

### Preliminary findings of the Camp Sweep in Za'atari Camp 4 June 2013

During a period of 9 days, from 19 May to 29 May 2013, REACH conducted a camp sweep in Za'atari to provide distribution actors with information on the number of Syrians in the camp and their profile. The sweep was conducted in order to facilitate a voucher distribution for WASH kits, but this gave the opportunity to collect basic information on households living in the camp.

Street leaders were involved along with enumerators from the camp and ACTED's REACH and Hygiene Promotion teams to ensure that each tent in the camp was visited and assessed. One survey was completed for each household living in the camp; and a household was defined as a set of individuals/families sharing a set of shelters or compound.

Key findings on demographics, shelter and WASH will be presented in this fact sheet.

Table 1 – Key figures

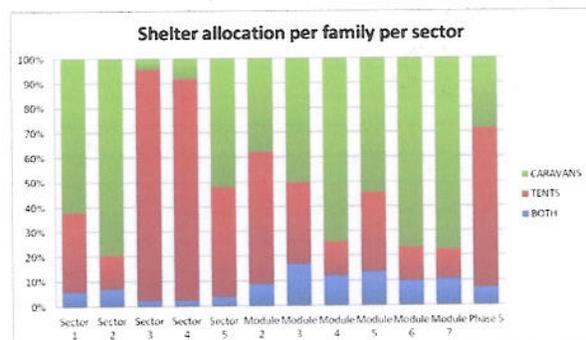
	Individuals	Families	Households	Caravans	Tents
<b>Sector 1</b>	11,218	2,450	1,581	2,405	769
<b>Sector 2</b>	12,224	2,550	1,597	2,604	395
<b>Sector 3</b>	5,972	1,326	1,056	99	1,341
<b>Sector 4</b>	6,799	1,504	1,096	166	1,376
<b>Sector 5</b>	10,291	2,178	1,491	1,722	1,044
<b>Module 2</b>	14,959	3,122	2,312	1,543	1,896
<b>Module 3</b>	10,722	2,217	1,610	1,546	1,024
<b>Module 4</b>	6,641	1,373	996	1,285	309
<b>Module 5</b>	7,963	1,702	1,257	1,253	694
<b>Module 6</b>	8,706	1,759	1,374	1,535	353
<b>Module 7</b>	3,954	821	605	731	165
<b>Phase 5</b>	15,258	3,167	2,519	1,181	2,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,492</b>	<b>24,493</b>	<b>17,494</b>	<b>16,307</b>	<b>11,637</b>

#### Demographics

Findings of the sweep reveal that a total of **116,492** individuals, **24,493** families and **17,494** households are residing in Za'atari camp. An average household size of **6.58** as well as an average of **1.38** families per household were identified through the sweep. The number of individuals and households per sector vary strongly, as illustrated in the above table. When these figures are compared to area size, Sectors 1 and 2 appear to be the most densely populated areas. The overwhelming majority of individuals (**93%**) originate from the Governorate of **Dara**. Of the remaining **7%**, the main areas of origin are Damascus area (with 350 households) and Homs (with 360 households).

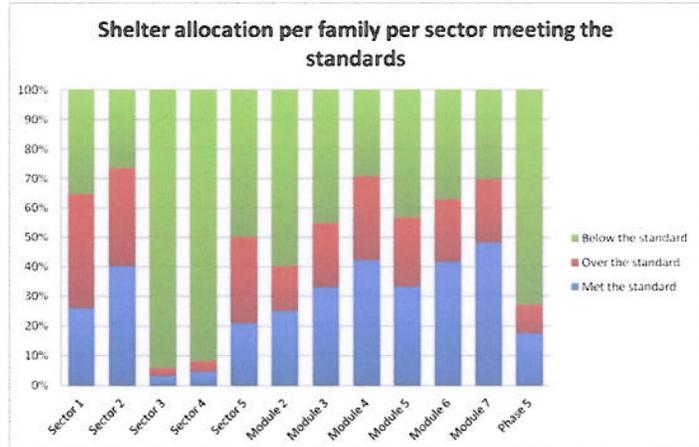
#### Shelter

Findings reveal a total of **11,637 tents** in the camp, whereby **39%** of households reported to have 1 tent, **10%** of households reported to have 2 tents, and **2%** of households reported to have 3 tents. **49%** of households reported not having a tent. A higher number of caravans than tents can be found in the camp, with a total of **16,307 caravans** identified through the sweep, whereby **35%** of households reportedly have 1 caravan, followed by **15%** of households having 2 caravans, **7%** of households having 3 or more caravans. A total of **43%** of households reported to not have a caravan. The graph besides shows the relative prevalence of tents and caravans per area of the camp.



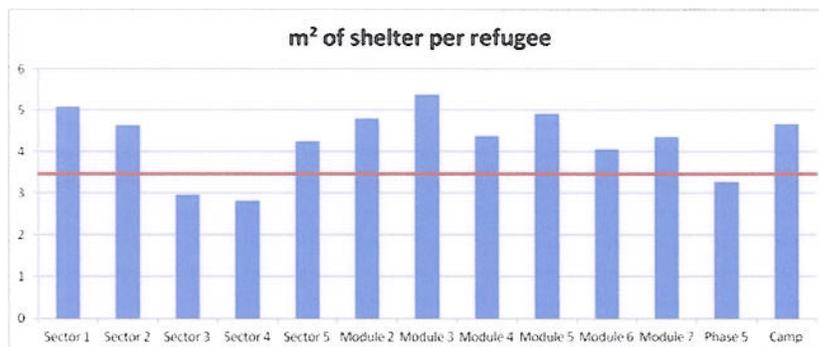
A dynamic shelter allocation per family per sector can be observed; in Sector 3 and 4, families predominantly reside in tents whilst in Module 6 and 7 and Sector 2 caravans prevail.

On average across the camp, 27% of families meet the standard regarding the number of caravans / tents per family size<sup>1</sup>, while 53% of families are living below the standard and 20% are living above the standard. In Sector 1 and 2, respectively 38% and 33% of families are living above the standard. Interestingly, in Module 6 and module 7, respectively 41% and 48% of families meet the standard.



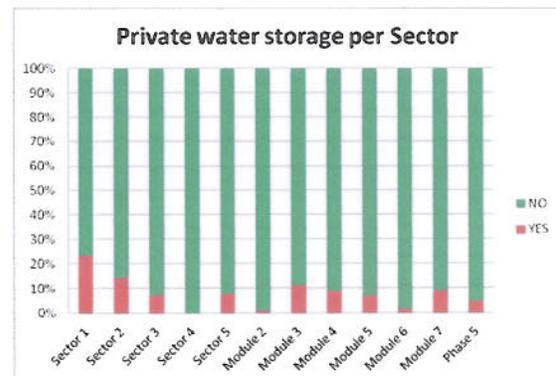
Approximately half of the households (52%) reported that given the choice they would prefer their shelter location to be nearby Syrians from the same *fakhth*<sup>2</sup>. A quarter of the households, 26%, indicated they would chose to live with people with whom they had lived at the moment of leaving Syria, while 11% of households reported to prefer living with people the same *ashira*, and 11% reported to prefer residing with people originating from the same place in Syria.

Overall, Za'atari camp has an average of 4.6m<sup>2</sup> of internal shelter space per refugee, which is above the established sphere standard of 3.5m<sup>2</sup>. As the following graph illustrates, Sector 3 and 4 and Phase 5 display a lower number than the average due to overcrowding in these areas.



### Water

Findings reveal that 8% of households own a private water storage deposit. Most commonly, households reported to have a small tank (1m<sup>3</sup>) for the storage of water, namely 52%, followed by big tanks (2m<sup>3</sup>), 27% and barrels (200L), 21%.



<sup>1</sup> The 'standard' set by UNHCR entitles each family in the camp to one caravan, as well as to one additional tent for families with more than 5 members.

<sup>2</sup> *Ashira* is the main high-level organisational unit that structures the Syrian population, it is different from a paternal name or an assumed name in that it is a basis for actual cohesive social structures. Larger ashiras are subdivided into "legs" (*fakhths*).