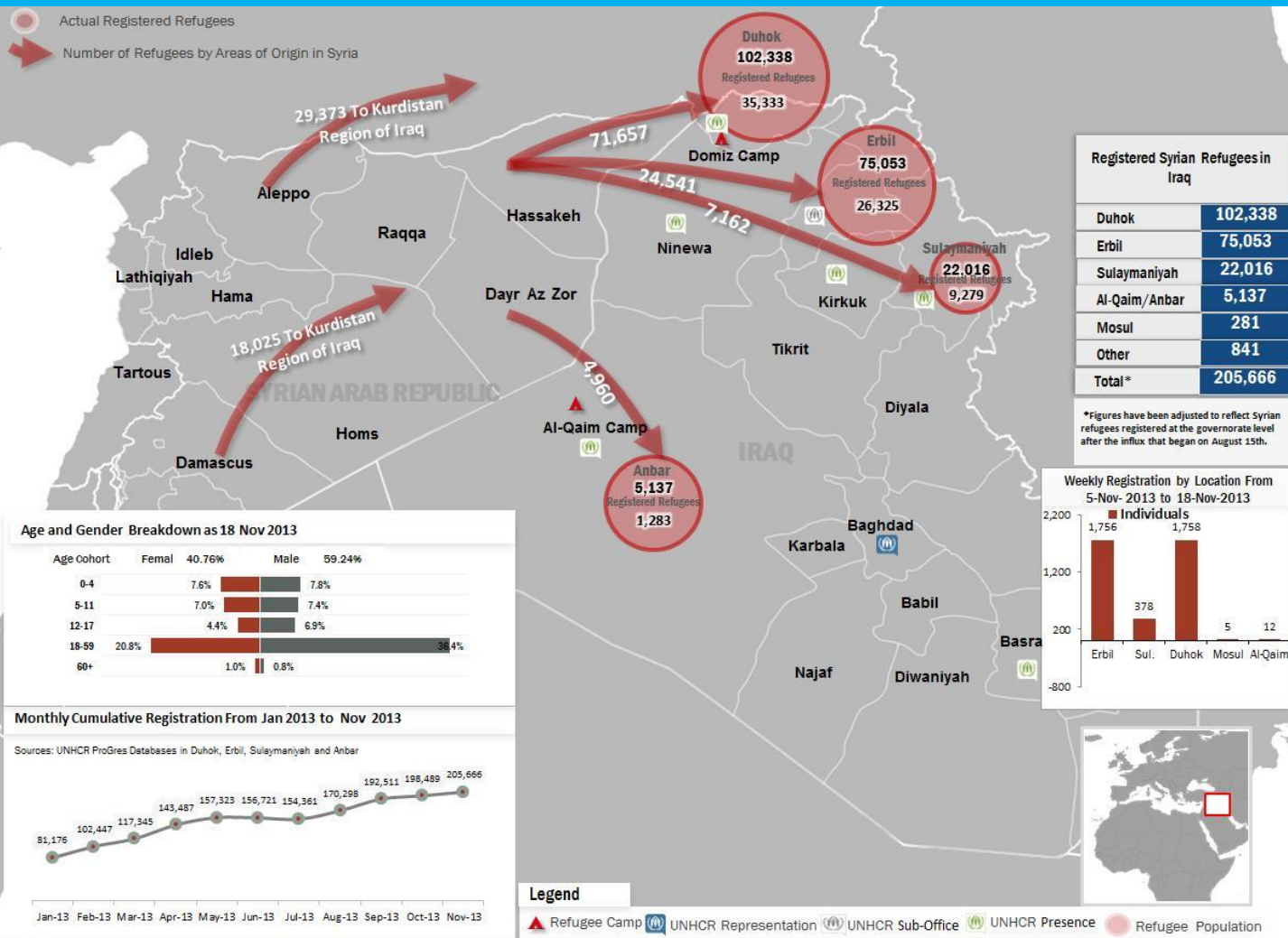


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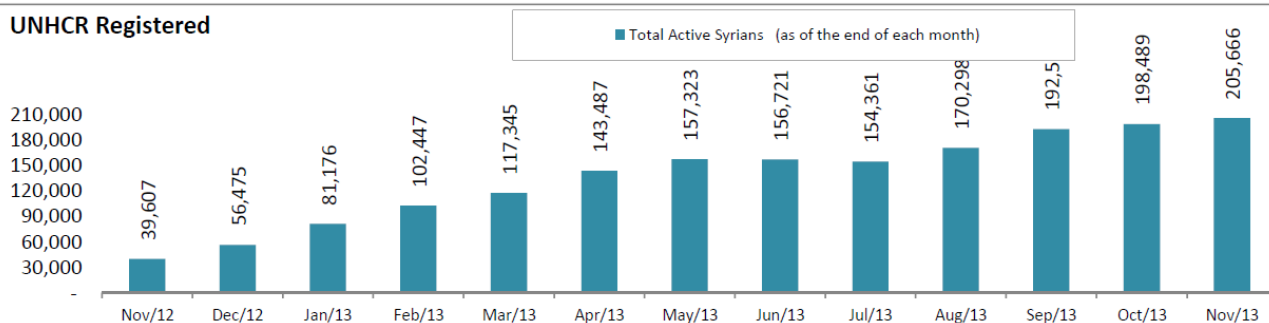
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UNHCR Registration Trends for Syrians

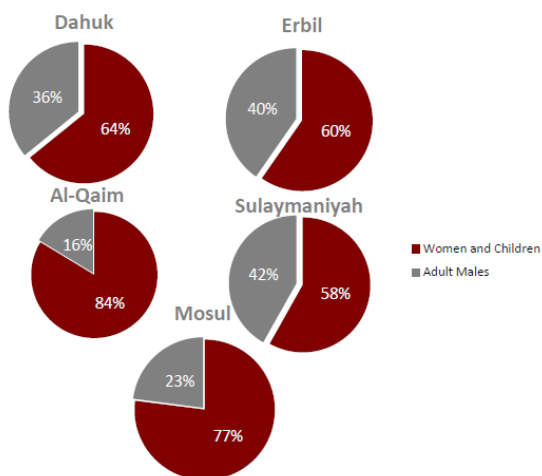
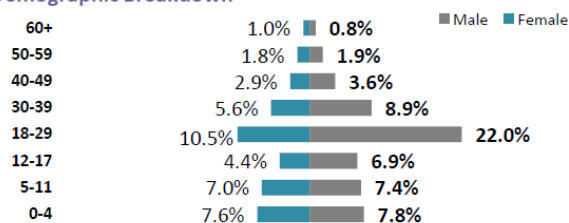
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This profile is based on **170,726** proGres registered persons
and **34,940** level 1 registration (new camps population)
The total is **205,666** individuals

Demographic Breakdown



Location of the Registration

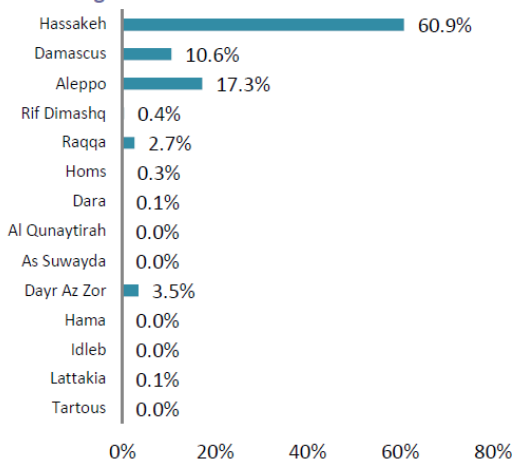


Governorate	Persons	Households	% Total
Dahuk*	102,338	35,333	49.8%
Erbil	75,053	26,325	36.5%
Sulaymaniyah	22,016	9,279	10.7%
Anbar	5,137	1,283	2.5%
Mosul	281	78	0.1%
Other	841	337	0.4%
Total Iraq	205,666	72,635	100.0%

* Includes Syrians registered in Domiz Camp

** Only age and gender break down, name of the head of household, and vulnerabilities are captured

Place of origin



Camps

Camps	Persons	House holds
Domiz**	45,000	10,000
Al-Obaidi Camp	1,989	420
Kawergosk Camp	13,324	3,637
Darashakran Camp	6,040	1,166
Qushtapa Camp	3,752	829
Arbat Camp	2,775	826
Akre	2,560	813
Qasrok	164	74
Zakho	395	121
Basirma Camp	3,120	749
Gawilan	2,810	834
Total	81,929	19,469

** 86,796 Syrians are registered at Domiz camp, however the camp population is estimated to be approximately 45,000.

1. Highlights

- There are **205,666 Syrian refugees** registered with UNHCR in Iraq;
- Currently **Syrians cannot access Iraqi territory**;
- Winter preparation is underway with **34 per cent of camp refugees having received winter items in the KR** and Al Qa'im nearing completion of winterisation efforts (see box below);
- The **2nd round of the national polio immunization campaign was launched** on 2 November for five days, targeting more than 677,964 children under five years in all the three governorates of the KR

2. WINTERIZATION UPDATE (5 - 21 November)

Progress for winter preparedness in **Al Qa'im** includes:

- ✓ IYL and IRW completed the distribution of winterization CRIs (mattress, heating stove, plastic sheet, kerosene, water jerry can, quilt, and hygiene kits) to all refugees;
- ✓ UNHCR completed raising tent floors and adding insulation to prevent dampness and cold;
- ✓ UNHCR replaced old tents and digging of channels for rain water drainage;
- ✓ ISHO installed a new rub hall with four communal shaded areas, cemented the school yard, and completed the water drainage system (open channel) to prevent water logging;
- ✓ UNICEF installed 36 water solar heaters for female latrines;
- ✓ IRW completed the distribution of complementary food items (15\$) for November;
- ✓ IRW distributed more fire extinguishers to prevent possible fire accidents during winter;
- ✓ UNHCR started the distribution of Kerosene (70 litres) for non-camp refugees.

In the **KR**, several initiatives are underway, such as:

- ✓ 5,445 of the planned 15,672 households received UNHCR's winter preparedness items;
- ✓ UNICEF and partners began WASH winterization by modifying existing structures and initiating new construction including drainage systems, desludging of waste tanks and placing hard (concrete) foundations for family tents;
- ✓ KRG, UNHCR and partners continue drainage work, gravelling of roads and construction of cement slabs;
- ✓ UNHCR is distributing 200 litres of kerosene to each household inside the camps in the three governorates. In addition, the same level of kerosene is being distributed to vulnerable families in non-camp locations in Sulaymaniyah (990 families to date) and Dohuk.



Left: A Syrian refugee covering his tent with a newly distributed plastic sheet as part of the winter kit @ UNHCR. Barns
Right: Winterisation efforts in Al Obaidy including laying cement in the school yard @ ISHO

*Further information on specific winter initiatives is detailed in the sections below

3. Border update

Al Qa'im

The border remains closed at Al Qa'im.

Kurdistan Region

A technical monitoring visit was conducted to Peshkapor on 10 November. Discussions took place with authorities regarding the project to upgrade the reception centre, which will provide authorities with additional capacity to process new arrivals as well as returns.

4. Response by sector and location

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

Al Qa'im

The number of Syrian refugees in Al Obaidy Camp is 420 cases (1,980) individuals with 863 cases (3,146) individuals settled in the town of Al Qa'im. UNHCR Al Qa'im resumed renewing refugee badges and the activity is on-going. Currently, there have been 1,293 cases (6,030) individuals of return to Syria from the Al Qa'im border point. No return movement took place during the reporting period.

Child Protection: On November 6th, child protection and child rights convention training was completed in Al Obaidy Camp for UNICEF and Afkar (partner) staff.

Kurdistan Region

A total of 1,693 Syrians have registered during the reporting. The registration team also attended to 132 renewals of expired Refugee Certificates. Some 1,450 cases (all Syrians) comprising to 3,100 individuals living in non-camp settings were identified and issued appointments for registration for the period November 21st to December 25th 2013. Sixty three newborns (32 males; 31 females) were recorded.

During the week, protection team conducted 104 litigation interviews with refugees; among which twenty with claims of lost-certificates, eight cases applied for return to Syria, 15 cases of re-activation following verification, 11 cases with request for transfer (from Erbil-Sulaymaniyah to Dohuk) of which three cases were finalized and 31 cases for family-composition and lack-of documents.

A total of eight families (38 Syrians individual) approached Domiz camp claiming to have entered into KR-I illegally via Sehela. The families were apparently received/screened by border security who arranged transportation and referred the families to Domiz. Their cases were discussed with the Camp Administration who agreed to settle the families at the reception/transit inside Domiz camp until they are fully registered and shelter is provided.

UNHCR protection team received information that a Syrian family was sent back to Syria by the Asayish of Sumel/Dohuk. The protection team is in the process of verifying this information.

The return movement continues, with a total of 268 cases comprising 499 Syrians (all registered with UNHCR) have voluntarily returned to Syria bringing the total number of registered Syrians returned to Syria since January to 26,200 individuals. As for non-registered, 392 Syrians also returned from KR-I to Syria, bringing total number of non-registered Syrians returned to Syria since May 2013 to 18,280 persons.

Camps

Gawilan and Akra: A protection/community service team visited Gawilan and Akra camps on November 11th and 13th to provide counselling and attend to protection and community services concerns.

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Transit sites

Bajet Kandala: The protection team visited Bajet Kandala on the 10th of November and was able to verify the on-going works of the camp, which according to the contractor is 30 per cent complete. The camp should be finalised by the end of November.

Arbat: New arrivals in Arbat Transit Camp continued to be registered under the format of level one registration. Special Protection Needs (SPN) mapping is at its final stage, although constant update is needed in view of the constant small inflow of new arrivals and departures from the camp. Data collected from this exercise on special protection needs will be consolidated and presented to partners at the upcoming Protection Sub-working Group meeting.

To address the issue of inaccurate and faulty data on the actual population in the camp, ACTED undertook to the development of a consolidated and updated database on the current population in the camp, basing on UNHCR registration records and ACTED findings in the course of distribution activities with WFP. The latest data was shared with UNHCR on November 7th, 2013. While the data consolidated by ACTED is relatively more accurate, it is not flawless and is only be used as reference.

According to ACTED findings from the last WFP food package distribution, there were approximately 331 families in the camp. According to ACTED findings and UNHCR's estimation, there are approximately 140 single persons residing in the camp. The UNHCR registration team from Erbil is due to visit Sulaymaniyah office. Harmonization of different statistics and data will be looked into with the view of establishing a more reliable statistics on the population in the Camp.

During the reporting period, 20 families (constituting of 73 individuals) and four single persons have been registered.

As part of winterization program, two big tents are to be erected in the warehouse to revamp the registration area and procedures, one tent will be used for registration and enquiry handling, while another one will be used for distribution of food or non-food items.

Due to the rain, part of the area in the warehouse was mildly flooded. On November 11th, KURDS was instructed to gravel the floor and erect the two big tents.

With the revamp of the registration area, the Protection team has developed a new work-flow for the CDO's registration team with the view of streamlining the registration process and enquiry handling. Training will be provided to the registration team, CDO's protection staff members and KURDS on 12 November 12th, 2013.

✓ Shelter / infrastructure

Al Obaidy

As part of the winterization efforts, UNHCR completed raising the tent flooring and adding insulation to prevent dampness and cold. All old tents were replaced and open channels were dug for rain water drainage. ISHO installed the new rub hall with four communal shaded areas, and covered the school yard with cement in Al Obaidy Camp.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Darashakran: ACTED appointed a night watch team to prevent vandalism working in three shifts comprising of eight people equipped with a distinctive uniform. For protection reasons, only two women were included in the team. These night watch teams will not replace the services provided by Asayish.

Kawergosk: 314 tents are to be replaced (291 military tents + 23 damaged UNHCR tents) – ACTED conducted the assessment and UNHCR has the tents ready: the replacement process will begin imminently.

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Domiz: Some (48) families relocated from irregular area to Transit 7. Relocation to other plots of Transit 7 is pending due to delay of provision of latrines and showers. Heavy rain affected Domiz camp on November 9th with some 11 tents being issued for the refugees affected by the storm. UNHCR and DMC have started the verification process for tent replacement.

DMC informed UNHCR that Phase 6 will be extended by some 65 donams (162.500sqm) which is sufficient for some 1,000 families (5,000 persons) and an additional 75,000sqm will be allocated behind Transit 1, which could accommodate around 1,800 persons. UNHCR is in discussion with DMC on the possible development of the site.

Gawilan: The sub-base for the road from the camp to the main street (4.5) km is about 60% complete. Two tanks of 25,000 litres and 30,000 litres were installed by local authorities (LAs) on the roof of the castle.

Arbat: The construction of the camp is currently underway, mainly by KURDS. During the reporting period, earth works for the registration centre and clinic in the permanent camp started. However, the progress of the construction work has been slowed down by heavy rains. UNESCO proposed establishing a secondary school in the permanent camp.

Transit sites

Akra: According to the camp manager there are some 60 halls accommodating approximately 330 families. The local authorities started construction of partitions and the contractor is due to commence with steel frame construction as a base for the second floor.

Arbat transit site: Up to 500 tents were erected. However, many tents have since collapsed or been vandalized, with sections K, L, M, N and O being the most seriously affected areas. The fallen tents in Sections L and M have been removed and eight new tents were re-erected as reported by KURDS representative. However, further re-erection of tents has been impeded by the rainy weather.

Due to lack of available tents in family areas, approximate 10 to 12 families are temporarily housed in the single areas of H, F and J. UNHCR continued to receive complaints from families that they were not at ease to remain in the single area. However, there is no alternate solution for the time being.

Twenty tents have been rebuilt in Sections L and M, and have been assigned to newly arrived families. Although IRC organised the cleaning and repair of latrines and showers by paid refugees in Section L, it has not materialized. UNHCR continues to engage IRC to resolve this issue. There is no undertaking on the replacement/ maintenance of sanitation sets in Sections M, N and O, which are in equally poor state.

Re-building of tents in section M has been impeded by the recent rain. Five families newly arrived on 10 November were temporarily housed in the unused old Child Friendly Space (CFS) and two new CFS, with the consent of UNICEF and STEP. As at 11 November, the terrain was still assessed to be too muddy for re-building of tents. KURDS was instructed to re-build tents in section M once the ground is conducive for such work.

Water and Sanitation

Al Obaidy

ISHO completed the water drainage system (open channel) in Al Obaidy Camp as part of the winterization initiatives to prevent water logging. UNICEF installed 36 water solar heaters for female latrines in Al Obaidy Camp.

Drainage System @ ISHO/Laith



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As a precautionary measure against the polio outbreak in Syria, UNICEF in coordination with Al Qa'im health authorities, intensified water quality control in the camp in addition to adding purification tablets for drinking water storage tanks. WASH mobilizers are spreading awareness messages ensuring that refugees are aware of key public health risks. In addition to the solar boilers that were installed for female baths, UNICEF plans to establish communal hot water stations for the camp

Kurdistan Region

Camps

UNHCR, partners and other stakeholders continue to carry out drainage work, gravelling of roads and construction of cement slabs as part of the overall winter preparedness strategy in all camps across the three governorates.

UNICEF and partners have begun WASH winterization by modifying existing structures and initiating new construction including drainage systems, de-sludging of waste tanks and placing hard (concrete) foundations for family tents. Additional supplies such as energy boilers for hot showers, special motor pumps for winter and other WASH products are also being placed in camps.



Drainage work underway in Kawergosk © UNHCR/November 2013

Darashakran: UNICEF and Relief International are supporting the local government to provide WASH interventions in the camp. Relief International is to begin garbage collection, hygiene promotion and water quality monitoring creating an opportunity for cash-for-work. UNICEF will collect garbage from camp and a location for the garbage is being determined; the authorities will deliver garbage to the land pit.

Electricity is currently limited; hot water will depend on the use of kerosene.

The authorities plan to open a channel and clear the black soil from the natural pit by temporary means. CfW teams will be deployed by ACTED to maintain the drainage works as agreed with the authorities.

Kawergosk: Trenches have been completed for around 2247 tents and digging of trenches along roads for water evacuation is on-going. A key concern is that the moats around the camp are closed-off and some of them are already half full. The work on the moats will need to involve heavy machinery.

Qushtapa: The government is carrying out the tendering process for the garbage collection in Qushtapa town including the camp. The process should be complete in a period of one month. Until then, UNICEF and DRC will continue with the garbage collection in the camp.

UNICEF, through ESWD, is trucking safe water daily in both camps. UNICEF has installed WASH facilities in the camp schools in Qushtapa and Basirma camps.

Gawilan: At present, 101 toilets and 49 showers have been installed out of a total of 200 toilets and 100 showers required for the transit centre. UNICEF also provided 500 hygiene kits and 50 family water kits.

Domiz: Forty eight families from the irregular sections that were moved to Transit 7 were provided with 34 latrines and 32 showers installed by Qandil through UNHCR. Some 16 septic tanks were installed along the former road between Phase 5 and Transit 7; the area will receive refugees from the lowest part of Transit 2 which is prone to flooding during the rains.



New plots for families in Transit 7 @ UNHCR/ B. Mohammed Amin

UNICEF and NRC are improving WASH facilities in Domiz to increase equitable access to safe water and sanitation. So far, 190 emergency prefabricated latrines have been installed out of 230, benefitting about 12,000 people. Two hundred bathing units have been installed in transit site 2, benefitting 4,510 people. UNICEF and NRC are also continuing water quality testing throughout Domiz Camp on a daily basis. This includes mobilization and sensitization of communities on water handling and storage. UNICEF is also supporting the Directorate of Water Outskirts Dohuk to measure water quantity with flow metres. This will increase the equitable management of water resources in the camp. Hygiene promotion activities with IRW have been extended through February 2014 and the promoters are regularly conducting hygiene sessions with the communities.

Transit sites

Akra: UNICEF and partners have provided 36 toilets and 20 showers in addition to the existing toilets. UNICEF is also supporting cleaning services in the camp through the NGO Kurds.

Arbat: Latrines and showers in Sections L, M, N and O remain unfixed and are in very poor and unhygienic conditions. The rain has worsened the conditions of the area. UNHCR continues to engage with partners to resolve the issue of hygiene sets in the areas (see above).

UNICEF is delivering all WASH services with IRC. A team of Syrian refugee volunteers has been trained to handle water quality monitoring while three other teams will handle maintenance of the WASH facilities. UNICEF distributed 370 family kits and 160 baby kits and equipped the school inside the camp with WASH facilities.

Due to the rain and bad road conditions, the water truck was unable to reach certain areas. It was reported that two water tanks locating in Sections M and K respectively were not refilled with water. IRC was informed of the issue and they undertook to look into the matter.

✓ Core Relief Items

Al Obaidy

In collaboration with IYL and IRW, UNHCR completed the distribution of winterization CRIs (mattress, heating stove, plastic sheet, kerosene, water jerry can, quilt, and hygiene kits) to refugees in Al Obaidy Camp. IRW

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completed the distribution of complementary food items (15\$) to the camp refugees for November. IRW distributed more fire extinguishers to the camp's sectors to prevent possible fire accidents during winter.



Complementary FIs distribution in Al Qa'im @ UNHCR/Natiq Complementary FIs distribution in Al Qa'im @ UNHCR/Natiq

Kurdistan region

Camps

Thus far, 4,651 of the planned 15,672 households have received UNHCR's winter preparedness items or more than one quarter of the overall target population in camps have been covered through the distribution of UNHCR's winter preparedness CRIs to date. UNICEF is procuring warm cloths/shoes and blankets to meet the needs of children, as well as basic health kits, 150 classroom heaters and carpets for learning spaces have also been ordered.

Darashakran: Remains an urgent need for plastic and rain sheeting. ACTED will determine how many plastic sheets can be provided.

Gawilan: On 10 November, 11 trucks of 285 kits of CRIs from Erbil arrived at the main road to Gawilan Camp despite the mud making the road to the camp difficult to pass, especially for heavy trucks.

Qandil registered 117 families and 86 singles received CRIs.

In coordination with DMC, CRIs were distributed. Only small items were distributed such as plastic sheets, water jerry cans, kerosene jerry cans, kitchen sets and the rest of items had to be distributed next day. The distribution was completed on 11 November.

Space for storing CRIs is needed, Qandil already had two containers from DMC but old stock of mattresses and quilts are stored in it.



Arrival of CRIs in Darashakran @ UNHCR/ S. Ahmed.

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Akre: On 13 November, UNHCR through Qandil distributed some 78 CRIs packages for the newly relocated families from Qasrok to Akra camp.

On 11 November, according to the camp manager, DMC through Akra camp administration has distributed some 700 blankets and 90 stoves to new relocated families from Qasrok to Akra camp.

Barzani Charity Foundation and DMC distributed some 400 mattresses, 85 stoves, 22 gas cylinder to the new arrivals from Qasrouk.

Arbat transit site: CRIs continue to be distributed by CDO/PARC. All new arrivals were given CRIs. Plastic sheeting and kerosene were also distributed to the whole population in the camp.

✓ Food

Al Obaidy

WFP completed the distribution of November food parcels (1,975). Biscuit distribution is on-going for students in the camp school.

Food distribution in Al Obaidy @ WFP/Ziad



Kurdistan Region

Camps

Darashakran: The next WFP food distribution is scheduled for 14 November through ACTED in partnership with the Barzani foundation. Barzani foundation delivered 1,000 food boxes and will continue distributing additional food to the WFP parcel.

Gawilan: WFP completed the distribution of food basket for all the families including Zakho families relocated.

Transit sites

Arbat transit site: During the reporting period, UNHCR continued to issue food collection slips to new arrivals for food collection from the municipality.

WFP announced the next food ration collection date is scheduled on 12 November, while Samaritan's Purse will launch a one-off vegetable and food distribution activity a date later.

During the Food sub-working group meeting on 7 November, it was pointed out that distribution of bread was stopped for two days after the wheat flour stock depleted. Distribution of bread resumed, as a private donor offered to cover the needs on a temporary basis. The issue of continuous provision of bread in future was raised during the meeting but no undertaking was made by any partner organization.

✓ Health

Al Obaidy

DoH conducted a routine vaccination campaign in Al Obaidy Camp. The number of beneficiaries was 23 cases. UNHCR through the United Iraqi Medical Society (UIMS) provided the camp dental clinic with a portable X-ray machine.



Portable X-ray, Al Obaidy @ UIMS/Dr. Mahmood



Routine vaccination, Al Obaidy @ DOH/Natiq

Kurdistan Region

After successful completion of the 1st round during 29 September-3 October, the 2nd round of national polio immunization campaign was launched on 2 November for five days, targeting more than 677,964 children under five years in all the three governorates of the KR including all Syrian refugee children, (97% coverage). Of the Syrian refugee children a total of 7,407 were vaccinated in Dohuk, a total of 5,518 children were vaccinated in Erbil (1,167 in Kawergosk, 557 in Qushtapa, 522 in Basirma, 640 in Darashakran and the remaining in outside the camps) and a total of 332 Syrian children were vaccinated in Sulaymaniyah.

DoH-Duhok is closely monitoring information related to the confirmed polio cases in Dair Al-Zur in Syria. As per MoH-Erbil instructions, all polio eradication activities has been intensified (surveillance and vaccination) and a fixed immunization post established at the border crossing point to vaccinate all refugees crossing the border toward Kurdistan regardless of their age and vaccination status.

To summarise, a total of 7,407 Syrian refugees children aged 5 years and younger were vaccinated in this round compared to 7,114 vaccinated in the first round as follows:

Table: Comparison between 1st round and 2nd round Polio Immunization Campaign

Location	Number of vaccinated children under 5	
	1 st round Sept. - Oct 2013	2 nd round Nov 2013
Camp (Domiz, Akra, Qasrok, Gawilan)	5,297	5,590
Non camp (Dohuk, Sheikhan, Amedi, Sumail, Zakho, Barderash, Akra)	1,817	1,994
Total	7,114	7,407

Camps

UNICEF is also rapidly responding to a confirmed hepatitis-A outbreak in Kawergosk camp through early case detection, health education on hygiene and use of safe water, chlorination of water tanks and toilets. UNICEF engaged midwives in surveillance and early reporting of any visible jaundice cases. UNICEF has established vaccination units in the camps, immunizing children on arrival and providing routine immunization services. A total of 463 children were vaccinated with due routine vaccines in Domiz and Kawergosk camps.

UNICEF in partnership with the Directorates of Health (DOHs) undertook a rapid assessment for nutrition involving Middle Upper Arm Circumference screening for all children (6 months -5 years) in all camps of Erbil and Sulaymaniyah governorates. In camps in Dohuk (except Domiz, which is reported below), out of a total of 344 under five years old children screened, 2 per cent of children are suffering from acute malnutrition, of whom one was severely acutely malnourished. All cases of malnutrition received required management

In Sulaymaniyah, UNICEF distributed seven tonnes of high protein biscuits, with 900 children having received food rations through the school feeding programme.

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UNICEF is working closely with all three DoHs in the north to complete assessment of disability in all camps of the three governorates. In Arbat camp, wheelchairs have been distributed to six children and children are participating in physiotherapy sessions on a regular basis.

Darashakran: UNHCR formally handed over the keys to the Darashakran PHC to the Mayor in presence of all the partners (DoH, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA). Mr Mayor thanked to UNHCR for completing the PHC work and he handed over the responsibility of the PHC to DOH Erbil and requested all the partners to work closely with DOH to ensure optimum service delivery for the refugees in Darashakran camp.

Handover of PHC in Darashakran camp @ UNHCR/ M. Taimur



Domiz: The health clinic at Domiz camp continues to operate by DoH and MSF and provide regular health services from six days a week. The primary health centre provided consultation to 2,088 individuals of which 37 per cent were children under five. The average number of consultations for the reporting period was 350 individuals per day (50/consultant). A total of 144 patients were referred to Dohuk Hospital for further treatment; 19 were urgent and 125 elective cases.

Out of a total of 728 under five years old children screened, 10 (1.3%) malnourished children were detected of them 1 with severe malnutrition (-3SD) and all of them received required management. As part of UNICEF and WFP support, High Protein Biscuits and Plumpy Doz are distributed to all malnourished children detected (1,600 gm per months) in addition to provision of plumpy nut for severely malnourished children by MSF.

Antenatal care services provided to 394 pregnant women in the camp and 232 women/couple needs for contraceptive were met, while 110 lactating mothers having received required postnatal care.

A total of 378 children were vaccinated with due routine vaccines as per the applied national scheduled of them. In addition, 45 adult received Hepatitis B vaccine; 36 pregnant women and 82 women in child bearing age (15-49 years) received Tetanus Toxoid vaccines.

The new expansion of health centre by MSF is completed and the medical consultation units had been moved to the new building, this will provide more space to provide better health services for refugees at Domiz camp. Additional expansion of the waiting areas is underway with UNHCR support through DMC. The construction of new health centre inside the camp is underway funded by Ministry of Migration and Displacement.

Mobile health teams supported by IMC started to work four days at the camp to provide additional health services for refugees inside the camp and provided required curative medical services for 759 patients. Health education teams from MSF, Islamic Relief and other partners continues their work visiting tent to tent to provide health messages related to mostly personal hygiene and prevention of water and sanitation related diseases.

A 2.4 metric ton shipment of medicines donated by International Health Partners-Canada for refugees at Domiz camp, were received and will be distributed to the health centres.

Jiyan foundation continue to provide its medical services for refugees in the camp and during the last two weeks a total of 255 patients were treated at the centers in addition to 10 psychosocial/mental health patients.

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A lack of specialized services in Domiz and in Dohuk city for persons requiring special care remains a major challenge. During the reporting period a missing 20-year-old young man with multiple types of special needs (disability, medical and psychosocial) was identified and referred to several agencies. Although several agencies provided the individual with the available services, none of them were able to provide the specialized care the case required, neither in Domiz camp nor in Dohuk city. The only psychosocial care center in Dohuk has services suitable only to children. Several days later, the efforts to trace his family was successful and his family was located in Gawilan camp. Family reunification is under process to relocate the whole family to Domiz camp. Currently the person is under the care of his parents who are housed in Domiz.

Kirkuk Center (also known as Jiyan Center) provided individual psychological counselling sessions to eight individuals (07 adults and 01 child).

Gawilan: DOH with MSF support is providing medical care and services, currently MSFCH mobile medical provide daily health services during the day. In addition, a medical team from DOH remains standby at the camp to ensure 24 hours emergency medical services are available. The daily average number of patients treated at the center is 40.

According to the reports from DoH 'the increase in the number of diarrhoea cases and appearance of jaundice is alarming and indicate possibility of feco-oral contamination (inappropriate water, sanitation and personal hygiene) and there is urgent need to improve these services to avoid any outbreak of hepatitis A or other diarrhea and water born diseases'.

The construction of the health center by UNHCR contractor is underway. The process of transition of health services from MSF to PU-AMI is ongoing as planned.

Qushtapa: Currently MSF is present two days per week in the Qushtapa camp. However the MSF will increase its presence it's the camp to three days per week in the coming weeks.

Transit Sites

Akra: DoH mobile teams are working among refugees and provide 24-hours medical services including standby ambulance for referral of urgent and serious cases to nearby hospitals. More than 40 patients are treated in Akra Castle daily. DoH/UPP mental health team is visiting refugees' camp in Akra once a week. Preparations are under way to conduct mental health assessment

Arbat: As discussed and agreed with the Department of Health (DoH) previously, persons with serious medical conditions could be referred to the DoH directly by UNHCR for accelerated treatment/ follow up action. In the reporting period, the case of a child with a brain tumour was referred to the DoH and relevant medical examination procedure was accelerated with the assistance of the DoH.

✓ Education

Al Obaidy

A parents committee meeting was held in the camp.

Parents Committee meeting @ UNICEF/Nofa

Kurdistan Region

The enrolment for grades 1-9 in the tented school in Kawergosk camp has increased by 36 per cent to 1966 students (999 girls). In Basrma camp the enrolment has decreased by 6 per cent 604 students (308 girls) due to the fact that some families moved to host communities. Qushtapa camp school is continuing to provide education to 901 students (462 girls). After the relocation of all families from Bahrka camp, the enrolment for grade 1-9 in Darashakran tented school reached 960 (520 girls).



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Domiz: In total, 3,264 students are attending basic schools in Domiz Camp, with an additional 1,500 children already registered to attend the two new schools which are under construction and are planned to be completed next week.

UNICEF launched a hand washing campaign in Qamishlo and Kar and Jiyan basic schools as part of the Global Hand Washing Day. The activity was conducted by KURDS/UNICEF Wash specialists and trainers. In addition to a presentation on the importance of hygiene and environmental protection, 952 the children were provided with T-shirts and water mugs.

Gawilan: The construction of 12-classroom school through PWJ/UNICEF will start on 14 November.

According to camp manager, there is no permanent staff from DMC monitoring the construction activities, DMC is trying to recruit a new engineering staff for Gawilan camp. There is only one technical, following up construction activities according to camp manager.

Transit sites

Akre: Primary school construction is ongoing with land preparation and compacting being completed, casting of the base is around 65 percent complete and expected to be finished in the coming days according to the contractor. Approximately 70 percent of school cabinet's constructions were completed.



Construction of a primary school in Akra @ UNHCR/ B. Mohammed Amin

Arbat: UNICEF installed a tented school in Arbat transit camp for which the Department of Education has hired 15 teachers from the Syrian refugee community. UNICEF provided power lines, desks, air conditioners, black/whiteboards, stationary and school bags along with WASH facilities. On 29 October, the education authority organized an official opening for the school, which increased enrolment by 25 percent to 380 students (175 girls).

✓ ***SGBV***

Al Obaidy

Through the Women's Listening Centre, four cases were identified and received psychological and legal support. Three cases identified by LC social workers as a domestic violence, two of these cases received psycho-social support and one case received legal support.

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Domiz: In collaboration with IMC, a team of 14 volunteers are working to identify survivors of GBV that need medical treatment to be referred to health clinic for required medical and health care in collaboration with MSF and UPP supported medical team providing medical and psychosocial services at the camp.

23 women were received and provided with counselling services (14 at Harikar/IRC Women Listening Center and nine at the UNFPA Women's Social Space). Conducted information session on women's rights and early marriage attended by 30 women and held one support groups with women who had teenage daughters.

A team of 18 outreach workers from the Women's Social Space conducted tent-to-tent awareness sessions on early marriage and reproductive health. UNFPA conducted four trainings sessions on English, sewing, handicraft and make up.

The IRC completed case management training for 12 **DTVAW** staff. The October Women's Safety Review was circulated to SGBV partners and the IRC met with DMC to discuss issues highlighted in the report including shared latrines and requests for a community safety strategy like community patrols.

DMC received two SGBV cases and made one referral to DTVAW another five cases of SGBV (4 cases of attempted early and forced marriage) were identified and the families were provide with assistance.

Transit sites

Arbat transit: IRC's women empowerment/SGBV program was approved by UNHCR-Erbil during the reporting period and is yet to be implemented. As UNDP previously expressed strong interest in running the SGBV program in Arbat Transit Camp, the organization was encouraged to introduce their program in urban Sulaymaniyah to support non camp refugees. Further discussion will be conducted between the Organization and UNHCR Erbil.

✓ Community services

Al Obaidy

UNHCR continues the CTA project (5th cycle of computer and English training) through IRW where 100 youth are participating. As part of UNHCR livelihood projects, Dijilat Al Khair NGO completed the construction of ten shops in Al Obaidy Camp. On 17 November, upon coordination with UNHCR Al Qai'm team, local NGO held Friendship and Peace Football Championship in Al Obaidy Camp with the participation of Syrian refugees and local teams from Al Qai'm .

Football championship @LNGO/Nameer



✓ Child Protection

Al Obaidy

Currently 299 girls and 368 boys are benefitting from the services available at the CFS in Al Obaidy that vary from recreational activities to computer and sewing classes.

Kurdistan Region

UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Social Affairs to establish a Child Protection Information Management System to follow the cases of separated and unaccompanied children and other vulnerable children, and ensure care and services are provided

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UNICEF is providing psychosocial support and recreation activities through a Child Friendly Space/Adolescent Friendly Space (CFS/AFS) in Domiz Camp reaching 620 children. A Child Help Line opened in early November. UNICEF is raising awareness of the service, which gives children a safe channel for support from trained staff without necessarily revealing their identity. UNICEF's mobile child protection team was established in early October and has been organizing child friendly activities in host communities, including War City, Acre and Gawilan. The mobile team works with volunteers from the refugee community and has organized drawing, painting, singing and stories for 113 children (56 girls).

Transit sites

Arbat transit: In partnership with STEP, a CFS opened in Arbat Camp to offer the children opportunities to develop, learn, play and strengthen resiliency as well as to identify and respond to particular threats, especially for children with specific needs. Up to 150 children attend the CFS daily. A CPU was also established for Arbat Camp to provide a space for a permanent presence of child protection actors in order to ensure permanent monitoring of child protection issues. Additionally, a Best Interest Determination Panel was established by UNHCR in which UNICEF is an active panel member

✓ Livelihoods

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Darashakran: Employment centre and database is currently operation as set up by the authorities and residents are encouraged to register themselves. The purpose of job centre is to ensure equal employment opportunities. Mayor's office suggested that any partners that wish to recruit should visit the centre and provide both the number and occupation of the workers needed. This is limited to jobs in the camp for the time being.

Domiz: IOM distributed start up kits for 10 families who benefited from business trainings. The start-up kits include tools and machines for barber shops and fast food (Shwarma) stands. Twenty two individuals with professional and educational qualifications were identified and documented for potential employment opportunities.

UNHCR identified two individuals for employment opportunities in Sumel district where the persons were placed for jobs in local factory.

5. Non-camp assistance

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

Al Qa'im

Children in Al-Qa'im City have been reached with child protection interventions through the establishment of a new CFS in Al-Jamaheer primary school that serves 1,009 Iraqi and Syrian children (39 per cent girls).

Kurdistan Region

The protection monitoring team visited six families (composed of 37 individuals) in Dohuk during the reporting period. The main concern identified during the visits was lack of/inadequate shelter and household items to cater for the winter needs of families.

✓ Core Relief Items

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UNHCR Al Qa'im team started the distribution of Kerosene (70 litres) to the non-camp refugees for November. The team will start the distribution of winterization CRIs to non-camp refugees. The items to be distributed are: plastic sheets, mattresses, quilts, stoves, fuel and water jerry cans, and blankets.



Kerosene distribution to non-camp refugees in Al Qa'im @ UNHCR/Omer

✓ Health

Al Qa'im

UNHCR continued cash assistance and medical interviews with non-camp refugees. Ten non camp medical cases were interviewed by UNHCR. On 19 November, UNHCR WASH Officer and Qa'im health associate met with Al Qa'im Primary Health Care to set up a procedure to monitor water quality on a daily basis.

Interviews with non-camp @ UNHCR/Nameer



✓ Education

The Ministry of Education approved the recruitment of additional teachers for already existing and new schools in Domiz, Akre, Gawilan and Waar City. The list of Syrian refugees with the necessary qualifications was shared with MoE through the Department of Education (DoE) Dohuk.

The DoE hotline continues to receive call from school management and Syrian children parents, this is to direct them and advice school managements to accept the enrolment and in few cases some schools are now working in three shifts to be able to accommodate more Syrian children's. After UNHCR and Harikar renovation and additional classrooms, UNICEF and DoE will reach out to Syrian refugee families through text messaging in host communities to enrol their kids at school.

✓ Shelter

On 13 November, UNHCR visited and interviewed 12 shelter assisted beneficiaries in Zakho. The visit was post voucher distribution and the objective was to assess the progress in the project implementation and how the beneficiaries are receiving the assistance. Out of the 12 families visited, nine families reported that the items they bought were not what they wanted as they could not find what the items and were asked to take what was available; they reported an interest in selling the items and use the money for other needs such as food. They further reported that they would receive one third of the cash spent as the items from the suppliers were very highly overpriced. It was also noted that in one family there were 4 beneficiaries, that were staying in the same shelter and all purchased exactly the same items, namely water tanks and boilers, water pump, ladder, tin of paint and work shoes. These concerns raised by the refugees for corrective action will be followed up by UNHCR and NRC.

✓ Quick Impact Projects

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Forty one (out of 60 allocated for Dohuk Governorate) education, protection and health QIPs are approved and under implementation at the moment. Most of the remaining QIPs are at different stages of the approval process for implementation while the others are under development. It was discussed between Harikar and UNHCR that the price of some of the Bills of Quantity (BOQ) for the projects are coming in on the higher than expected, which has been attributed to the short time span of the project.

✓ Community services/livelihoods

In Al Qa'im, 64 families received cash assistance through ISHO for extremely vulnerable refugees.

In the KR, Harikar submitted to UNHCR for review, the first batch of (128 cases) assessed and recommended for cash assistance. UNHCR reviewed 25% (sample cases) and highlighted some issues for correction by the implementing Partner, Harikar before processing payments. Corrections were done and UNHCR will approve for the payments to be done. The cash assistance target 2,000 to 2,500 cases depending on the family sizes.

6. Stories from the field



Faad Abdul Rahman is running a shwarma kiosk and a shop in Kawergosk refugee camp in the Kurdistan Region. With their four children, he and his wife crossed the border from Syria into Iraq on 15 August and were taken to the newly established refugee camp in the Erbil Governorate.

"I used to have the same business back in Syria, and as I managed to take some savings with me I decided to start up a similar business here in the camp," says Faad.

He describes life in the camp as normal and is supportive of the regional government, NGOs and UN as very much appreciated. However,

Faad also says that "it is better to have my own income and not to rely only on UN support".

All goods for his shop and necessary ingredients for the shwarma kiosk Faad buys in Erbil. "It is good that people have a freedom of movement, we're getting residency cards and refugees can have jobs outside the camp. This means, they're earning money which they can afford to spend in my shop."

Faad's family is not the only one benefiting from this business – he has also two employees, and most probably will have even more in the future as Faad is already planning to expand his business.

20 November 2013, Liene Veide

7. Security

Al Qa'im

The curfew has been reduced by ISF from 2100 – 0500, to 0030 – 0400.

Kurdistan Region

A fire brigade team from Civil Defence conducted a visit to Akra camp last week to assess and identify the places where fire-extinguishing equipment to be installed.

8. Coordination

Al Qa'im

On November 19, UNHCR WASH Officer and UNHCR Al Qa'im health associate met with Al Qa'im Primary Health Care to set up a procedure to monitor the water quality provided to Al Obaidy Camp on a daily basis.

Kurdistan Region

In Dohuk, the non-Camp Coordination meeting was held on 10 November. This was the first formal Non-camp coordination meeting in Dohuk.

On 10 November 2013, a high level meeting was held with the KRG and UNCT members to open the dialogue on the transition to development and to review ToRs for a task force that will lead the shift from a purely humanitarian operation to a one coupled with a resilience development based approach. It is expected that by the end of 2014, a greater number of development actors will be engaged in mitigating the socio-economic impact on the progress of the national development plan implemented by the Kurdistan Region authorities.

Baghdad

A donor coordination and information sharing meeting was held on 13 November in Baghdad to review the situation of Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Chaired by UNHCR, the meeting was attended by representatives of the embassies and missions of the US, UK, Italy, France, Japan, EU Delegation as well as UN country team (WHO, WFP, IOM, UN Habitat, UNFPA and UNDP). Key topics included the back to school campaign, winterization, the 10 November meeting in Erbil, and the status of the sixth Regional Response Plan (RRP6). The next meeting is scheduled for 16 December after the official launch of RRP6.

9. Acronyms and abbreviations

CFS	Child Friendly Space
CRI	Core Relief Items (formerly known as non-food items/ NFIs)
DDM	Department of Displacement and Migration
DMC	Development and Modification Centre
DoE	Department of Education
DoH	Department of Health
HOFO	Head of Field Office
HOSO	Head of Sub Office
ISF	Iraqi Security Forces
KR	Kurdistan Region of Iraq (or KRI)
MOMD	Ministry of Migration and Displacement
PARC	Protection Assistance Reintegration Centre
PHC	Primary Health Centre
QIPs	Quick impact projects
YFS	Youth Friendly Space

Syrian Refugees Camps / Sites in Iraq

As of 17 November 2013

Total Number of Registered Syrian Refugees in Iraq is 202,976

