

SYRIA REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey



17 August 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 11 to 17 August 2012. The next update will be issued on 24 August 2012.

GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Syrian refugee population in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey continues to grow. The total number of Syrian refugees registered or awaiting registration has reached **170,116**, showing an increase of more than 23,000 persons since last week.
- As the number of new arrivals grows, the registration of Syrian refugees in the surrounding countries is being scaled up. On 13 August, UNHCR opened a central registration facility in Tripoli, north Lebanon.



Syrian refugee children at the Za'atri camp in Jordan ©UNHCR/2012

REFUGEE NUMBERS

Number of Syrian Refugees	JORDAN**	LEBANON	IRAQ	TURKEY	TOTAL
Registered	42,934	37,240	13,856	61,450	155,480
Awaiting registration*	3,964	9,432	1,240	-	14,636
TOTAL	46,898	46,672	15,096	61,450	170,116

**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

- Syrian refugees continue to cross the borders into Jordan, with the majority coming from Dara'a. The total number of Syrian refugees registered or awaiting registration now stands at **46,898**.

Protection / Numbers

- Registration:
 - A total number of 42,934 Syrian refugees are now registered with UNHCR, while another 3,964 are awaiting registration.
 - There has been a surge in the number of people applying to register with UNHCR this week with an average of 300 requests per day, compared to an average of 200 a day in the previous week.
- Camp population: Some 6,835 Syrian refugees are now residing at the Za'atri camp, while the population in King Abdullah Park and Cyber City are relatively stable at 1,291 and 503 respectively.

Assistance / Outreach

- Food Assistance:
 - WFP is providing over 12,000 meals a day. In addition, it started distributing food vouchers targeting 22,888 refugees in local communities during the first month cycle.
 - Islamic Relief Worldwide will cover 10,580 beneficiaries in Irbid, Mafraq, and Jerash. Human Relief Foundation will cover 2,710 beneficiaries in Ajloun, Balqa, Madaba, Karak, Tafila, Ma'an, Aqaba, and Cyber City. Save the Children will cover 9,598 beneficiaries in Amman and Zarqa.
- Shelter: UNHCR is working with partners to improve the conditions of refugees at the Za'atri camp, including replacing tents with prefabs.
- Water and Sanitation: While UNICEF/THW provided 310,000 liters of water to the Za'atri camp, plans are underway for a well which will provide 60 to 80 cubic meters of water per hour. UNICEF/THW are also providing 91 mobile toilets, and have completed 100 permanent toilets in the camp. More sanitation facilities are being built in the camp.
- Cash Assistance: UNHCR's cash assistance program via Iris scanning will increase from 852 to 1,367 families by the end of this month.



At the Za'atri Camp in Jordan @ UNHCR/2012

LEBANON

HIGHLIGHTS

- On 13 August UNHCR opened a new registration facility at the Rachid Karame International Exhibition Centre in Tripoli, north Lebanon. This will allow processing of up to 700 people per day as thousands are waiting to be registered.
- WFP started distributing food vouchers in the North targeting villages in Wadi Khaled and Akkar.

Protection / Numbers

- Registration: The opening of the new central registration facility in Tripoli follows an information campaign to encourage people to register. Many displaced Syrians have been reluctant to register. While refugees are receiving some humanitarian assistance pending registration, registration is critical to receive medical care and to enroll children in Lebanese public schools. Registration also continues in the Bekaa valley and Beirut, with 37,240 people registered nationwide to date. A further 9,432 people have contacted UNHCR to be registered.
- Education: 'Back to School' initiatives are encouraging Syrian children to enroll in school for the upcoming academic year of 2012. Before the summer break some 1,200 Syrian children were studying in schools in the North of Lebanon, and it is estimated that another 3,000 to 4,000 children enter the system in September following registration.



Syrian Refugees being processed at the new UNHCR registration center in Tripoli @ UNHCR/2012

Assistance / Outreach

- Shelter: UNHCR and partner agencies are actively searching for alternative shelter options to relocate families currently residing in public buildings. While most Syrians are staying with host families or renting apartments, an increasing number are seeking shelter in schools in the north and the east, a sign that local communities are unable to host more refugees in their homes.
- Food Assistance: WFP started distributing food vouchers in the North targeting villages in Wadi Khaled and Akkar. Assessments are ongoing to identify suitable grocery shops in Tripoli to instill the food voucher system there.
- Health: MSF is coordinating with education actors in the Bekaa to vaccinate children attending remedial classes. WHO is also launching health awareness campaigns on the importance of vaccinations.

HIGHLIGHTS

- A new camp is being established in Al-Kasak area of Rabi'aa. The camp will be jointly managed by UNHCR and MoMD / Governor's representative.

Protection / Numbers

- Registration: A total number of 13,856 Syrian refugees are now registered with UNHCR while another 1,240 are awaiting registration. This shows an increase of some 1,415 in the number of registered people since last week.
- Iraqi Returnees: The total number of Iraqi refugees who have returned from Syria since 18 July has reached 26,821. Most of those have returned through Al-Waleed border point, while some 5,997 have returned by air.
- Camp population: Domiz camp in the Kurdistan Regional Governorate is now hosting some 2,305 Syrian refugees, of which 1,949 are residing in the families section and 356 in the singles section. Al-Qaim camp is now hosting some 630 Syrian refugees who have recently been relocated from schools and public places. The camp is being expanded to accommodate more than 3,000 refugees.
- Education: Also in Al-Qa'im camp, UNICEF installed classroom tents and developed child-friendly space for Syrian children hosted there.

Assistance / Outreach

- Shelter: Within the framework of a government sponsorship program, 448 Syrian refugees with relatives in Iraq have moved out of the schools and public centers to stay with their relatives. Some 600 other Syrians are expected to leave the reception centers in the coming days to join their relatives in the coming days.
- Water and Sanitation: In Domiz, the Fayda water department continues the provision of clean water by tankers to the residents of the camp at a rate of 250,000 liters per day. In the meantime UNHCR and local partners have completed the establishment of a 7km water network. At Al-Qaim, OXFAM water tanks are being installed while UNICEF and IRW are setting up a water network.



Syrian New arrivals in Al-Qaim camp @ UNHCR/2012

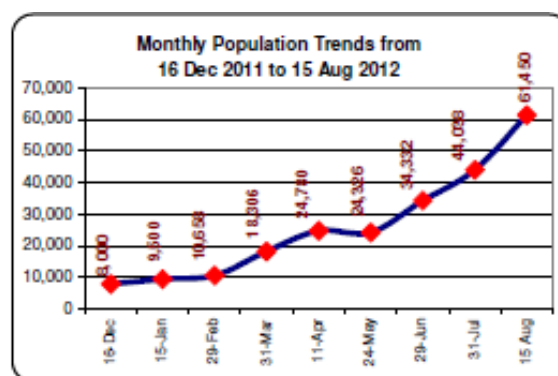
TURKEY

HIGHLIGHTS

- There has been a further sharp increase in the number of Syrians fleeing to Turkey. On 16 August alone, some 5,000 Syrians crossed the border into Turkey, bringing the total refugee population to an estimated 70,000 according to local authorities.

Protection / Numbers

- Registration: According to the official figures announced by the Government of Turkey on 15 August, the total number of the registered Syrians in the camps is 61,450. About 40% of these are people who have arrived this month. 50% of the refugees are below 18 years, while 47% are female.
- New arrivals: The majority of the new arrivals are from Aleppo and Azaz. As for the overall refugee population, around 60% are from Idlib, while 40% are from Aleppo and Latakia.



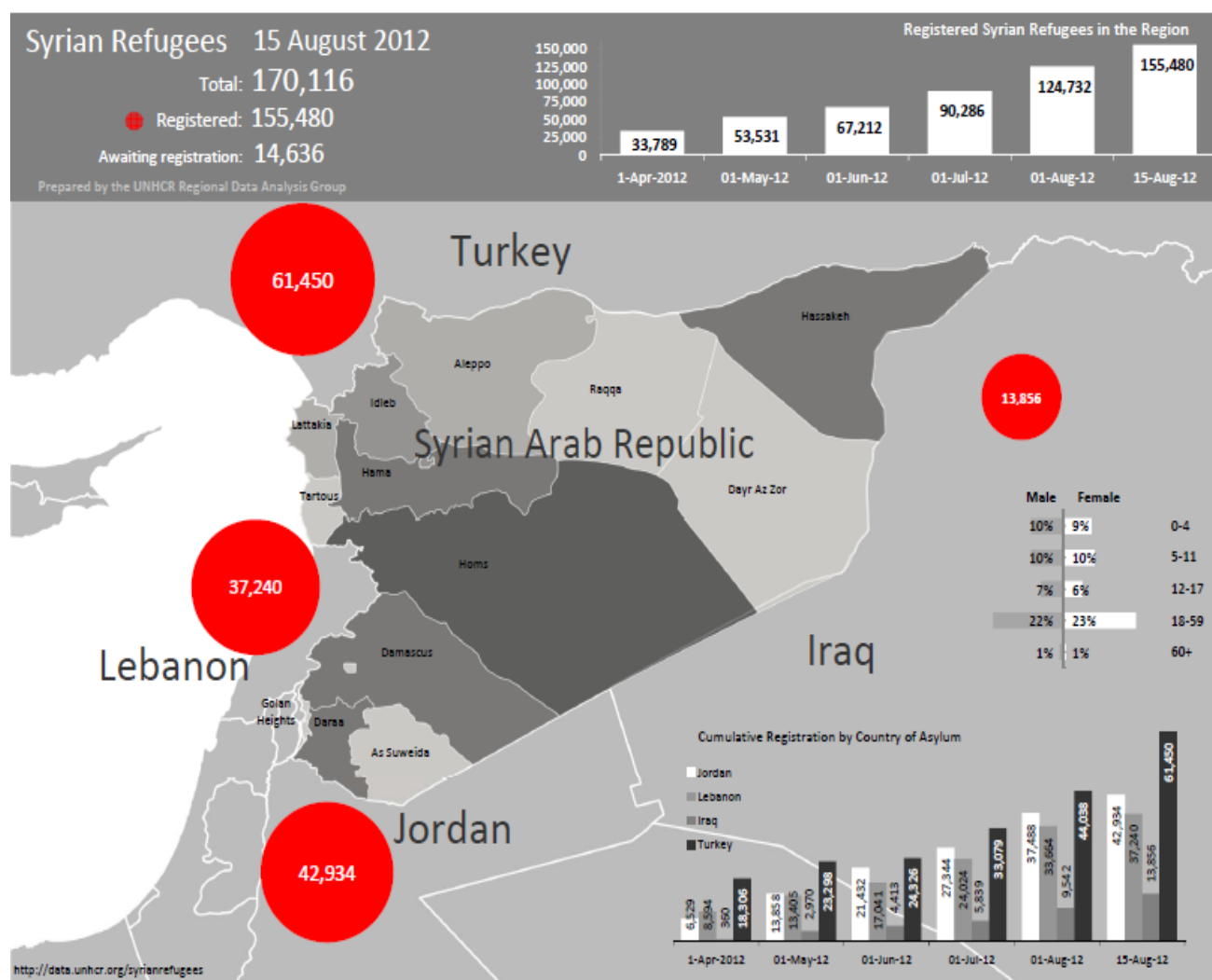
Assistance / Outreach

- Shelter: Registered refugees are hosted and assisted in nine camps in the border provinces of Hatay (10,931), Gaziantep (8,236), Kilis (14,093) and Sanliurfa (22,508). The newly opened Akcakale site is already hosting 8,500 Syrian refugees while another 8,500 newly arrived refugees are temporarily accommodated in boarding schools and gyms in the cities of Gaziantep, Kilis, Adana, Osmaniye, and Kahramanmaras until further camp sites are operational.
- Emergency Relief: UNHCR is scaling up its humanitarian assistance in Turkey and will provide family tents, blankets, kitchen sets and other relief on an emergency basis to assist the Government of Turkey in addressing urgent needs. In the meantime, the Turkish Red Crescent has established warehouse tents at Kilis border and started to provide assistance to the new arrivals at the border until their admission process is completed.

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. As of July, the appeal has been funded for USD **64.3 million** or 33% of the total needs.

OVERVIEW MAP



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