



Oxfam has started distributing vouchers for food and hygiene to refugees across Lebanon. Each individual receives \$27 worth of vouchers for food, and \$10 for hygiene products. *Credit: Carly Sheehan / Oxfam*

### 1. General Humanitarian Situation

*The total figure for registered refugees is now 1,399,156 (212,748 pending) for a total of 1,611,904 persons of concern. This includes 11,455 Syrians registered in North Africa.*

- **Jordan:** There are 401,869 registered refugees and 85,013 people pending registration, for a total of 486,882 persons of concern to UNHCR. In the past few days Syrians are again crossing into Jordan although in relatively small numbers.
- A massive hygiene promotion campaign is starting this week in Zaatari camp to try to curb the number of cases of diarrhoea and the increased public health risks.
- **Lebanon:** UNHCR report 499,656 Syrian refugees now in Lebanon (420,044 registered, 95,624 pending registration). UNRWA reporting 55,000 PRS.
- UNHCR site planner and Oxfam WASH team visit to Baalbeck for the proposed transit site was postponed for a second time.

### 2. Programme Activities

#### Jordan

- **Voice:** Despite funding challenges pending the signature of the SIDA/Norwegian Regional funding, VOICE continue their activities to ensure continuity and not to lose the momentum of the project.
- Held the first meeting with the new citizen journalists to introduce the project, their roles, and the project plan over the next two months.
- Showed SMRTE (men's group in Za'atri) the rough cut of the music video that Alex Forster has produced for comments in order to finalize the video for use on World Refugee Day.
- Began filming the short video for World Refugee Day (asking refugees: "what does it mean to be a refugee?") in cooperation with Media Officer.
- **Za'atri Social Mobilisation:** Continued community handover meetings for the WASH blocks: To date we have handed over 44 of the 48 WASH Blocks
- Distributed cleaning kits from ACTED for the opened WASH Blocks and distributed maintenance kits and assisted the PHE team with maintenance trainings
- **Public Health Engineering:** Oxfam has handed over 44 of 48 WASH blocks in Za'atari camp. The WASH blocks are regarded by the refugees as being the nicest in the camp, although they continue to request modifications and improvement. Unicef has also complimented Oxfam on the job well done.
- Decommissioning of the 'light' latrines and showers in the camp is now needed. Units may be donated to Handicap International for use by disabled individuals at HH level throughout the camp and/or to THW, to improve de-sludging options for private latrines in the old area of the camp.
- Unicef has requested Oxfam to take on a larger role in Za'atari camp, including hygiene promotion, solid waste management, and expanded water supply network for the new areas of the camp (Module 4, 6, 7, and Phase 5.)
- **Host community:** Government Approval was confirmed verbally on Sunday 2 June, which is good news. Unfortunately, it will take more time to actually receive a formal letter to this effect.

- A Drive-By Assessment of the Informal Settlements in Balqa revealed that a fair number of these settlements have disappeared, while some others have moved. We are still committed to provide some level of hygiene and cash support to these most vulnerable households as soon as possible – preferably within the next two weeks.
- Oxfam beneficiary registration with local charitable organisation ICCS in Safut (Ain-al-Basha) was completed with excellent organisation and high levels of dignity for refugees. During eight days of registration at the local charity, just over 400 Syrian families were interviewed. ICCS will provide us with a list of their most deserving Jordanian charity clients in the same area for possible inclusion in the Host Community Programme. Beneficiary registration then moved to Ba'qa settlement on Sunday 2 June with support from the local ICCS office. We registered nearly 80 Syrian refugee households here in one day and should complete within a few days.
- Team discussions continued on Vulnerability Criteria, using parameters and scoring systems adapted from UNHCR, CARE and the Cash Working Group. These criteria will be finalised within the next week, after doing test runs against the beneficiary data entered into the system

## Lebanon

- **Novib:** Partner Najdeh distributed food/hygiene vouchers to 140 families (456 individuals) in Shatila camp and 156 families (458 individuals) in Burj Barajneh camp.
- Partner PARD reached 7,520 refugees and 15,000 people in host communities: Installed 4 water tanks in Sikkeh for about 40 tents and one collective centre, 6 water tanks in Shabriha in the 6 main streets, 6 water tanks in Qasmiyeh in the 5 main streets and one on the top of the Kindergarten, 6 water tanks in Maashouk 1 in the collective center for 4 families and 5 in the 5 main streets.
- Distribution of 3 Chlorine Barrels in Maashouk, Shabriha, and Qasmiyeh gatherings. The chlorination pumps were maintained to make sure that they are functioning; in Aitaniyeh a new chlorine pump was installed. The local water caretakers took a refresher course on the proper quantities of chlorine to be added to the water, timing etc. For monitoring, questionnaires will be completed every three days when chlorine is added (monitoring the timing and quantity in addition, chlorine precipitate, free chlorine will be tested on monthly basis)
- **OGB Rent support:** The support for rent continues with partner JAK in Qalamoun and directly implementing in Tripoli.
- In Qalamoun the first round of rent to 86 new households was completed. In Tripoli first round of rent support to 11 new households, and a second round of rent support to 106 existing beneficiary households.
- A small caseload of 10 families was handed over from DRC to Oxfam this week as DRC cash for rent programme has exhausted its funding.
- **Food and hygiene:** The food and hygiene assistance via a voucher system has commenced working with three partners: JAK (Tripoli + 5), PAWL (Tripoli + 5 and South Lebanon) and NAVTSS (Tripoli + 5 and South Lebanon). The first set of vouchers has been given to JAK (for 300 households) and PAWL (for 300 households), who will start distributing them to beneficiaries next week.
- **WASH:** Recruitment of WASH staff has commenced and the local partner JAK is engaged in beneficiary identification process. The programme will start small – 400 households – but with capacity to quickly scale up should more WASH funds be secured.
- Field visit was organized with Public Health engineering advisor (Andy Bastable) to tented settlements and collective shelters in Tripoli + 5 area. The purpose of field visit was to highlight growing needs of WASH for support in Oxfam launching a WASH programme in Lebanon.

## 3. Beneficiary numbers

*Last week a total of **40,856** people were reached in Jordan and Lebanon. Cumulatively, **91,134** people have been reached in Lebanon and Jordan since 1 January 2013.*

| Country/Affiliate         | Total reached last week (to 19 May) | Of which __ were NEW last week | Cumulative total (since 1 Jan 2013) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Jordan</b>             |                                     |                                |                                     |
| Oxfam GB                  | 16,144                              | 19                             | 26,490                              |
| <b>Lebanon</b>            |                                     |                                |                                     |
| Oxfam Novib               | 23,434                              | 23,434                         | 38,926                              |
| Oxfam GB                  | 1,278 <sup>1</sup>                  | 642                            | 24,827                              |
| Oxfam Italia              | -                                   | -                              | 891                                 |
| <b>Lebanon Sub-total</b>  | <b>24,712</b>                       | <b>24,076</b>                  | <b>64,664</b>                       |
| <b>SYRIA CRISIS TOTAL</b> | <b>40,856</b>                       | <b>24,095</b>                  | <b>91,134</b>                       |

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<sup>1</sup> An average household size of 4.4 is used for Zaatari and 6 is being used for cash distributions in the North of Lebanon, following Oxfam's own validation of beneficiaries. An average of 5 has been used for the Novib figure.