



JORDAN FIELD OFFICE - IRBID

July 2015

The vast majority of Syrian refugees in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun governorates are scattered in urban and rural areas, living outside of camp settings. In these host communities, they rent and share accommodation and access essential services, including education and health care. FOI conducts registration of new cases and renewals of Asylum Seeker Certificates, provides counselling, manages Help Desks, and works with partners to provide protection services, shelter assistance, and community support projects. UNHCR also manages, in cooperation with Jordan's Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD), two camps that were established at the beginning of the crisis: King Abdallah Park and Cyber City.

KEY FACTS

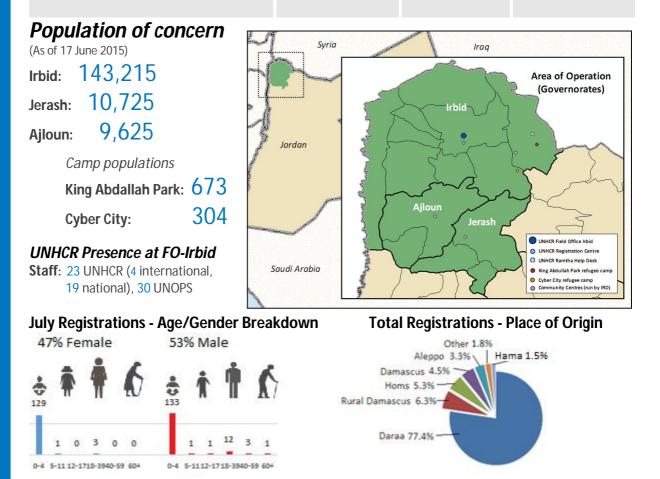


26%

Percentage of 629,128 Syrian refugees in Jordan residing in FO-Irbid's AoR (As of 17 June 2015) **120,665** Total active caseload registered since 2013

at Field Office-Irbid (As of 31 July 2015) Feb 2013 Establishment of Irbid Registration Centre Jan 2014

Establishment of FO-Irbid and decentralization from BO-Amman



6,993,319 USD

Total distributed in 2015 in monthly financial assistance to vulnerable refugees in Irbid AoR

32,028

Refugees in Irbid AoR who received in monthly cash assistance in July

11,664

Vulnerable refugees in AoR on the waiting list for monthly cash assistance (as of 13 August), pending additional funding

HIGHLIGHTS

UNHCR Representative in Jordan Discusses Refugee Issues with Irbid and Ramtha Officials

On 1 July, UNHCR's Representative, Deputy Representative and the Head of FOI met with the Governor and Deputy Governor of Irbid to discuss the situation in the north of Jordan, the effects of the Syrian influx, and the security situation. The mission also met with the Deputy Governor of Ramtha and discussed local challenges. Finally, the mission met with the commander of the Ramtha police station, who noted the challenges that the police face due to Ramtha's proximity to the border. The police commander also raised the issue of ensuring a secure pathway, suitable treatment, and smooth transfer of war-wounded individuals arriving through Tel Shahab to the governmental hospital and private clinics.

UNHCR Supports Psychosocial Health in King Abdallah Park and Cyber City

In King Abdallah Park and Cyber City Camp, UNHCR partners with Noor Al Hussein Foundation's Institute for Family Health to provide basic and advanced counseling, rehabilitation services for children with disabilities, services to unaccompanied and separated minors, and educational and awareness campaigns. In the month of July, NHF's dedicated staff in KAP and CC continued providing ongoing care to 43 children with disabilities. In addition, 7 children received regular speech therapy sessions.



UNHCR/K. Dunn



Clowns Without Borders Brings Smiles and Entertainment to Syrian and Jordanian Children

UNHCR in Irbid joined with Clowns Without Borders to provide performances in Ajloun and Jerash (27 July) and in Irbid (30 July). The organization offers laughter to relieve the suffering of all persons, especially children living in situations of emergency. The performances help communities to enjoy joyful experiences together and build solidarity among communities. A total of more than 500 children living in these urban areas were able to enjoy together the welcome moments of laughter and smiles.

UNHCR/M. Almustafa

FOI Hosts Iftar for Local Officials

On 8 July, FOI hosted an Iftar meal for 19 guests from different governmental, security, and health offices. This event celebrated the holy month of Ramadan and showed appreciation for local officials' close coordination and partnership with UNHCR to assist refugees in Irbid AoR.



UNHCR/F. Sawalha

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR's implementing partners in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun include:

Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development-Legal Aid (ARDD-LA) | International Medical Corps (IMC) | International Relief and Development (IRD) | Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development (JOHUD) | Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS) | Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF)

In addition, UNHCR works with and coordinates the activities of several other operating partners on the ground. In the urban setting, Field Office-Irbid holds monthly Operational Coordination Meetings for all partners operating in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun, as well as biweekly Referral Coordination Meetings for field-level caseworkers. For King Abdallah Park and Cyber City Camps, Field Office-Irbid holds biweekly protection coordination meetings as well as biweekly general coordination meetings. Together with coordination from Amman and the use of online tools, these efforts increase cooperation and awareness among partners, minimize duplication in projects, improve knowledge sharing, and help actors to address gaps more efficiently.

For further information:

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