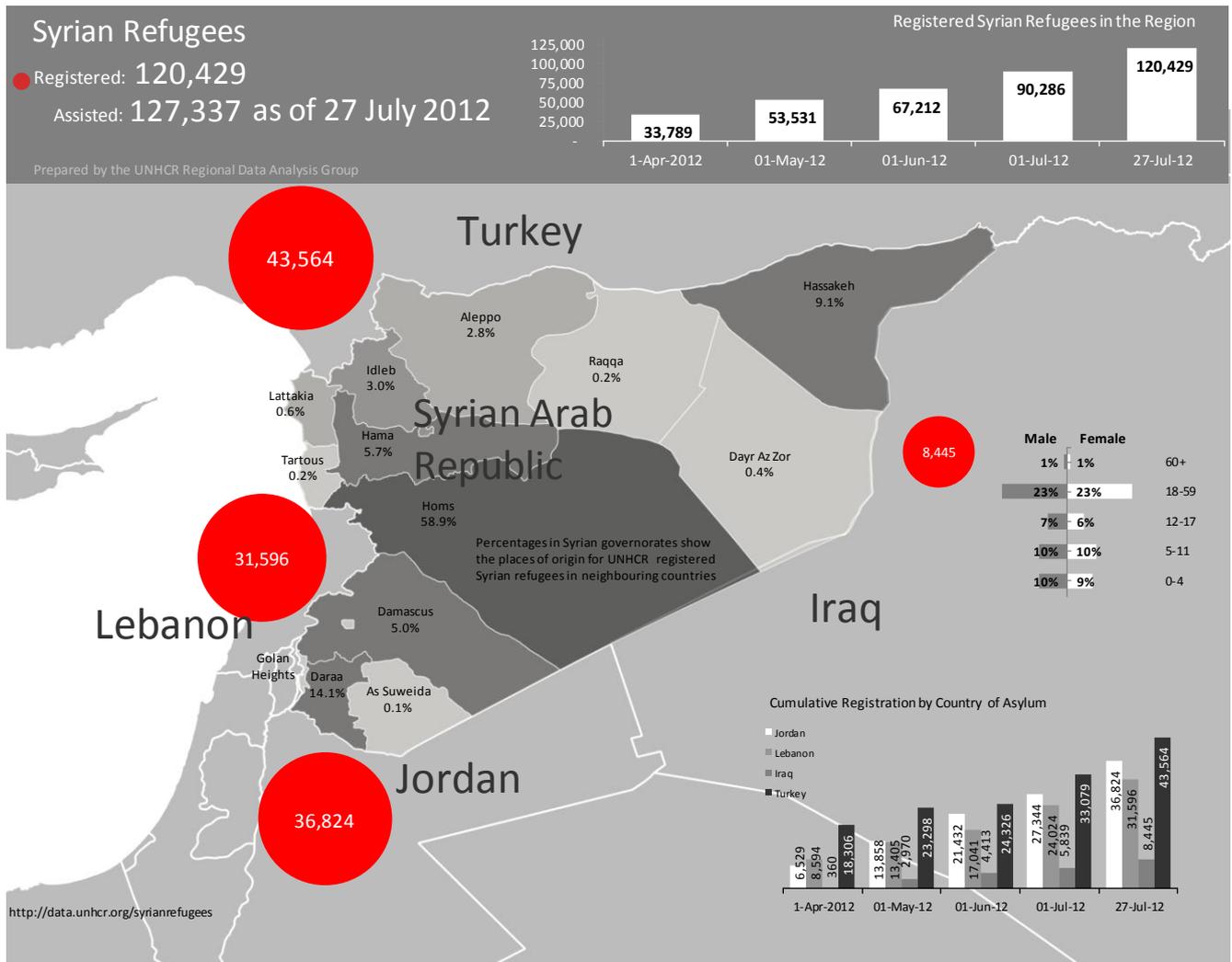
Assistance / Outreach

- Food/ Health:
 - The Turkish government continues to provide adequate food assistance and health services for Syrians registered in camps.
 - Last week, WFP delegation met with the authorities and visited the camps to assess the situation, and explore the possibility of expanding the regional card voucher programme to Syrian nationals under temporary protection in Turkey .
- Shelter: UNHCR continues to support the Government of Turkey with the provision of Core Relief Items for emergency shelter.

FUNDING UPDATES

- On 28 June the revised Regional Response Plan for Syrian refugees was launched by 7 UN agencies and 36 NGO partners, jointly appealing for USD 193 million to help Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Turkey. So far the appeal has been funded for USD 64.3 million or 33% of the total needs.

OVERVIEW MAP



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