

Syria Crisis Bi-Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report

Iraq

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IRAQ

Highlights

- According to UNHCR, as of Saturday 2 April, 3,545 refugees returned to Syria from Al-Qaim camp. The return figure represents nearly half of the camp population in Al-Qaim area while the border crossing remains closed.
- The construction of a water trunk pipe connecting Domiz camp to Domiz town water supply system funded by UNICEF and implemented by Dohuk Directorate of Water was finalized from Phase 1 to 5. This has enabled 20,000 refugees to be reached with safe drinking with an average of 50 litres of water per person and day.
- The KRG government officially allocated additional site to build a new camp in Erbil province, the new camp is planned to host between 15 – 20,000 refugees. Construction of the new camp is an urgent requirement to decongest Domiz. To meet the pressing demand, UNICEF calls upon donors to allocate additional urgently needed resources to support WASH, Education and Child protection activities in the new and old camps.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs

| Registered Refugee Population <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 4 April 2013)</i> | | | |
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| Total number of persons of concern | | 125,385 | |
| | Total | Male | Female |
| Total Affected Population | 125,385 | 79,619 | 45,766 |
| Under 18 | 48,524 | 26,582 | 21,942 |
| Under 5 | 18,306 | 9,278 | 9,028 |

As of 1st of April 2013, a total of 125,385 Syrian refugees are living in Iraq. Of these 82,462 are in Dohuk, 26,589 in Erbil, and 8,834 in Suleimaniyah. 7,216 refugees are living in the Al-Qaim area in Anbar Governorate, and smaller caseloads of refugees are spread in other governorates across Iraq.

Programme response

WASH:

Northern Iraq (Domiz camp): The construction of a water trunk pipe connecting Domiz camp to the Domiz boosting station was finalized. The supply system is providing 1,000 M³ of water daily in phase 1-5 of Domiz camp, providing an average of 50 litres of water per person per day for about 20,000 people. The water delivery is planned to be doubled to 2,000 M³ in the coming weeks to cover 100% of the water supply need for over 35,000 people.

Operation and maintenance support for WASH facilities in phase 5 continued through UNICEF implementing partner Iraqi Salvation Humanitarian Organisation (ISHO). 5000 Syrian refugees are benefitting with continued water supply and sanitation services. In addition, UNICEF in partnership with KURDS NGO is establishing a regular maintenance system for WASH facilities in the temporary primary school in Domiz camp to avoid interruption of water and sanitation services. Once this system is fully functional, more than 1,400 school children will benefit from continued water supply services and fully functional sanitation facilities. UNICEF in partnership with Directorate of Health (DOH) in Dohuk and Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) finalized a hygiene promotion plan for Domiz camp. Over 60 hygiene promoters will be trained and mobilized throughout the camp. 35,000 people will be provided with regular hygiene and sanitation promotion. The plan includes also conducting a KAP survey in the camp, define focus areas and strategies for the hygiene promotion activities for the coming few months.

During the reporting period UNICEF also conducted a quick WASH sector gap analysis for different WASH interventions in Domiz camp. The major WASH gaps identified are: water supply and sanitation services in transit facilities; drainage system for grey water in the whole camp; de-sludging of septic tanks in Phase 5 and distribution of regular baby and adult hygiene as well as sanitation kits. UNICEF is mobilizing different partners including the local government to fill the critical gaps.

Western Iraq (Al'Qaim camp): On the occasion of World Water Day (22 of March), UNICEF in coordination with UNHCR and implementing partners carried out a celebration involving around 1,000 refugee children to raise awareness on water conservation. The focus was on the need for water cooperation. The programme included drawing competitions, plays and poetry reading. The second phase of a UNICEF-supported hygiene Promotion campaign to all camp residents is on-going. The campaign has reportedly improved the quality of living conditions and promoted healthy behaviour practices. At the same time a second batch of hygiene materials (soap, hygiene kits for adults and babies) has been delivered and distributed to 1350 refugee families.

Lack of spare parts for the installed WASH fittings has led to inadequate maintenance in all camps. Follow up with camp managements to provide the missing parts is on-going, however, shortfall of funds remains a serious challenge. The anticipated increase in demand for water during summer requires urgent action. In this regard, the water directorate in Al-Qaim requested UNICEF's support to rehabilitate two water compact units.

As a result of UNICEF's training of staff from the Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works on the operation and maintenance of water network systems, there has been a significant improvement in the quality of water supplied by the water treatment project, including a lower turbidity rate and adequate chlorination. At the same time UNICEF is advocating with the government to secure water and sanitation facilities and networks in camp 3 so they are not misused and damaged. Camp three remains empty due the continuing closure of the border.

| Estimated #/% coverage | UNICEF & operational partners | | | Sector | | |
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| | UNICEF 2013 Target | Results (#) | % of Target Achieved | Sector Target | Cumulative results (#) | % of Target Achieved |
| Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water. | 36,000 | 28,289 (8289* / 20,000**) | 79% | 90,000 | N/A | N/A |
| Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and other hygiene items. | 22,500 | 8289* | 37% | 90,000 | N/A | N/A |
| Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets and sanitation services. | 36,000 | 13,289 (8289 * / 5,000 **) | 37% | 90,000 | N/A | N/A |
| Population having access to hygiene promotion messages. | 50,000 | 26,123 (*8289 / 17,834**) | 52% | 90,000 | N/A | N/A |
| Children access safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in their learning environment and in child friendly spaces. | 35,100 | 4937 (2500 * / 2,437 **) | 14% | 35,100 | N/A | N/A |
| Comments/Background *Al-Qaim only ** Domiz only * Phase 5 will accommodate 1,000 tents. Number of beneficiaries will be identified once people are relocated to the tents | | | | | | |

Child Protection:

Northern Iraq (Domiz camp): In order to identify key Child Protection issues, an interagency assessment will be conducted within the Child Protection Sub-Working Group. In preparation for the assessment, training on Child Protection Rapid Assessments was conducted by IRC in collaboration with UNICEF. 16 Child Protection staff participated in the training. UNICEF continues to support the Child Protection Units (CPU) and social workers to identify and report on child protection issues (including grave violations). A referral mechanism is being set up for the CPUs in Domiz camp, with special focus on victims of violations. To build the capacity among CP partners including the CPUs, UNICEF and Save the Children are planning to conduct trainings in Child Protection in Emergencies.

UNHCR has identified 97 separated and unaccompanied minors (90 boys and 7 girls) most of whom are staying with extended relatives. UNICEF in collaboration with its partners is planning to put in place a mechanism to ensure monitoring of the children as well as a registration mechanism at the CFS and CPU. In order to ensure support to separated and unaccompanied children, UNICEF and UNHCR will support the implementing partner in providing unaccompanied children with services, reunification and alternative care. A Best Interest Determination for children (BID) Panel is being

established, with identified members from UNHCR, UNICEF, IRC, ACTED, DGoSA, DoH/Mental Health Centre. Training on definitions and procedures is planned for the panel in mid- April.

At the same time social workers are continuing to carry out child protection awareness raising activities in the camps targeting families and children. Mine Risk Education is also conducted for children and their parents by IKMAA NGO. The Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in the camps continue to provide psychosocial support to more than 524 children, ages 4-13 years old. The CFS has divided its activities in three shifts from Sunday to Thursday. With the influx of refugees, there is a need to set up additional Child Friendly Spaces and Youth Friendly Spaces (YFS) in the camp. Two playgrounds are planned for Domiz camp, and a space for children in Phase 1-2 has been identified and provided by the local authority. It will be established in April. The space for the second playground is still under negotiation.

On March 31, the CFS in Domiz camp had its first picture exhibition and music concert. CFS manager and staff/volunteers, DMC, KAR, Qamishlo schools principals and teachers, the Director of DGoSA and KURDS NGO attended the event. Duhok local channel and Kurdistan Satellite TV covered the event and made a short interview with the CFS manager. The drawings depict the level of extreme violence, trauma and destruction faced by the Syrian children.



Western Iraq: Child protection committees (CPC) supported by child protection monitors continued raising the awareness of the community and children by holding sessions focusing on the protection trends and concerns that negatively affect refugee children. CPCs facilitated two sessions in each camp on the risks of smoking and stealing.

CFSs are functional six days a week, three shifts a day in both Al-Qaim camps serving 650 children aged 3y-17y. Children are enjoying a variety of psychosocial and recreational activities. Additional prefabricated caravans were provided to deal with the problem of lack of indoor space and harsh weather conditions. This ensured the delivery of the necessary activities in a safe environment. CFSs social workers also support with referral of children to the primary health clinic (PHC) for treatment or to the right services providers in or outside the camps. During the reporting period, thirteen children (4 boys and 9 girls) were referred to the PHC for various symptoms. Social workers do the follow up of these children through direct work with the families at their tents.

A Child Protection Unit was opened in a prefabricated caravan, installed in the administrative area of camp two. This CPU will assure the permanent presence of child protection actors who will monitor child protection issues, quickly respond to child protection concerns and promote child rights through coordinated and timely interventions.

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| Children with access to psychosocial support services | 6,000 | 2,670 (2146*/524**) | 45% | 10,500 | | % |
| Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing or receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care | All identified cases | 110 (13*/97**) | Not applicable | 100% | | Not applicable |

Comments/Background : *Qaim Camp (Anbar) ,** Domiz Camp (Dohuk)

Education:

Northern Iraq: Schools resumed on 24 March 2013 after a short break in both Qamishlu Basic School and Kar Basic School with a total of 2,141 students (1047 female + 1094 male). Additional 700 children are registered but have not yet resumed in the third school built by UNHCR.

Regular payment of teachers' salaries remains a challenge. This issue negatively affects the quality of education in the camp schools and is delaying the resumption of classes in the third school. UNICEF has started a partnership with HARIKAR NGO to conduct a second enrolment drive and awareness campaign in Domiz camp. The agreement entails conducting a tent-to-tent awareness campaign and urging parents to send their children to school. The enrolment drive is likely to be delayed due to the late start of the third school.

Western Iraq: The pavement of the 750 m2 school yard of the Camp-2 school has been completed. As a result, children from the school are now able to participate in physical education activities, including football games. Upon completion of the mid-year exams, school management, with support of UNICEF, organized a celebration in the camps to acknowledge the efforts of students who obtained high marks.

Mid-year examination in Camp 2, which was delayed by 10 days due to late resumption of studies, commenced on 25 March 2013. The children continued to study during the mid-term holidays in order to catch up. UNICEF provided support in getting the examination papers ready.

WFP in collaboration with UNICEF started the daily distribution of high protein biscuits to all children in the refugee camp school, increasing as a consequence regular school attendance and reduced drop out. Additional space for a school in Camp-2 has been secured with the Directorate of Education in Al-Qaim who agreed to use the space to open an intermediate school for grades 7 and 8. Religious and community leaders were mobilized to encourage families to register their children in school. To date, 248 children have been registered, including 127 girls.

The safety and security of girls moving from camp-1 to camp-2, remains a concern. UNICEF organized a meeting with school principals, teachers, head of the Al-Qaim teachers' syndicate and parents to agree on proper school and family measures to ensure the safety of girls. The community refuses to send their girls to the second camp to learn due to distance of school from the camp. Consequently UNICEF and DoE agreed to use and expand the premises of the 4 primary schools located in two school buildings in camp 1 and the second in camp 2 to accommodate grades 7 and 8. Despite delays in taking such a decision, the first school has started running in school camp 1, and school camp 2 will follow next.

As in the North, the biggest challenge is the inability to regularly pay the incentives and transport allowances of teachers and other education staff. All the teachers in both schools are currently paid by UNICEF and given the uncertainty of funding this may not be sustainable. For the intermediate schools, the requirement will be to hire 12 subject specialist teachers who will teach in the additional 4 classrooms, two for boys two for girls. Fund raising to pay the incentives of such teachers need to be given due consideration. Meanwhile, UNICEF will use the funds secured for teachers of camp 3 school (that is not yet opened as the border remains closed for Syrian refugees), to pay the intermediate teachers in camps 1 and 2.

DoE with UNICEF support is in the process of identifying suitable teachers for grades 7 and 8. The teachers will be provided with 5 day training on psychosocial support for children during emergency. The training will be supported by UNICEF. Additional stationery supplies were issued for 600 children

in Camp1 School as the batch received at the beginning of the academic year is running out. In addition, stationery and school bags were issued for 250 children in grades 7 and 8. Teacher bags and kits were issued to motivate 50 teachers in the camp; these will be distributed in the camps next week.

UNICEF is advocating with top ministry officials and Anbar governorate authorities to provide more support to the camp schools, including providing school feeding, computers and photocopy machines. Other items needed include the provision of uniforms, clothes and shoes for children. Through its NGO partner, UNICEF is undertaking social mobilisation in camp communities to raise awareness on the importance of education and for those enrolled to remain in school. Consequently, two training workshops are planned, one in each camp. Those will be trained to promote awareness by communicating messages in the communities and by visiting families of children who may have dropped out.

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| School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes. | 12,000 | 9,056 (6,915* / 2,141 **) | 75% | 18,000 | * (/) (/) | NA |
| Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes. | 12,000 | 1,954* | 16% | 18,000 | NA | NA |
| Comments/Background *Qaim Camp (Anbar) ** Domiz Camp (Dohuk) | | | | | | |

Health:

Northern Iraq: DOH Dohuk is conducting a polio vaccination campaign for all under five children in Domiz camp along with the national campaign for all U5 children in Iraq. This campaign will last for a period of five days and started on 1st April, targeting around 3,500 children.

Western Iraq: As a result of UNICEF-supported awareness raising efforts by school teachers and volunteers, immunization coverage of routine services for children under-five years of age inside the two camps reached 96%. During a national immunization campaign, 562 Syrian refugee children aged 5-12 were vaccinated against Mumps, Measles, and Rubella, similar to Iraqi children. As a preventive measure, 1138 additional refugees were vaccinated against Typhoid during the reporting period through outreach teams. Through the National immunization campaign of polio from 31th March until April 4th, 210 children were reached during the first two days and the target is to reach all the children. To overcome the capacity gap in the host community and improve good quality services, UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Health to conduct periodic supervisory visits and on-the-job training to health workers.

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| | UNICEF 2013 Target | Results | % of Target Achieved |
| Children (boys and girls) vaccinated against measles | 18,900 | 12,013 (4,232* / 7,781**) | 64% |
| Children <2 yrs* (boys and girls) fully covered with routine Immunization antigens | 7,200 | 4,595 | 64% |
| Children (boys and girls) 6-59 months receiving Vitamin A supplementation | 9,000 | 8,974** | 100% |
| Children and women equitably access essential health services with sustained coverage of preventive and curative interventions | 55,800 | 36,649 (3,466* / 33,183**) | 66% |
| Comments/Background: *Al-Qaim only ** Domiz only. As refugees have access to free movement in and out to the camp, the figures are not fixed hence the target and % of target is changed based on time. | | | |

Nutrition:

Northern Iraq: UNICEF provided support to DOH Dohuk to conduct a Nutrition assessment survey among under five children in Domiz camp. The survey will cover 900 U5 children in thirty randomly selected clusters in the camp. 10 professional medical team members with 3 supervisors will participate in the survey for a period of six days. In addition to the assessment of nutritional status of children, further data will be collected on coverage of health interventions, incidence of common diseases (diarrhoea and acute respiratory infection). Possible interventions that address the causal

factors of malnutrition will be identified. Based on the time schedule finalized by DOH the survey will start early next week.

Western Iraq: UNICEF supported a rapid nutrition assessment that targeted 570 children in the two camps. It was conducted by a trained team from the Nutrition Research Institute of the Ministry of Health from 17-21 March in an effort to address the present lack of data on the nutrition status of Under-five Syrian children. Data analysis is under process and results will be available next week.

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| Children <5 receiving multi-micronutrient supplementation* | 18,900 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| PLWs receiving micronutrient supplementation | 7,200 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Women having access to IYCF Services | 3,600 | 9,909** | >100% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Comments/Background **Domiz only | | | | | | |

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships

UNICEF WASH Section is working in collaboration with UNHCR on Transit 7 Water and Sanitation services. UNHCR took responsibility for the sanitation component and UNICEF will implement the water component. In addition WASH section entered into a partnership agreement with Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) for hygiene promotion, and is working with KURDS NGO on Operation & Maintenance (O&M) support of WASH in Domiz temporary school.

Regional

Funding

| Funding Status* | | Child Protection | Education | Health & Nutrition | WASH | NFIs | Safety & Security | Operations Management | Total |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| In millions of US Dollars | | | | | | | | | |
| Syria | Required | 8.82 | 20.05 | 15.88 | 22.50 | | 1.19 | | 68.44 |
| | Funded | 3.94 | 4.91 | 0.67 | 7.68 | - | 0.95 | | 18.15 |
| Jordan | Required | 11.19 | 17.76 | 3.69 | 24.35 | | | | 57.00 |
| | Funded | 1.58 | 0.42 | 1.58 | 8.66 | | | | 12.24 |
| Lebanon | Required | 7.77 | 13.83 | 1.06 | 10.81 | 1.72 | | | 35.19 |
| | Funded | 3.40 | 6.88 | 1.51 | 4.04 | 0.39 | | | 16.22 |
| Iraq | Required | 1.45 | 2.41 | 1.45 | 9.30 | | | 5.40 | 20.00 |
| | Funded | 0.69 | 0.43 | 0.00 | 2.77 | | | 0.40 | 4.30 |
| Turkey | Required | 6.00 | 6.50 | | | | | | 12.50 |
| | Funded | 1.31 | 0.00 | | | | | | 1.31 |
| Egypt | Required | 0.26 | 0.35 | 0.09 | | | | | 0.70 |
| | Funded | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| MENA RO | Required | | | | | | | | 2.00 |
| | Funded | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.51 | 3.59 |
| Total | Required | 35.49 | 60.90 | 22.17 | 66.96 | 1.72 | 1.19 | 5.40 | 195.83 |
| | Funded | 11.43 | 13.16 | 4.27 | 23.67 | 0.91 | 1.46 | 0.91 | 55.81 |
| | Gap | 24.06 | 47.74 | 17.90 | 43.29 | 0.81 | -0.27 | 4.49 | 140.02 |

*Figures based on HQ data

Next Situation Report: **18 April 2013.**

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