



SYRIAN REFUGEES

INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL UPDATE

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KEY FIGURES

3 million

Syrian refugees have fled to neighbouring countries and North Africa

1.8 million

Refugees and vulnerable members of impacted communities are receiving food assistance in 2014

1.2 million

People have been provided with access to safe drinking water in 2014

795,000

People have benefited from shelter assistance in camp and non-camp settings in 2014

700,000

People have benefited from the distribution of basic household and core relief items in 2014

FUNDING

USD 3.7 billion

requested for the situation

Gap
49%



Funded
51%

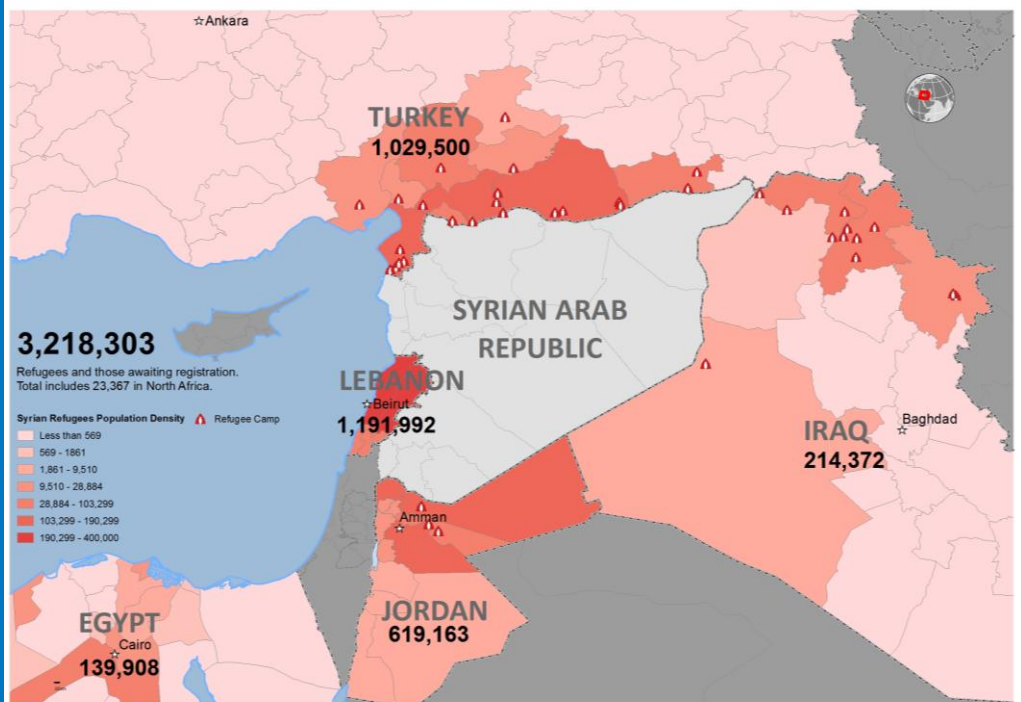
PRIORITIES

- 2015-2016 planning
- Winterization for 1.5 million vulnerable refugees including the distribution/ replacement of winter relief items, upgrades to shelter and seasonal cash allowances

HIGHLIGHTS

- Some 160,000 Syrian refugees have crossed into southern Turkey since 19 September following an insurgency of the Islamic State in northern Syria.
- Support is limited for the 84 per cent of refugees not living in established camps in Turkey. Systems are not in place to address shelter needs, identify the extremely vulnerable and provide protection or other basic services. The number of registered refugees is likely to be only part of the overall caseload, whose needs have not yet been fully assessed.
- The Government of Turkey (GoT) has identified the most urgent needs including clothes, underwear, hygiene kits, baby formulas, baby diapers, cradles. Tents, WASH facilities, mattresses, kitchen sets and food packages are also in need.
- UNHCR is supporting the GoT to respond to the crisis since its onset. Thus far, UNHCR provided 140,000 blankets; 75,000 sleeping mats; 31,000 jerry cans and 10,000 plastic sheeting.
- The overall unmet needs in Turkey are much more substantial as the 2014 Regional Response Plan for Syrian refugees in Turkey is currently 25 per cent funded.

A total of **3.2 million** people of concern



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

Insecurity and violence continue to spread in Syria and across the region. The Syria operation is now the largest in UNHCR's 64-year history. Close to 90,000 Syrians have been registered on average each month this year.

Humanitarian needs remain enormous. Government services and local communal services are under strain due to the increased demand, impacting service quality for both refugees and nationals, and threatening social cohesion and stability.

Further, since 19 September, the Government of Turkey is leading the response to some 160,000 new arrivals over a matter of days following an insurgency of the Islamic State in northern Syria.

In the region, some 400,000 refugees are accommodated in refugee camps, and outside of camps, it is estimated that 38 per cent live in sub-standard shelter. More than 1.5 million refugees need support to prepare for the winter, and 1.7 million refugees currently require food assistance.

Over 150 agencies and aid groups, together with the governments of neighbouring countries, are working together to protect Syrian refugees and assist them with meeting their basic needs, improve access to education and medical care, and provide basic goods such as tents, food and safe WASH facilities.

Humanitarian partners project that there will be 3.59 million refugees by December 2014 and annual budget requirements of US\$ 3.74 billion, which remains 56 per cent unfunded. Donors have contributed more than \$4.1 billion to successive regional response plans since 2012. However, \$2 billion more is needed by the end of 2014 to meet the basic needs of vulnerable refugees.

Protection

In a new report '[A Fairer Deal for Syrians](#)', Oxfam shows how far the international community is falling short of what is needed to address the Syria crisis, by looking at three key indicators: humanitarian aid, resettlement options and transfer of arms.

TURKEY

In response to the current mass influx:

- Mobile registration centres are operating in the border crossing of Yumurtalik and in the yard of a primary school of Namik Kemal, Suruc. Registration is also being carried out by government officials at a boarding school in Onbirnisan, in Suruc district hosting an estimated 50,000 refugees, as well as the Suruc town centre, less than 15 kilometres from the Syrian border.
- UNHCR field staff are visiting the border areas and areas hosting refugees on a daily basis, assessing urgent needs and coordinating the response among other humanitarian actors.

LEBANON

- In the week ending 19 September, 25 Lebanese and Syrian girls and boys between 13 and 18 years were trained to raise awareness among their peers as part of UNICEF's prevention activities on gender-based violence (GBV), early marriage, access to education and hygiene promotion.

IRAQ

- The results of protection monitoring in Erbil and Duhok governorates indicate a new wave of urban Syrian refugees arriving in camps due to economic pressures and a reduced coping capacity to meet increased living costs, largely attributed to the increased population of internally displaced persons (IDPs).

- UNICEF continued providing child protection services to children in refugee camps across the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I). In Darashakran camp, UNICEF in cooperation with its implementing partner reported seven newly identified cases requiring child protection, including children with physical and learning disabilities, health-related issues and separated children. A total of 295 cases were identified and referred to special service providers.
- In Akre camp, psychosocial service providers reported 156 children receiving psychosocial support, and are providing follow-up care for another 43 cases.
- A fire safety awareness activity, complemented by a fire safety campaign, took place at Basirma camp, organized by UNICEF in cooperation with its implementing partner TDH. The campaign was conducted using a tent-to-tent approach with the aim of increasing the general understanding of fire hazards and safety instructions in the camp.

Education

A [report into Syrian children's education](#) released on 19 September by Save the Children finds that refugee children are missing out on education. One in 10 Syrian refugee children across the region are estimated to be working, and the figure is likely to be much higher. In Jordan, 47% of refugee families reported relying partly or entirely on their children's income in a recent assessment. Refugee children are also reporting being bullied and picked on in local schools because of where they come from or because of the strain their presence is putting on school resources. Refugee children are also faced with learning an unfamiliar curriculum or foreign language.

LEBANON

- 2,682 adolescents benefited from life skills education (bringing the cumulative total for 2014 to 20,099) and 1,008 children accessed psychosocial support in education programmes (for a total of 27,400 in 2014). Around 2,420 children were provided with non-formal learning opportunities.
- Thirty-two professionals from Syria and Lebanon graduated Monday from IOM-Lebanese University with a master degree in "Psychosocial Support and Dialogue". This Executive Professional Master was offered to Syrian and Lebanese professionals psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists, counselors, public health specialists and artists to broaden their knowledge on psychosocial issues related to displacement, migration and conflict stricken societies. The graduates are currently providing psychological assistance to war-affected communities. The master is part of a wider programme called "Psychological Support to Crisis-Affected, Displaced and Migrant Youth and their Families in Syria and Neighbouring Countries" which has trained some 1,290 psychosocial professionals and community workers in both Lebanon and Syria since June 2013 to support over 220,000 displaced Syrian young people and their families in Syria and Lebanon.

IRAQ

- The start of the school year is postponed in various locations in the KR-I due to the presence of IDPs sheltered in school buildings. In addition, the payment of teacher salaries and contracting by the MoE remains an issue that has an ongoing impact on the ability to address the needs of out-of-school Syrian children in urban areas.
- Despite challenges that arose due to the events in northern Iraq in August, UNICEF and its partners mobilized resources and brought all children back to the camp schools that opened on 10 September. So far, the total enrolment of Syrian refugee students is 9,500 in the Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniyah refugee camp schools.
- In Darashakran camp, UNESCO completed its summer courses for some 100 teachers, of whom 90 per cent are female.
- In Kawergosk camp, 583 children (345 girls and 238 boys) benefited from three-month long non-formal education activities provided in the Child Friend Space, run jointly by UNICEF and its partner PAO.
- In Arbat Camp, the new 12-classroom school constructed by UNICEF opened. Currently 612 refugee students are enrolled and attending classes.



Food Security and Nutrition

WFP has warned that it is running out of funds to provide food for Syrian refugees and there will be reductions in the number of refugees receiving food or vouchers. Unless urgent funding is received, WFP will be scaling back its operations across the region from October. WFP requires US\$ 257 million for its operations to support refugees in countries neighbouring Syria until the end of the year.

TURKEY

- WFP's monthly electronic voucher programme to provide food assistance to 220,000 Syrian refugees living in camps is only around 12 percent funded, and as many as 170,000 people may go without assistance in October.

LEBANON

- Due to funding shortfalls, WFP's targeted assistance to registered refugees will be reduced starting October 1st from \$30 to \$20 per person per month. The food parcel assistance will also be reduced to a limited caseload. WFP continues to call for further support to increase its food assistance in the coming months as these cuts will severely affect refugees.
- In the week ending 19 September, 32,370 children under 5 have been screened by IOCC at the community level to identify children with malnutrition. 14,640 children under 5 have been screened at the primary health care centres for malnutrition. 770 children under 5 are receiving treatment for malnutrition for Severe Acute Malnutrition without complications/ Moderate Acute Malnutrition; with the majority being identified in Bekaa. 180 children under 5 have been admitted for inpatient management of malnutrition.
- Between January and July 2014, 9,800 children between 6-59 months of age have received sprinkles while 3,920 pregnant and lactating women have received micronutrients.

JORDAN

- For October WFP is planning monthly assistance of \$28 per person in camps and \$17 per person for out-of-camp refugees. These amounts compare to a full monthly ration of \$34.

IRAQ

- Starting next month, the food assistance voucher value for the 70,000 refugees living in Domiz will be reduced from \$31 to \$25. Food assistance for the 33,000 recipients in other camps is expected to be maintained.
- The school feeding for some 12,000 children has already been halted.

EGYPT

- From October, WFP will more than halve the number of beneficiaries from 100,000 to 43,000 people. The value of food vouchers will be cut from \$30 to \$15 per month.



Health

LEBANON

- The third routine round of immunization including against polio was completed in over 165 locations considered to be at risk.

JORDAN

- A sub-national polio immunization campaign for hard-to-reach areas was successfully conducted in August and reached 68,274 Syrian children inside and outside the camps; two further national campaigns will be conducted before the end of the year.
- IMC will extend mental health services for Syrian refugees in the south, in Ma'an, Tafilah and Karak within MoH primary health care facilities.

- UNFPA will have to close a number of their JHAS Reproductive health clinics in the urban areas as of 1st September due to funding constraints.
- ICRC took over the health screening, triage and provision of primary health care for new arrivals in Raba Sarhan as of the 1 August. From 1 - 31 August, 4,915 refugees were screened and 567 refugees were provided with health care services.
- In Zaatari camp, three additional routine immunization sites have been established in the camp – Saudi clinic, AMR clinic, and JHAS new clinic. This brings the total number of routine immunization sites to eight.
- In Azraq camp, IMC's Village 6 clinic was launched and is now operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Village 3 clinic is still operating from 9am and 8pm, with cases received during the night referred to Village 6.

IRAQ

- The current IDP crisis has impacted on access to health care for all population groups, including refugees. Shortages of essential medicines occur frequently in public health facilities, despite large medicine donations from humanitarian actors. While humanitarian actors are able to mobilize resources to cover gaps in medicines in refugee camps, the populations in urban settings increasingly have to purchase medications in public or private pharmacies.
- Medical consultations have remained stable, and no outbreaks of communicable diseases have been reported. The consultation rate/person/year remained stable at an average of 3.2. This is within the expected range of 1 – 4 consultations/person/year.
- The national mass polio vaccination campaign for September started, targeting all children under 5, including Syrian refugees. In addition, a mass measles vaccination campaign started in Duhok governorate that will be conducted during the whole month of September, targeting all children aged between 9 months and 5 years.
- In Duhok governorate, up to 3,919 persons with acute, chronic and mental health conditions have benefited from the health services provided in Domiz camps 1 and 2 and in Gawilan camp.
- In the four camps in Erbil governorate, a total of 5,903 primary health care consultations have been conducted, including 269 consultations for mental health care. Renovation works continued in all Public Health Centres (PHC) to upgrade the WASH facilities and ensure accessibility to the PHCs for persons with disabilities (PWDs).
- In Arbat camp, 449 patients received treatment for acute and chronic health conditions in the first half of September.
- In Al Obaidy camp, health services continue to be provided by UIMS. 353 patients received treatment for acute, chronic and mental health conditions. Referrals to nearby facilities are expected to restart, which would ensure access to secondary health care services.

Shelter and NFIs

TURKEY

In response to the current mass influx:

- The Turkish government has set up two transit centres for 10,000 people each at Suleymansah Park in Mursitpinar and Onbirnisan, in Suruc, with support from UNHCR. The government also continues its work on two new camps already underway – Derik Camp in Mardin and Islahiye camp – also with UNHCR support.
- UNCHR provided 20,000 blankets; 10,000 sleeping mats; 5,000 Jerry cans and 2,000 plastic sheeting in the first days of the response and continues to support the response by the Turkish authorities.
- UNHCR is currently undertaking additional core relief items for 65,000 Syrians as requested by the Turkish authorities. UNHCR is ready to dispatch to AFAD the following items: 130,000 - Medium Thermal blankets (two per person); 65,000 mats; 26,000 jerry cans and 8000 plastic sheeting. Additional assistance is being provided for other new camps.

- UNHCR has launched a major procurement for high thermal blankets, sleeping mats, kitchen sets, plastic sheeting and rub halls following consultations with the GoT to identify the most urgent unmet needs.

LEBANON

- In order to prepare and equip Syrian refugees for the coming winter season, humanitarian partners continued to distribute shelter kits including repair and sealing off kits. 2,385 individuals in the Bekaa received 450 medium repair kits from Save the Children. In addition, 3,380 people received 642 repair kits from Medair. 532 newly arrived families received bedding supplies, kitchen sets, and hygiene and baby kits from DRC.

IRAQ

- Available space in the camps hosting Syrian refugees is of concern. UNHCR continues negotiations with the Erbil Refugee Council (ERC) on the expansion of existing camps to accommodate new arrivals.

EGYPT



Water and Sanitation

LEBANON

- 497,000 Liters of water were distributed by humanitarian partners in the town of Aarsal in Bekaa.
- 339 garbage bins (240 litres capacity each) were provided to five municipalities in South Lebanon to support them in the collection of solid waste in their respective areas by ACF.

JORDAN

- UNICEF and Relief International (RI) has trained 27,222 students, 14,889 parents and 1,961 teachers and schools administrator on hygiene awareness as part of WASH in Schools project. RI has also launched 54 hygiene clubs in 45 schools (nine of which are implementing double shifts). These clubs are ran by students, parents and teacher to promote best practices and provide a healthier and more hygienic atmosphere for the students.

IRAQ

- At Gawilan camp, PU-AMI continued to deliver water for the latrines, PHC clinic and office, six days a week for eight hours a day. In Qushtapa camp in Erbil, a water supply network funded by UNICEF is under construction. When finished it will supply water to 379 families.
- In Erbil governorate, UNICEF commenced work on water networking for the 384 concrete slabs constructed by UNHCR and DRC. UNICEF continues to supply 50 litres of water per person per day for drinking and cooking.



Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

IRAQ

- At Domiz camp, IRC conducted a home based nursing training and a first aid course for community service committee members.
- Handicap International started a project to set up activities for PWDs in Domiz camp, and conducted a first session on raising awareness for PWD needs, stressing the importance of community based protection when working with them.
- IOM continues to identify and select beneficiaries for potential vocational training, reaching a total of 200 beneficiaries in Domiz camp, of whom 89 are approved to start next week in training - including computer skills, English language, tailoring, hairdressing, barbering, book-keeping, sweet making, plumbing, welding, mobile phone repair, and roofing.

Working in partnership

- The regional response for refugees fleeing Syria is the coordinated effort of 163 participating organizations (including 107 appealing agencies)

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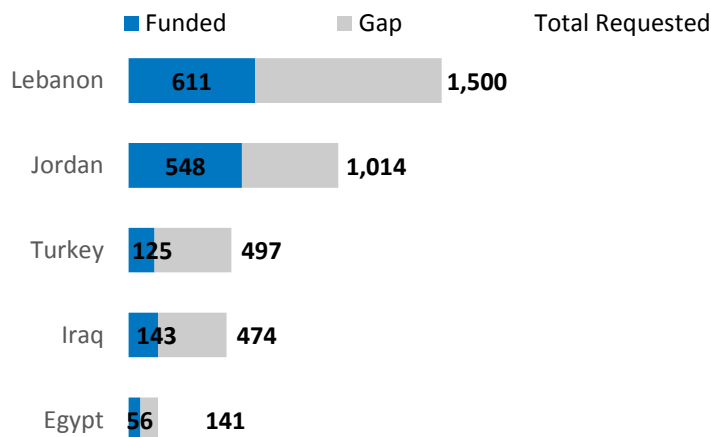
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Funding (in million USD)

A total of **\$1.89 billion*** has been funded.



**Includes \$407 million of regionally earmarked funds that has been received and is pending allocation by country.*

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