



HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ **Lebanon:** IOM and the High Relief Commission (HRC) of Lebanon profiled over **3,400** Lebanese returnees in the North, Bekaa, and Nabatiye governorates. Since 15 July, **1,459** households (over **7,200** individuals) have been registered.
- ⇒ **Iraq:** IOM distributed **633** NFI kits to **3,044** vulnerable Syrian refugees in Domiz camp.
- ⇒ **Turkey:** IOM and camp management assisted **663** beneficiaries to reach medical facilities and social services in Adiyaman province. Since 1 July, **2,981** Syrian nationals have benefited from this transport service.
- ⇒ **Jordan:** IOM transported **856** Syrian refugees from the Rabaa' al Sarhan Screening Center to Za'atri camp. Since July 2012, IOM transported **331,644** Syrian refugees from border areas to camps.

Children receive NFIs in a distribution to IDPs in As Sweida on 25 July 2013. Since January 2013, IOM has distributed **49,000** NFI kits to **224,406** IDPs and is planning to reach **500,000** IDPs by the end of the year. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Damascus)



IRAQ OPERATIONS

Border Monitoring: There have been no reported movements across the Iraq – Syria border during the reporting period. IOM staff report no new arrivals at Sehela, Fyash Khabur, and Rabia'a Border Crossing Points (BCPs) which remain closed. The following BCPs are closed: Rabia'a (closed since 3 March 2013), Al-Qaim (closed since 21 October 2012), Al-Waleed (closed since 2 March 2013), and Fyash Khabur (closed since 15 July).

Raising Awareness on Fire Safety in Domiz camp: In July, IOM completed training of **51** community leaders from Domiz camp on fire safety, prevention, and management. The training sessions topics covered how to identify the main causes of fires in camp environments and what steps/measures must be taken to limit the spread of fire. IOM staff report that the majority of participants expressed an interest in attending a short course on fire fighting and the community leaders suggested forming small fire-fighting units in each sector of the camp.

Residents raised concern that in some of the newly established areas of the camp, tents are erected in a congested and disorganized manner and tent walls come into contact which creates a fire risk. In the event that a tent was to catch alight then fire would quickly spread through these sectors. In addition to training community leaders, IOM staff engages the community in discussions on fire safety and distributes flyers which list ways to mitigate camp fires and provide guidance on what to do in case a fire breaks out.

Non-Food Item Distribution: From 21 to 24 July, IOM distributed **633** NFI kits to **3,044** Syrian refugees living in Domiz camp.



IOM staff providing training to community leaders on fire prevention and fire safety in Domiz camp. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM RART Dahuk).

The kits distributed are summerization kits (which include items to alleviate the summer temperatures). Since January 2013, IOM has distributed **3,985** NFI kits reaching **19,437** individuals (**3,985** families).

Human Interest Feature

IOM provides livelihood support to Syrian refugees in Duhok by securing apprenticeships and on-the-job training opportunities. Akilah and her husband, Sa'ad, are some of the many Syrian refugees living in Duhok who have been displaced from Aleppo. When fighting broke out in Syria, Sa'ad was forced to flee to Dubai and Akilah was left alone to care for their 18-month-old child. She moved in with her parents but there was a shortage of food, water, and electricity so life was difficult. Sa'ad who was unable to find work in Dubai moved to Erbil in Kurdistan. After seven months, Sa'ad asked his wife to join him in Iraq, after having found a job as a supervisor at a construction site and renting an apartment. Akilah's father paid USD 1,000 to hire a taxi to drive his daughter and grandson to the border. It took two hours to cross the border by foot where Sa'ad met them.

Life in Erbil has been challenging for the young family as Akilah fell ill soon after arriving and her husband lost his job after a month and the family struggled to pay her hospital bills. According to Akilah, things became easier once she secured a job with IOM assistance. Since May 2013, Akilah has been working as the receptionist for a car dealership in Erbil. She has been working for 3 months and has requested a loan to start up her own business and now feels more optimistic about the future of her family.



IOM assisted Akilah to secure a job as a receptionist at a car dealership in Erbil. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq)



LEBANON OPERATIONS

Profiling of Lebanese Returnees: From 22 to 26 July, IOM and HRC registered **687** households (over **3,400** individuals) in the North, Bekaa, and Nabatiye governorates. Since 15 July, **1,459** Households (over **7,200** individuals) have been registered. Over 30% of the caseload was registered in the first 2 weeks of the data collection phase and IOM is on track to profile **25,000** Lebanese returnees by December 2013.

Psychosocial Support to Affected Communities: IOM provides on-going technical support to DARI Recreational and Counselling Centre for families in Baalbeck. DARI, which was established by IOM in 2007, is currently serving a large number of Syrian refugees. The centre provides family counselling sessions, group activities for different age groups, and individual counselling sessions. In July, **30** individual counselling sessions were provided by Association Pour la Protection de les Enfants de la Guerre (APEG).

From 30 to 31 July, IOM staff received orientation and training before being deployed to South Lebanon where IOM is providing psychosocial support to affected communities through the deployment of a mobile, multi-disciplinary team.

Psychosocial support services will include recreational activities, artistic mediation activities, support groups, family support sessions to address the psychosocial consequences of displacement and to facilitate referral to specialized mental health services if necessary.

Transit and Resettlement Assistance: During the reporting period, IOM provided assistance to **96** refugees from Iraq and Somalia, who were accepted for resettlement, to transit through Lebanon. The caseload includes **50** female and **46** male passengers (**18** of whom were children). Since February 2013, IOM has provided transit assistance to **3,587** refugees leaving Syria. A land-bridge was set up between Damascus and Beirut in February 2013 after frequent insecurity prevented convoys to reach Damascus international airport. On 30 July, IOM provided transit assistance to **41** migrants, who had been stranded in Syria, to return to Sudan. IOM has provided transit assistance from Syria to Lebanon to **660** stranded migrants since February 2013.

Registration of Lebanese Returnees from Syria

Governorate/ Location	Bekaa (Hermel and Ain Baalbeck)	Nabatiye (Bint Jbeil, and Chebaa)	North (Wadi Khaled)
Date of Registration Exercise	16 - 18, 23 - 25 July	15 - 16, 18, 22 - 24 July	18 - 19, 26 July
No. of registered households	802	80	577

A total of 7,295 Lebanese returnees were registered as of July 26



From 18 to 26 July, **577** Lebanese returnee households were registered in Wadi Khaled. © IOM 2013 (Photo: Racha Challita).



TURKEY OPERATIONS

Transportation services for residents of Adiyaman camp: IOM and partners are assisting Syrian nationals to travel to and from medical facilities and social services through a pilot transportation project which has been running for four weeks. During the reporting period, **663** beneficiaries were assisted to reach medical facilities and social service centers. Since the start of the project, IOM and camp management provided **2,981** beneficiaries (**2,396** adults and **585** children under 18 years old) with this service.

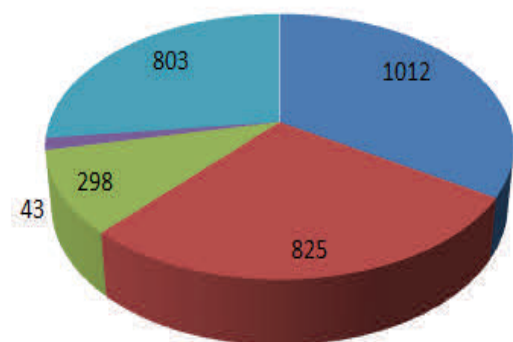
While there are health facilities provided at the camp, the transportation service is provided for beneficiaries that may require blood tests, X-rays, gynecological consultations and other specialized services. For beneficiaries with chronic conditions who require specialized treatment not available in Adiyaman province, transport is provided to Gaziantep, Adana, and Maltya hospitals (**43** beneficiaries were referred for specialized treatment since 1 July).



Above: From 22 to 28 July, **663** residents of Adiyaman camp were assisted by IOM and camp management to reach medical centers and markets in Adiyaman city. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Turkey)



Reporting Week	Total pax	No. of Adults	No. of Children	No. of Infants
1 - 7 July	980	786	131	63
8 - 14 July	626	436	138	52
15 - 21 July	712	615	60	37
22 - 28 July	663	559	55	49
Beneficiaries assisted	2,981	2,396	384	201



- Patients transferred to medical facilities in Adiyaman province
- Residents accompanying patients
- Relatives visiting hospitals
- Patients transferred to Gaziantep, Adana, and Maltya hospitals
- Transport to local markets and Adiyaman city

Provision of air conditioning units to health clinics and communal tents in Kirikhan province: On 25 July, IOM, in coordination with the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD), conducted a field visit to Kirikhan province in Hatay which hosts an estimated **25,000** Syrian nationals. In coordination with the local authorities and AFAD, IOM provided **4** air-conditioning units to health facilities serving Syrian nationals in Kirikhan. Over **100** patients visit the health clinics every day and more than **1,000** Syrian nationals are provided with food in the community tents during Iftar.

Left: IOM delivered and installed 4 air-conditioning units to health clinics and communal tents in Kirikhan province. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Turkey).



JORDAN OPERATIONS

Emergency Transportation of Refugees: 856 Syrian refugees were transported from the Rabaa' al Sarhan Screening Center to Za'atri camp. Since transport operations began in July 2012, IOM has transported **331,644** Syrian refugees from border areas to camps. UNHCR report that in the past week, **1,944** Syrian refugees have voluntarily returned to Syria.

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening and Awareness-Raising Activities: In the past week, IOM teams identified **3** new cases of TB. Active and early TB detection is provided through a mobile unit (X-Ray vehicle) that is staffed with a nurse and a doctor. Since March 2012, IOM has confirmed **73** suspected cases and is providing direct observation and follow-up of treatment for **70** of these cases. IOM provides screening for suspected cases, direct observation of treatment, and awareness-raising through a team of **42** healthcare community workers who work in the camps and urban communities. Since March 2012, **138,349** beneficiaries have participated in information and awareness-raising sessions. IOM continues to work with partners and the Ministry of Health to screen for and treat active case of TB and since March 2012, IOM has screened **302,759** Syrian refugees and members of the host community.

Non-food Item Distribution: In the past week, **856** Syrian refugees received NFIs from IOM upon arrival at EJC and Za'atri camp. While partners provide full NFI kits during/after registration, IOM identified that new refugee arrivals were in need of shoes as many lost their shoes during the border crossing. IOM distributes shoes, hygiene items, and refreshments to all new arrivals to the camps.

Support to Refugee Committees and Governance in EJC: IOM is compiling a briefing pack for camp residents and partners working at EJC. The pack will contain information on the different Agencies operating in the camp and a brief description of the services that are provided.

Support to Camp Management in EJC: IOM participated in the first meeting of the Education Task Force at EJC camp. The task force was established to share education efforts by partners for youth and adults in the camp. Partners are providing educational activities for children while they are on school holidays. IOM is currently providing life-skills training for camp residents and in September, IOM will begin a vocational training program, in partnership with the British Council, in English language training.

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