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HIGHLIGHTS

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Jordan hosts the second highest number (87) of refugees per 1,000 inhabitants in the world

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Jordan represents the sixth highest refugee-hosting country in the world

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Percentage of Syrians living outside of camps under the Jordanian poverty line

US \$ 51 million

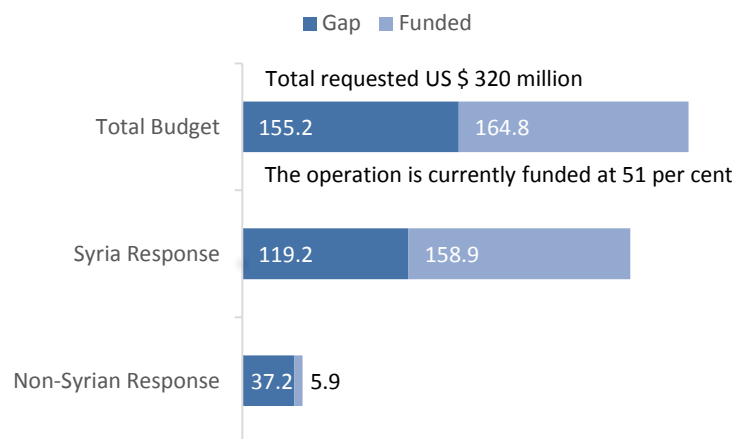
Provided so far this year in UNHCR cash assistance to Jordan's most vulnerable refugees

Population of concern

A total of **724,256** individuals

Country of origin	Total
Syria	655,831
Iraq	58,455
Yemen	4,813
Sudan	3,104
Other	2,053
Total	724,256

Funding (in US \$ million)

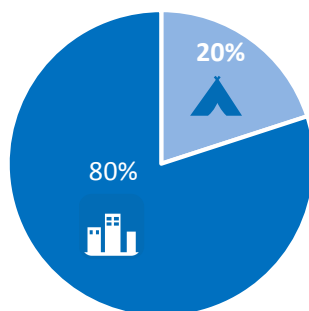


UNHCR Presence

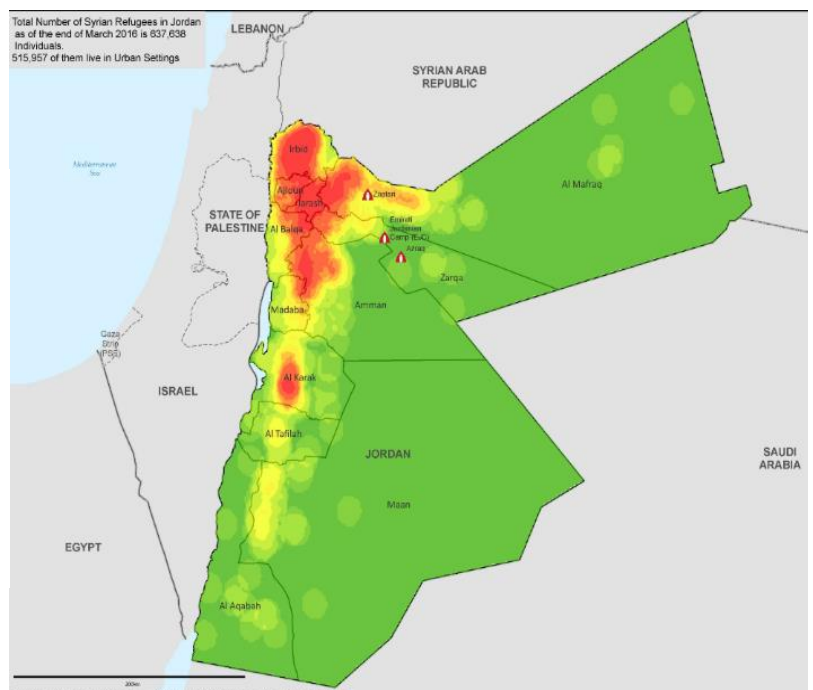
Offices: Amman, Azraq, Irbid, Mafrq

Camps: Azraq, Emirati-Jordanian, Zaatar

Registration centres: Khaldia (Amman), Irbid, Raba Al Sarhan



Most refugees registered with UNHCR live outside of camps in the northern governorates where competition for resources and services with the host community is most intense.



A heat map showing the concentration of Syrians living in urban areas across Jordan. ©UNHCR

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR coordinates the refugee response under the leadership of the Government of Jordan and through the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), in a collaborative effort between the donor community, UN agencies, international and national NGOs, community-based organizations, refugees and host communities.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Access to Energy

- **Improving access to electricity for refugees in camps:** All refugee households at Zaatari camp in northern Jordan, home to 80,000 displaced Syrians, are now connected to the national grid thanks to the completion of 8.67-megawatt UNHCR project in July. This represents a major step forward in dignifying the lives of refugees through the provision of more reliable, efficient and safer energy.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- **UNHCR supports the Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD) in the management and coordination of Zaatari (pop. 79,059) and Azraq (pop. 54,388) refugee camps.** UNHCR's role is to ensure that aid is provided in accordance with international humanitarian standards and protection principles, and to maximize the efficiency of funding provided for the refugee response by identifying gaps and targeting assistance.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- **Significant increase in Syrian refugees accessing legal work in Jordan:** According to the most recent figures from the Ministry of Labour, 26,156 Syrians, including large numbers of refugees, have obtained work permits in Jordan since August 2015. This represents 11 per cent of the total non-Jordanian workforce - a significant increase on the 2 per cent who were employed formally prior to the Supporting Syria and the Region Conference. A series of pledges were announced at the February event to harness the skills of Syrian refugees towards self-sufficiency, whilst enhancing the resilience of host communities most affected by the influx of refugees.

Protection

- **Aid reaches tens of thousands of desperately vulnerable Syrians on the Syria-Jordan border:** UN agencies successfully completed an urgent relief operation between 2 and 4 August to provide a one-month ration of life-saving supplies to more than 75,000 people at the Syria-Jordan border. Access to the population has been severely restricted since an attack in the area in June.
- **UNHCR processes the registration and document renewal of 55,000 refugees:** Working double shifts, seven days a week, from 06:00 to 21:00, between 3 and 25 August, staff at the Khaldi registration centre in Amman succeeded in registering or renewing the asylum certificates of 55,508 individuals residing in Amman Municipality at an average rate of 3,300 per day - three times the regular pace of regular registrations and renewals. The timing of the exercise will ensure that children can use their valid asylum certificates to register for the new school year. Similar exercises are planned in Ajloun, Irbid and Jerash in September.

Shelter and Non-Food Items

- **New iris-scan-enabled distribution centre opens at Zaatari camp:** On 23 August, UNHCR and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) opened a new humanitarian aid distribution centre at Zaatari which, for the first time in a refugee operation, will use iris-scan technology linked to UNHCR's refugee registration database to validate and verify the distribution of cash and essential humanitarian items at the camp.

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