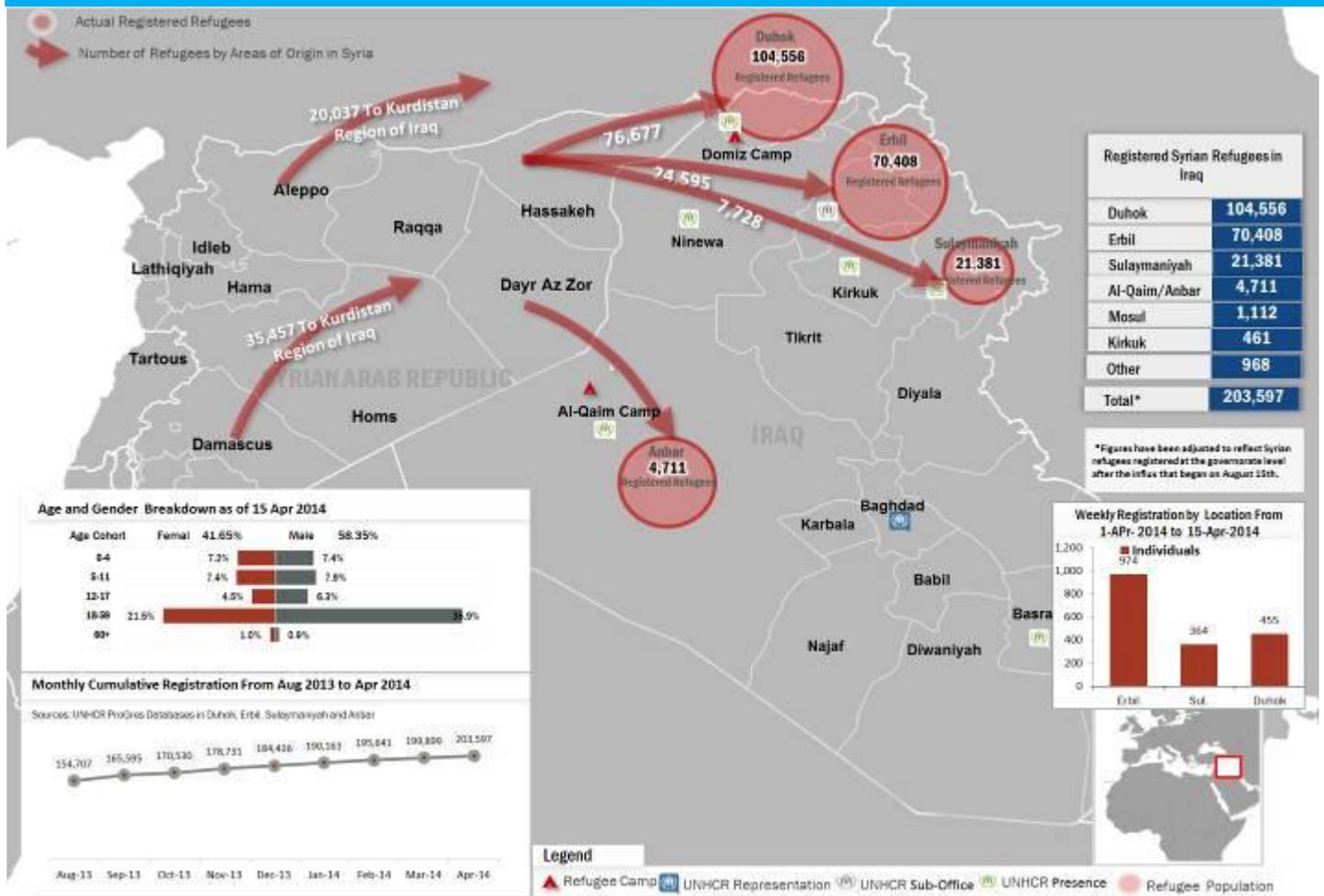


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Registration Unit

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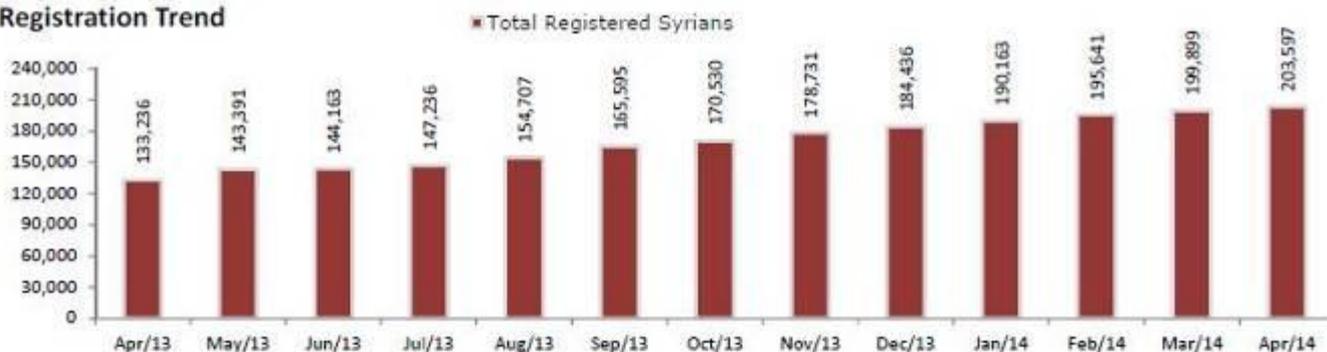
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Households

74,228

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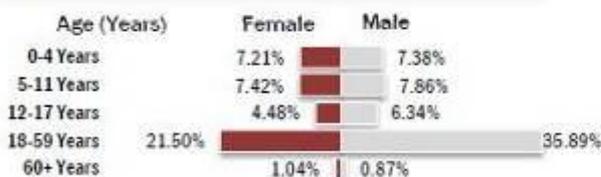


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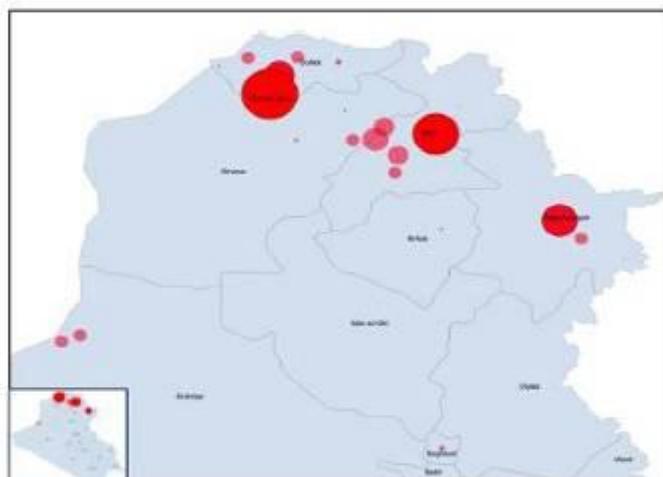
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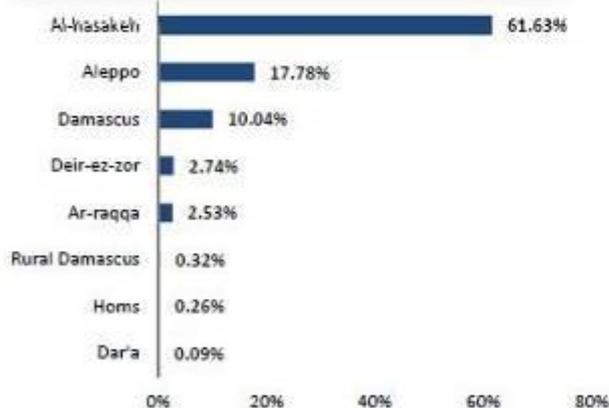
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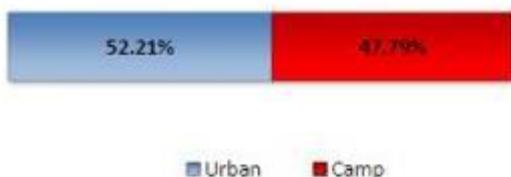
■ % Women and Children ■ % of Adults



Place of Origin



Camp and non-camp population comparison



■ Urban ■ Camp

Governorate	Individuals	Households	% Total
Duhok	104,556	35,403	51.35%
Erbil	70,408	27,316	34.58%
Sulaymaniyah	21,381	9,427	10.50%
Anbar	4,711	1,185	2.31%
Mosul	1,112	356	0.55%
Kirkuk	461	155	0.23%
Other	968	386	0.48%
<b>Total Iraq</b>	<b>203,597</b>	<b>74,228</b>	<b>100%</b>

Camps Population			
Camp	Individuals	Households	% Total
Al-Obaidi Camp	1,672	354	1.72%
Akre Settlement	1,383	338	1.42%
Bajid Kandala Transit Camp	1,977	523	2.03%
Domiz Camp	75,437	25,084	77.53%
Gawilan Camp	2,505	658	2.57%
Basirma Camp	11	5	0.01%
Darashakran Camp	6,839	1,458	7.03%
Kawergosk Camp	4,549	1,178	4.67%
Qushtapa Camp	2,931	661	3.01%
Arbat Camp	1	1	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,305</b>	<b>30,260</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 1. Highlights

- Population movements from conflict-ridden Syria into the northern Iraq came to a halt on 10 April. This was due to the reported closure of the border at Semalka in Syria. However 84 individuals (21 families) sought asylum during the reporting period, and were admitted to the Bajid Kandela Transit Centre and registered with UNHCR.
- A majority of the new arrivals are mainly from Al-Hassake, Aleppo, Kobani and Damascus areas in Syria. They stated that several hundreds who have fled these areas around three weeks ago are still stranded in Gerbalat, Ali Kamash, Al-Sharak mosques and public schools, some 6km from the Peshkabour crossing points. The new arrivals also add that those stranded are in urgent need for humanitarian assistance.
- On 10 April, UNHCR met with the General Director of the Passport and Nationality Directorate and the Heads of the Residency Departments of in the Erbil, Dohuk and Suleimaniyah governorates to discuss the possibility of harmonizing the various procedures, as well as the need for accurate information on the presence of refugees in the Kurdistan Region. During the meeting, it was agreed that registration procedures for new arrivals, issues related to family reunification and file transfers, need to be aligned as soon as possible.
- Following the 10 April meeting, the Residency Department in Suleimaniyah has resumed the issuance of residency cards to Syrian refugees. While residency cards for the refugee population in camps will be issued free of charge, the residency department has decided to charge an amount of 8000 IQD (approximately USD 6.6) per card for those outside camps i.e. at cost price. The same amount will be charged for the renewal of the cards. The residency department in Erbil is expected to resume the issuance of the residency cards as soon as possible. UNHCR will support the expansion of the facilities at the PARC office in support of this project.
- Humanitarian actors resumed some activities in the Gawilan camp on 8 April. UN agencies and I/NGOs temporarily suspended assistance in the camp after a violent confrontation in Gawilan Camp between the Asayeesh, DMC officials and Zeravani during the Nawroz celebrations on 21 March. However DMC and Asayeesh are yet to resume their presence in the camp.
- A monthly population count of Domiz Camp conducted by DMC and the Mukhtars has shown that there are some 35,000 persons currently residing in the camp. This is less than the previously estimated number of 45,000 persons. The verification exercise, which will be rolled out in July 2014, will assist with establishing the actual number of camp resident, as well as ensuring that the street addresses of the refugees' physical residence are correctly uploaded in the ProGres database.
- UNHCR has now stopped receiving additional families in the Arbat Transit Site due to the lack of space and adequate water and sanitation facilities. Only extremely vulnerable families and new arrivals from Syria will be considered for accommodation in the site.

### 2. Border update

#### Al Qa'im

The border remains closed since 29 March 2013. Syrians with valid visa are still allowed to cross the border toward Iraq after they obtain prior approval from Iraqi authorities. More medical cases of Syrians are received at the border clinic. Patients have to return back to Syria the same day after receiving the appropriate treatment.

#### Peshkabour and Sehela

Population movements from conflict-ridden Syria into northern Iraq came to a near halt on 10 April. Officials say that this is due to the closure of the border at Semalka in Syria. However, 84 individuals (21 families) sought asylum during the reporting period, and were admitted to the Bajid Kandela Transit Centre and registered with UNHCR.

### 3. Response by sector and location

#### ✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

#### Al Qa'im

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There were no returns to Syria from Al Obaidy camp during the reporting period. Therefore the number of Syrian refugee returns stands at 6,527 persons. The reasons for return range from limitations in the freedom of movement and health and family reunification to the lack of a regular source of income for refugees.

### **Kurdistan Region**

A majority of the new arrivals are mainly from Al-Hassake, Aleppo, Kobani and Damascus areas in Syria. They stated that several hundreds who have fled these areas around three weeks ago are still stranded in Gerbalat, Ali Kamash, Al-Sharak mosques and public schools, some 6km from the Peshkabour crossing points. The new arrivals also add that those stranded are in urgent need for humanitarian assistance.

UNHCR has mobilised operational partners who are present inside Syria to assist these stranded groups and a rapid assessment was carried out by IRC. Findings of the assessment showed that these people are stranded in appalling conditions with dire needs in the areas of protection, security, hygiene, health and shelter. Operational partners have, therefore, been mobilised to ensure a coordinated response to their assistance needs. At the same time, UNHCR continues to advocate with relevant authorities to open the border to allow those in need of international protection access to the territory.

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Following the meeting, the Heads of Residency Departments in the three governorates commissioned a team to assess the existing registration facilities within PARC/Qandil premises and compile a proposal on the technical requirements for resumption of residency issuance process for urban refugees residing within the Erbil governorate.

Also in Suleimaniyah, the Residency Department has already resumed issuing the residence cards to Syrian refugees. While residency cards for the refugee population in camps will be issued free of cost, the residency department has decided to charge an amount of 8000 IQD (approximately USD 6.6) per card (at cost price) for those outside camps. The same amount will be charged for the renewal of the cards.

The lack of civil documentation remains one of the key issues affecting UNHCR's persons of concern including Syrian refugees. During the reporting period, PARC/Qandil legal team identified 64 individual cases in need of issuance of birth and marriage certificates. The individuals were provided with legal counselling and assistance with contacting the relevant authorities.

UNHCR has prepared a draft verification plan which includes a roll out of biometrics component for registration. The draft plan will be further refined and it is envisioned that the actual operation will commence mid-June 2014 with the preparatory work starting immediately.

In preparation for the verification exercise, UNHCR and PARC/Qandil teams accelerated the registration of individuals in Basirma camp. It is expected that the backlog in registration (formally called Level 1 registration) will be phased out in all locations by end-May 2014.

### ***Spontaneous & verified returns***

During the reporting period, UNHCR team counselled a total of 242 Syrian registered cases who expressed the wish to return to Syria. In total, 26,156 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR have crossed into Syria since January 2013. Several of these individuals and families have returned to the country of asylum since then. Another 23,310 Syrians not registered with UNHCR returned to their country during the same period.

Due to the closer of the border crossing point at the Syrian side, a total of (56 cases/96 individuals) registered and 61 non-registered individuals who initially planned to cross into Syria were delayed due to the closure of the border.

### **Camps**

On 2 April 2014 a one day Consultative meeting was organized by UNHCR in Erbil convention center for the government, refugee council and camp management agencies (DRC and ACTED). The objective of the consultative meeting was to strengthen and harmonize the engagement of stakeholders at camp level for effective and efficient service delivery in the Erbil Governorate camps. The roles and responsibilities of stakeholders as the government, UNHCR, camp management partners and other actors were also discussed. At the end of the meeting

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recommendations for the way forward were drafted and a committee was formed to follow-up on the implementation of those recommendations.

During the reporting period the Camp Coordination Meetings (CCM) took place in four camps in Erbil governorate. Food distribution by WFP, which was delayed at the end of last month for Darashakran and Kawergosk camps, has resumed with the next distribution envisaged in the last week of this month.

Meanwhile, UNHCR allocated 14 generators (7 of 10 KVA and 7 of 5 KVA) donated by the Italian government to different partners and government officials in all camps to use for refugee activities.

Despite announcement that no more space is available in the camps, new arrivals from border and scattered urban areas continue to arrive to the Darashakran and Kawergosk camps. The camp administrator reported on 161 new family arrivals without space but sharing tents with relatives in Darashakran camp. Additionally he mentioned a list of 139 families from scattered urban areas registered for space in the Darashakran camp and currently leaving outside the camp. Kawergosk reported on 245 new arrival families with no space in the camp.

Darashakran Camp: Generally, 90 per cent of ProGres registration has been completed. The UNHCR registration team is making individual screening to ensure all persons are registered. Update of data i.e. adding births and new marriages, and returned refugees is ongoing on daily basis.

Qushtapa Camp: The process of ProGres registrations by UNHCR is going smoothly. Directorate of Residency is continuing to provide residency to the refugees in the camp

Basirma Camp: It was reported by the camp administrator that 56 new families arrived to the camp (230 Individuals) from the border. As a result, the total camp population is now 815 families (3384 individuals). One family (2 Individuals) spontaneously returned to Syria during reporting period.

UNHCR registration section allocated a registration team to start ProGres registration.

Domiz Camp: During the reporting period, 455 Individuals have undergone level-2 UNHCR registration, including family reunification, family addition and transferred cases.

A monthly population count conducted by DMC and the Mukhtars showed that there are some 35,000 persons residing in Domiz Camp. This is less than previously estimated number of 45,000 persons.

UNHCR conducted 119 protection interviews covering issues such as lost-certificate, request for transfer from Erbil/Suleimaniyah to Dohuk, family-composition and lack-of documents, reactivation of files after returning back to KR-I.

In addition, UNHCR negotiated with DMC, the Residency Directorate and the Asayeesh to accept the transfer of files. UNHCR also advocated with the government to permit visa holders to apply for asylum.

Gawilan Camp: Humanitarian actors resumed activities in the Gawilan camp on 8 April. UN agencies and I/NGOs temporarily suspended assistance in the camp after a violent confrontation in Gawilan Camp between the Asayeesh, DMC officials and Zeravani during the Nawroz celebrations on 21 March. However DMC and Asayeesh are yet to resume their presence in the camp.

A rapid assessment was conducted in the Gawilan camp between 8-13 April period. The main concerns of Syrian refugees in Gawilan include the lack of residency permits, access to employment and the quality of the food ration as well as the absence of the civilian administration and the presence of the regular security authority. During the reporting period UNHCR made follow up visits to five SGBV cases and made further referrals to UPP. Meanwhile a team of US medical professionals reportedly provided health services at the primary health center.

### ***Transit sites***

Akre: During the reporting period, 16 Individuals underwent registration in Pro-Gres, including family reunification, family addition and transferred cases.

UNHCR also conducted seven protection interviews, covering issues primarily related to incidents of physical assault, registration, and family reunification.

A rapid assessment was conducted among 256 households in Akre. This included information regarding female-headed households, working children, early marriages, domestic violence in households and physical assault. Upon completion

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of the Rapid Assessment, follow up protection interviews were conducted with refugees who reported incidents of physical assault.

Also three focus groups were held with both camp and non-camp refugees. Two groups brought together young adults aged of 22, while the third group brought together women between the ages of 22 and 50. The participants highlighted the need for livelihoods, as well as simmering tensions between refugees and host communities in Akre.

Bajid Kandela: A total of 21 families/ 84 Individuals sought asylum and were registered and admitted to the Bajid Kandela transit site centre.

With the closure of the border of the Syrian side, a total of 56 Syrian registered cases of 96 Individuals and 61 non-registered individuals were stranded at entrance gate of the Peshkabour crossing point and eventually continued their stay in the KR-I. Furthermore, all the necessary arrangements have been reviewed in coordination with DMC, Asayeesh and the return registration team to postpone the return of the group and retrieve their UNHCR certificates and residency permits to facilitate their movements in KR-I until the border is open.

There are currently some 245 individuals (of them 49 singles and 49 families/196 individuals) at the transit site. During the reporting period, food was provided by DMC, while basic primary healthcare was carried out by MSF. For more serious medical consultations, cases were referred to Zarkho public hospital with transport provided by UNHCR.

In April, the border authorities, Asayeesh and DMC in Bajid Kandela introduced new procedures allowing refugees to leave the site, with sponsors (Iraqi or Syrian refugee with legal status in KR-I, living in camp or urban but excluding sponsors from Domiz camp as it remains congested).

Arbat Transit Site: Nine families consisting of 34 individuals registered in Arbat Transit Site during the reporting period. A meeting was held with Syrian refugee representatives in the transit camp to discuss the relocation of the population in the Arbat Transit Site to the permanent camp which is currently under construction. It was agreed to conduct a 'go-and-see' to the permanent camp so that refugee representatives including women could observe the layout, availability of services and subsequently inform the rest of the refugee population. This will materialize once the camp is ready to host refugees.

Block A and B in the Arbat Permanent camp are expected to ready by the end of May to host 512 families in the first phase of relocation. The rest will move once work on Block C is complete. UNHCR is planning to move the families based on their date of registration and arrival in the Arbat Transit Camp. Families with special needs will be prioritized. At this stage it was agreed not to relocate families occupying two tents (due to the large number of family members) as well as the singles.

Moreover, UNHCR has completed the verification process to identify the families to be relocated to Blocks A and B. The agency is working on the standard operation procedures for the relocation and is look at establishing a Task Force on relocation, comprising of implementing and operational partners, as well as the government authorities.

### **✓ Shelter/Infrastructure**

#### **Al Obaidy**

Bakeries set up as part of livelihood activities continue producing traditional bread to refugees in Al Obaidy Camp.



**Bakeries @ ISHO/Laith**

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### **Kurdistan Region**

#### ***Camps***

Qushtapa Camp: As of 15 of April, 240 shelter units with slab and 60 cm wall had been completed by DRC.

**UN Admin Offices:** Six caravans have been installed with shades. The remaining work including paving the ground with crushed stones and setting up furniture will also be carried out.



***Admin spaces to be used as offices for UNHCR and other sister UN agencies and international NGOs @ UNHCR***

**UAE shelter funded site:** Up to 90% of the construction work of the 224 shelters bases are completed. UAE in coordination with the Department of Surrounding Water in Erbil will work on water network system in the site. In addition the UAE Consulate will also fund the sewage network for the site.

Basirma Camp: Up to 80% of the distribution area by ACTED has been completed. Fencing and the construction of the concrete slab for the new warehouse is also complete by UNHCR's partner KURDS, while the connection of electricity is yet to be carried out.

UNFPA completed the concrete slabs for the youth and women center.

ACF installed 10 solar water heaters for the communal latrines to provide hot water for the showers. A generator has been installed for the registration center and is ready to be operated.

Reception Center: IRC work on improving the Reception Center is coming to completion.



***Construction work at Reception Center @ UNHCR/ S. Gammah***

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Domiz Camp: The construction of a mosque by DMC in Transit 7 /Hivi Qr. is complete. It was constructed using government funds.



*Mosque in Hivi Qr. @ UNHCR/ S. Gammah*



The construction of PHC by MODM in Sarbasti Qr is coming to completion. Moreover the construction of the soccer field in Farashin Qr.by UNFPA is ongoing.

*Primary Health Center in Sarbasti Qr. / UNHCR S. Gammah*

Gawila n Camp :

**UNHCR-DMC 400 plots:** There has been little progress made by DMC. Only 30% of the work is complete so far. This is mainly due to the absence of DMC in the camp. The site engineer estimated all works to be completed in 30 days.



**MODM:** The construction of 476 plot base, kitchens and sanitation units (latrines and showers) is complete. Meanwhile the gravelling of the family plots is nearing completion. UNHCR will coordinate with DMC for joint handover.



*Plot base, kitchens and sanitation units @ UNHCR/B Amin*

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**Road network:** Opening and compacting of internal roads around MODM shelter site is coming to completion.



**Road network in Gawilan camp @ UNHCR**

**PWJ shelters:** A handover of the PWJ site took place in the Gawilan Camp, the site consists of 484 tent bases. Initially 500 bases were planned but the number was revised due to the layout.



**UNHCR team with PWJ during technical handover mission to Gawilan camp @ UNHCR/ G. Gubaeva**

**Arbat Camp:** The construction of registration center, police station, fire station and admin area are complete. Sub-grading and sub-basing of internal roads in block A & B started and will be completed during the next reporting period. UNICEF has agreed to construct water network for block “C”. It is expected to be completed by end June 2014.

### **Transit sites**

**Bajid Kandela** Camp management has reported that communal kitchens with five gas cookers each are allocated for people. Each communal tent is provided with one kerosene stove. One DMC focal point has been allocated to fill up kerosene stoves on daily bases.

**Arbat Transit Site:** During the reporting period three new tents were installed by UNHCR through KURDS, while two damaged tents were replaced.

Nine empty tents were identified by the refugee representatives and UNHCR allocated them for the families who were sharing tents with relatives in the camp.

### **✓ Water and Sanitation**

## **Kurdistan Region**

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On 8 April, UNHCR spearheaded the “Keep Kawergosk Camp Clean” initiative after observing that the camp was increasingly becoming dirty with increased littering. Grey water from kitchens and other household uses drains in the streets forming stagnant ponds which soak litter and garbage.



**Government staff, refugees, UNHCR and partners participating in a cleaning exercise in KG camp on 8th April, 2014@ UNHCR**

UNHCR introduced “Keep Kawergosk Clean” in order to influence refugees to keep their camp clean. Participants in this clean-up included representatives of the Mayor’s office, Asayeesh, Police, UNHCR, and UNICEF, Zhya, Refugee Council, refugees, NRC, RISE Foundation, WEO, PAO as well as a number of refugee children. The activity lasted for three hours with refugees concentrating inside the sectors while staff from agencies cleaned open spaces and gutters. A task force met on 15th April, 2014 to plan for the continuation of the initiative with the mobilization of the population with awareness raising and for the educating refugees on the importance of keeping the camp clean.

### **Camps**

Basirma Camp: UNHCR (Field, Technical & WASH), DRC, THW, Mayor Office, DoSW, & Sewage system department met to discuss the sewage system plan in the Basirma camp. Subsequently the final network plan has been approved by the team and it was agreed that THW will start work as soon as possible.

Domiz Camp: KURDS continues to work in Domiz 2 (Phase 6) on the construction of opening channels. So far 75% of the work is complete.



**Construction of open channels in Domiz 2@ UNHCR/F.Yousuf**

FRC continued to provide its services in the camp during the reporting period, by dislodging 416 pits. Currently the UNICEF/DMC agreement only covers water care and maintenance while the UNHCR projects with FRC and Qandil (on dislodging) do not cover all locations in Domiz.

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Options were reviewed to involve FRC and Qandil. UNHCR is looking into a clear division of roles for the partners.

Meanwhile FRC has been given the green light by UNHCR for the construction of holding tanks with a volume of 18 cubic meters in Transit 3 and 4 in Domiz.

**Gawilan Camp:** Three mini trucks were allocated for delivery of water. Approximately 45,000 liters of water is delivered on daily basis covering all sectors. However, during the reporting period, due to absence of DMC in Gawilan Camp, the Zerevani were involved in the delivery of water.



*Photo:*

**Water delivery in Gawilan/UNHCR/B.Amin**

**Arbat Permanent Camp:** The distribution water networks in Blocks A & B is completed in addition to the elevated water tanks. Work on the pipeline together with construction of the storage tank for Blocks A & B, eight septic tanks and sewerage line to the septic tanks is also complete. KURDS is installing two elevated storage tanks, with the capacity of 40 cubic meters per tank.

### Transit Sites

**Arbat Transit Site:** UNHCR through KURDS initiated 15 additional cesspools and the provision of latrines and bath facilities in the site. Six of the facilities are in anticipation of the arrival of vulnerable families into the camp. It should be noted that some 25 additional families can benefit from the additional wash facilities. In response to the increased camp population and WASH needs, UNICEF and IRC are increasing the provision of water from 100,000 liters to 140, 000 liters per day.

### ✓ Core Relief Items

#### Al Obaidy

On 2 April, UNHCR in collaboration with ISHO distributed baby diapers to some 192 children under the age of two in camp. Also on 6 April, UNHCR through ISHO partner started the distribution of April complementary food assistance and kerosene to the camp refugees. The distribution was complete one week later, covering 1,760 beneficiaries. On 14 April, UNHCR in collaboration with ISHO distributed soap bars and lice shampoo bottles to 1,674 refugees.



**Distribution Activities in Al Obaidy @UNHCR/Haitham**

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### **Kurdistan Region**

#### **Camps**

Darashakran Camp: UNICEF distributed hygiene kits to all families in Darashakran camp through their partner Relief International. UNICEF said these are ad hoc distributions but will continue to be done although concrete dates for the distribution are not yet known.

Kawergosk Camp: ACTED distributed 43 tents (14 for the new established families, 13 for big families, 7 for new arrivals, 5 for replacing moldy tents). Acted also distributed kerosene.

Qushtapa Camp: UNHCR is continuing the distribution of the CRI's via DRC to the new arrivals in the camp. DRC distributed kerosene to all families in the camp during the reporting period and UNICEF Distributing Hygiene kits through DRC.

Domiz Camp: Up to 85 families (comprising of 273 persons) and 48 singles registered as non-camp new arrivals, have been issued regular NFI kit.

Gawilan Camp: UNHCR through Qandil distributed 140 baby diapers for children up to the age of two, as well as sanitary napkins, covering 442 women.



**Transit Sites**



**CRI distribution in Gawilan Camp @UNHCR**

Arbat Transit Sites: Nine families who arrived in Arbat transit site during the last two weeks of March have received the standard CRI kit through YAO.

UNHCR's partner PARC/CDO distributed trousers and shoes among 110 students in the camp. The items were donated by the the owner of a local market.

UNHCR's partner YAO distributed 540,000 liters of kerosene to 540 Syrian refugee families in Arbat Transit Site. Each family received 100 liters of kerosene. Meanwhile, 168 brand new barrels for storing kerosene have been distributed to newly arrived families in the Arbat transit site.

#### **✓ Food**



**Dsitribution of kerosene barrels in Arbat transit site @UNHCR**

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### Al Obaidy

The distribution of WFP food parcels for the month of April was completed during the reporting period. Some 1,674 refugees covered through the distribution. On 3 April, a shipment of 6,000 food parcels arrived at Al Obaidy Camp and unloaded in the WFP warehouse.



### Kurdistan Region

*Food Parcels distribution in Al Obaidy@ WFP/Monkith*

#### Camps

Darashakran camp: WFP food parcels were distributed by Acted on 7 & 8 April to all camp residents. WFP announced in the coordination meeting that the next distribution is expected on 23 & 24 April.

Kawersgok Camp: WFP food parcels were distributed via Acted to all camp residents.

Qushtapa Camp: WFP completed the distribution of individual food parcel for the month of April via ACTED.

Gawilan camp: Following the resumption of services, WFP completed a food distribution on 9 April.

Arbat Transit Site: WFP through ACTED conducted regular food distribution to 2,723 individuals residing in Arbat Transit site. Children under the age of five and school children also receive 100 grs of high energy biscuits each day. A charity group has distributed a monthly ratio of milk for 14 new-borns in the transit site.

#### ✓ **Child Protection**

### Al Obaidy

During the reporting period, a meeting was held by the UNICEF Child Protection Facilitator, the psychologist and the Social Workers (SWs) to discuss the current psychological condition for the children at the CFS and the refugee camp in general. Violence among children and disabilities were the main topics of discussion.

At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that a survey would be conducted by the psychologist and SWs for all the children attending CFS. Identified cases would then be followed up and provided with psychological support to help decrease the violence effects. Activities such as sports, handcrafts, education (English and computer) continue to take place in the CFS.

### Kurdistan Region

#### Camps

Darashakran Camp: A total of 250 children registered in the CFS in the camp participated in recreational activities organized by Save the Children during this reporting period. The group included some children with physical disabilities.

In the same context, 48 young girls and boys between the ages of 17 to 24 attended the YFS in Darashakran camp. 34 teenage girls and boys have been attending English courses, while 14 of them were following basic literacy classes including sign language for youth living with visual disabilities.

Domiz Camp: Six CFSs with various activities are operating in Domiz camp. UNHCR followed up on a case of child abuse (corporal punishment) which is currently being investigated by UNICEF as the perpetrator is one of the staff in the CFS. UNHCR assisted four children to be registered in coordinating with Asayeesh and DMC.

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### ✓ Health

#### Al Obaidy

Up to 529 cases received treatment in the PHC during the reporting period. On 9 and 10 April, DoH/Al Qaim in collaboration with UNHCR and UNICEF conducted a polio vaccination campaign in Al Obaidy Camp, covering 353 children under the age of five.

Upon UNHCR approval, United Iraqi Medical Society (UIMS) will implement epidemiological and Transitional diseases program in the camp and the workshop will start during the next reporting period. To enhance camp guards' First aid awareness, UIMS in collaboration with UNHCR and ISHO gave First aid training to ten guards.



*UIMS activities in Al Qaim @UIMS/Mahmood*

*Polio Vaccination in Al Obaidy @UNICEF/Dr. Saleh*

#### Kurdistan Region

Mass polio vaccination campaigns have been conducted successfully across the KR-I during five days, targeting all children under the age of five. The average consultation rate/person/ year remained at 3.3 and is within the expected range of 1-4 consultations/ person/ week.

#### Camps

Dashakran Camp: MSF reported in the coordination meeting about lack of incinerator to deal with hospital waste. Currently the incinerator in Erbil is being used, which is too far away from the camp. The need for a more long term solution was raised.

Kawergosk Camp: MSF confirmed receiving between 80 – 100 patients on daily basis. They also cautioned about increased risk of rodents, scorpions and snakes with the approaching summer.

Qushtapa Camp: UPP announced that their mobilization are going around in the camp to identify psychosocial cases and referring them to the PHC every Monday. The number of the patients receiving general treatment by the center every day is between 120 to 130 patients.

Basirma Camp: DOH started campaign for polio vaccine. The vaccination campaign is on Saturdays and Mondays. The DOH is aiming to cover the entire children in the camp by the end of the month.

Domiz Camp: Up to 3,228 acute, chronic and mental health conditions, vaccination and referred by location, have benefited from the health services provided by MSF clinic and Kirkuk foundation center.

Gawilan Camp: A team of medical doctors from the US supported primary health services and provided specialized consultations for selected cases in cooperation with PU-AMI and DOH. In total, 845 patients received treatment during the reporting period.

In the four camps in Erbil Governorate a total of 6,957 primary healthcare consultations have been conducted. Mental healthcare and psychosocial care services are provided in all four camps in UPP.

#### Transit sites

##### Arbat Transit Site:

During a meeting with DoH, various health issues, including lack of medications for chronic diseases, gynaecologists, the language barrier between refugees and local doctors were discussed. DoH pledged to follow up on the issue.

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A meeting with one of the heads of DoH medical committees was held at a hospital to discuss the establishment of a "MAF" mechanism. It was agreed that either a specialist in DoH or a specialized medical committee fills out the form for the facilitation of processing the resettlement cases on medical grounds.

### **✓ Education**

#### **Kurdistan Region**

In all four camps in Erbil, the situation of primary school teachers remains of concern with tension mounting over the issue of financial remuneration. UNHCR is looking at harmonizing the payment of incentives across the governorates.

#### **Camps**

Darashakran Camp: UNESCO is undertaking the selection of students to join high school. Also teachers' training for teaching in the secondary school will start in May 2014.

A total of 1,695 school-age children (962 girls and 733 boys) attended primary school during the reporting period. Up to 12 of them are children with disabilities. The attendance rate of school-age children living with disability remains very low.

The school operates with 51 teachers (28 female and 23 male). The secondary school has started registering the students and so far, 350 students have been enrolled. The school year is expected to commence in September, 2014.

Kawergosk Camp: Teachers complained about the untimely payment of salaries and increased the likelihood of leaving education sector to get higher paid jobs, as they have not received their salaries for the months of January, February and March.

There are primary schools located in different places in the camp. In the first location, the school is attended by a total of 190 first and second grade schoolchildren, and operating with help of eight teachers.

In the second location, the school is attended by 800 schoolchildren attending the third and fourth grades. It is operating with the assistance of 32 teachers.

In the third location, the school is operating with the help of 12 teachers and is attended by 328 schoolchildren attending grades five and six.

Qushtapa Camp: The total number of the students in primary school is 982 students. DOE employed 29 teachers from the refugees.

Domiz Camp: UNHCR visited all six schools operating in the Domiz camp, to discuss concerns and monitor the distribution of hygiene kits. The shortage of water in the three new schools was noted during these visits.

Arbat Permanent Camp: The construction of the primary school including WASH facilities has started. Work is expected to be complete within two months.

#### **Transit Sites**

Arbat Transit Site: Up to 418 students (207 girls and 209 boys) are attending the school in Arbat Transit Camp, which is run with the help of 23 teachers. The DoE covered the salaries of the teachers until end March 2014, while UNICEF is providing transportation cost of the teachers.

### **✓ SGBV**

#### **Al Obaidy**

Through the Women Listening Centre, two cases were identified and provided with psychological and legal support.

#### **Kurdistan Region**

#### **Camps**

Under the auspices of GBV programme in the area, UNHCR's partner NRC continued to train the psycho-social staff operating in the camp on the GBV concept, case management and counselling process;

In partnership with Almasella, NRC has carried out safety audit assessments across the Kawegorsk, Qushtapa, Darashakran, Basirma camps. The purpose of the assessment was to identify SGBV security concerns in the camps,

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including perspectives from different sections of the population. The results of the safety audit exercise will be shared through the SGBV Sub-working group and refugee structures for appropriate actions.

Several instances of domestic violence, physical abuse and harassment were captured through various protection actors across the camps in course of the reporting period. Due to lack of clear referral mechanisms and data sharing agreement, a follow-up on such cases presents a challenge. As a part of the project on establishing functional referral pathways for individual cases involving SGBV and child protection issues, UNHCR Protection and Community Services units continued strengthening the capacity of PARC/Qandil and INTERSOS counsellors and social workers with aim to ensure an early detection and follow-up by the designated service providers at a camp level;

Women Centres operating in three camps i.e. Darashakran, Kawegorsk, Basirna continue to accommodate 100 refugee women on average, between the ages of 16 and 57 for group discussions and recreational activities on a daily basis. The Women Centre in Qushtapa is expected to launch the programme by the end of April.

Domiz Camp: UNHCR counselled six SGBV cases and coordinated assistance as per the referral pathway. UNHCR also discussed alleged child abuse cases in Domiz Camp Schools and look at when and where these violations arise. There are also plans to have teachers' awareness campaigns on child protection.

### ✓ Community services

#### Al Obaidy

Computer courses continue for both men and women in the YFS. Knitting and embroidery activities for girls in the camp are on-going, as well as sports.



CFS & YFS activities in Al Obaidy @ UNICEF/Edrees

As part of UNHCR's livelihood initiative, the agency in collaboration with ISHO distributed three wheelers to three camp refugees on 1 April. The three beneficiaries were selected out of a group of 28 refugees using a lottery system. Dijilat Al-Khair, a local NGO, in collaboration with UNHCR and ISHO distributed baby milk and water to 192 children and vegetables to 343 families in Al Obaidy Camp.



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Tuk tuk distribution in Al Obaidy @ UNHCR/Natiq

Milk, water & vegetables distribution in Al Obaidy @ UNHCR/Natiq

English and computer training for the Syrian refugees continue in Al Obaidy Camp. Around 500 beneficiaries will be covered during 2014.

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### Kurdistan Region

#### Camps

UNHCR carried out regular monitoring visits to Kawergosk Camp to interview seven individual cases including head of the household, serious medical conditions, and persons living with disability as follow-up and further referral.

Moreover 200 cases of persons with specific needs have been identified by camp-based community services from PARC in Darashakran and Kawergosk camps during the reporting period. Up to 155 of them are medical cases, 11 elderly persons, 10 women at risk, 15 persons with disabilities, four separated children and five children at risk.

#### Transit sites

##### Akre:

Two vulnerable cases were identified and assisted. Also UPP provided psychosocial counselling to 25 cases in the reporting period.

Arbat Transit Site: The authorities in Suleimaniyah have started laying a greater emphasis on maintaining hygiene standards. Measures have been adapted to check the quality of items sold at bakeries. All bakeries in the governorate have to have prior permission from the DoH before setting up a business. A government monitoring team visited the transit camp together with UNHCR Partner, PARC/CDO's community services team to check the level of cleanliness observed by the two bakeries recently established by some Syrian refugees in the camp and the level of hygiene was not considered up to the suitable standard. The owners of the bakeries were asked to fulfil the formalities with DoH and to raise their level of cleanliness. The inspection team will return to once again inspect the bakeries.

#### ✓ Livelihoods

### Kurdistan Region

#### Camps

Darashakran Camp: IOM has completed the construction of 120 shop units in Darashakran camp. Each unit will accommodate two beneficiaries targeting 240 beneficiaries. IOM will provide start up financial package based on the skills of the beneficiaries. IOM beneficiaries were selected in collaboration with the Job Center and the Camp Administration involving the refugee council based on the vulnerability criteria and persons with disabilities who were given priority.

Kawergosk Camp: UNFPA constructed a Youth Friendly Space which will cater for recreation activities as well as skills and knowledge development for youth to ensure that they are self-sufficient in the future.

*A Youth Friendly Space near completion by UNFPA in Kawergosk Camp @ UNHCR*

Qushtapa Camp: UAE plans to fund 30 shop kiosks for refugees (2.5 X 3) meters. The location of the shops will be allocated in the UAE site.

Basirma Camp: The construction of 18 shops is completed by IOM for the 36 targeted beneficiary families in the camp. The vulnerability criteria has been considered during the selection the families.

Domiz Camp: UNHCR registered the qualification profiles of 21 camp residents for employment opportunities; five job seekers were recommended for Qandil NGO, and four job seekers were placed with international and national companies. UNHCR coordinated with a bakery in the Domiz camp to donate free bread for vulnerable families in Transit 6.



## 4. Non-camp assistance

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### **✓ Reception, Registration and Protection**

#### Suleimaniyah

65 families and 145 singles were registered at CDO (Level 2 registration) during the reporting period. Screening interviews were conducted with four Syrians before they were registered.

### **✓ Child Protection**

#### Dohuk

The CFS in Var City and Fayda continues to receive cases related to children which are referred to the Domiz CPU. Save the Children carried out its child protection awareness campaign, in coordination with SCI, UPP and UNHCR in Summel Center. A CP institution service mapping is ongoing, led by SCI and UNHCR.

#### Suleimaniyah

Following the release of a 13 years old Syrian minor, who lived in Bazian and was arrested from Suleimaniyah for the lack of an identity document, UNHCR partner STEP's Child Protection Unit is ensuring regular follow up.

### **✓ Education**

#### Erbil

UNESCO has been identifying Syrian refugees with higher education in urban areas to get them enrolled in IT courses in Salahadin University in Erbil. The training is an internationally certified advanced computer skills training and includes Computer Networks, Computer Maintenance, Web Design, Adobe Photoshop, ICDL. The identification is undergoing with the support of UNHCR through PARC.

#### Dohuk

Up to 1,552 children attended Dohuk non-camps basic Arabic schools, while 4,393 students are attending basic Kurdish schools in Dohuk and 240 students in Arabic High Schools.

### **✓ Winter preparedness/ CRI assessment**

#### Dohuk

UNHCR is currently engaged in the post distribution assessment. The aim is to get feedback from the community on the relevancy, adequacy, methodology, timeliness, any other issues, and impact the assistance had on the community. The feedback will be useful for future planning and intervention.

### **✓ SGBV**

#### Erbil

UNHCR continues to monitor the situation of a 16-year old SGBV survivor and her family. The survivor and her family are being supported through cash assistance, psycho-social counseling and legal follow-up. The PARC/Qandil lawyer assigned to follow up on the case is expecting to receive copy of the decision from the court hearing that took place at the end of March.

#### Dohuk

Case management for SGBV survivors is ongoing. One high risk case is being compiled for potential resettlement

### **✓ Health**

#### Dohuk

Up to 15 persons of concerns were referred to general and specialized public health services. Group discussion in Akre revealed that particularly mothers with infants are in need of additional food and hygiene items.

19 new families were identified and assisted during the reporting period, through outreach visits and via self-referral to the PARC desk. Out of which, 15 families were referred to general or specialized public health providers, while 4 families were assisted and referred for registration.

Five cases of refugees in Hussainya have been referred to Registration center in Domiz Camp, to add new family members to their UNHCR certificate.

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UNHCR, Harikar and REACH met on 13 April and agreed on the usage of common vulnerability criteria and a harmonized referral pathway. A common beneficiary database will track assistance deliveries.

### Suleimaniyah

UNHCR's partner CDO assisted one sick child through advocacy with a private company to sponsor her medical treatment in India. ICRC will issue a two way travel document to facilitate the process.

### ✓ **Community services/livelihoods**

### Erbil

PARC teams conducted a visit to a private center for children with disabilities in order to look at available services and to coordinate for referring UNHCR persons of concern cases to this center. The center provides physiotherapy and mental treatment, dental treatment, heart diseases treatment, hormone treatment for children with small height and provides wheelchairs among other services. It was agreed that PARC will refer the cases to this center with official referral letter.

In addition, the PARC team conducted a monitoring visit to Syrian refugees in urban-Kasnazan town. Up to 11 families settled in unfinished constructed shops were visited. It was observed that the families live in dire conditions, with electricity, water supply or sanitation facilities.

During the reporting period, community services team PARC identified 58 Syrian refugee cases with specific needs in non-camp locations: 19 Persons with chronic/serious medical conditions, 24 separated children and seven unaccompanied minors, two persons living with disabilities, and six single parents.

### Suleimaniyah

UNHCR's partner PARC/CDO conducting two awareness sessions regarding birth control and gender equality in Bazyan and Bardaqaraman sub-districts. Up to 25 Syrian refugees participated in the session in each location.

## **5. Security**

### **Al Qa'im**

No major security incidents were reported and the security situation remains stable.

### **Kurdistan Region**

The security situation remains stable.

## **6. Coordination**

### **Kurdistan Region**

For information related to the Regional Response Plan (RRP6) please click on <http://www.unhcr.org/syriarrp6/> Announcements of all sector meetings along with respective agendas and minutes, and other information reporting sector-wide progress such as 3Ws, dashboards and camp profiles, are available on the inter-agency information sharing portal at <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

## **7. Acronyms and abbreviations**

AFS	Adolescent Friendly Space
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

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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 28 February 2014

Total Number of Registered Syrian Refugees in Iraq is 225,548

