

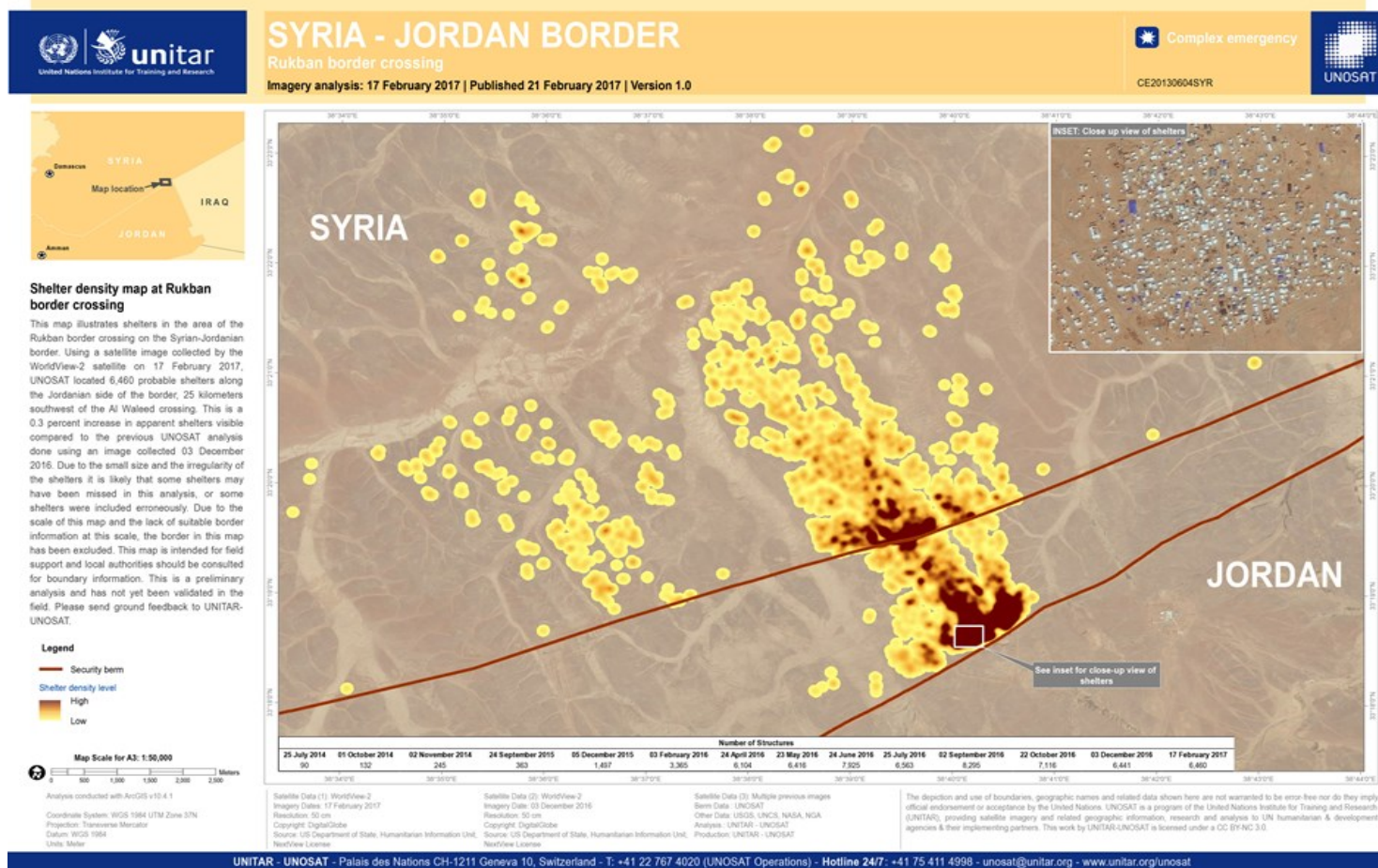


## Providing life-saving assistance at the berm

<b>14,946</b>	<b>13,833</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>6,460</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>66%</b>
Estimated number of households assisted in January 2017	Estimated number of households assisted at Rukban	Estimated number of households assisted at Hadalat	Estimated number of shelters in Rukban	Estimated number of shelters in Hadalat	of the assisted population are women and children

### Situation Overview

- **A UN clinic on the Jordanian side of the berm in Rukban receives and treats the most vulnerable medical cases brought in from the area, as well as assisting with referrals inside Jordan.** Since its opening on 15 December 2016, 785 patients have been treated at the clinic and 50 referred to hospitals in Jordan. Supplies of water continue uninterrupted at both the Hadalat and Rukban informal settlements.
- **A first round of distributions, including through a purpose-built distribution point in Rukban, was completed between November 2016 and January 2017.** The aid reached almost 15,000 Syrian households with food, water and non-food items, including blankets, warm clothing and plastic sheeting to help protect against the winter cold.
- **Assistance was suspended to Rukban between June and November 2016 following a deadly attack in the area.** Only one ad-hoc delivery of one-month's worth of food assistance and hygiene kits to the population was made possible during that period in August 2016.
- **Preparations are underway for a second round of humanitarian aid distributions at Hadalat and Rukban.**



Latest [satellite imagery](#) from 17 January 2017 showing shelter concentrations at Rukban. ©UNITAR-UNOSAT

*The figures in this report estimating the numbers assisted should not be interpreted as population figures. While every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of the enrolment exercise, challenges regarding the inconsistency of data were encountered throughout the process.*

# Operational developments

## Distribution of Food and Non-Food Items

- UN agencies are working on a second-round of distributions which will include food, hygiene kits, children's clothing, baby kits, insulation kits, solar lamps, jerry cans, and sleeping mats.
- At the request of the Border Guards (BGF), IOM has installed thermal and regular surveillance cameras in close proximity to the service centre to monitor the distribution site.

## Health and Nutrition

- To date, 785 people have been received and treated at the UN clinic. Continued advocacy by UNHCR, with the support of the authorities, has allowed for the resumption of referrals (50) from Rukban and Hadalat to Ruwayshed hospital, as well to other hospitals inside Jordan.
- The clinic at the service area in Rukban operates in partnership between UNHCR/Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS), UNFPA/JHAS, UNICEF/Economic & Social Association of Retired Servicemen & Veterans (ESARSV), with ambulance support from Royal Medical Services (RMS).
- At the beginning of March, UNFPA will add a mobile maternity unit (a 40 ft container with two tents) to serve as a fully equipped operations theatre for the provision of cesarean sections and comprehensive emergency obstetric care services for patients.
- 147 children have been screened and 19 treated for acute malnutrition at the clinic since November 2016. 92 mothers/care-givers have received counselling on best practices in infant and young child feeding (IYCF) at the clinic. Children visiting the clinic are also provided with newborn, hygiene and winter clothing kits.
- Community health volunteers from the population at the berm are being trained by UNHCR to support with the triage and referral of the most urgent cases.
- Based on the increase in diarrhoea cases received in the clinic in Rukban, UNICEF is working to restart community-level hygiene promotion and sanitation services at the berm.
- WHO is working with the Ministry of Health, RMS and implementing partners at disease surveillance and outbreak preparedness and response activities, including the procurement and prepositioning of supplies for diarrhoea cases and the establishment and training of a Rapid Response Team.

## Protection

- Meetings with community leaders take place regularly at Hadalat and Rukban as part of efforts to ensure greater understanding of the needs of the population at the berm; to improve access to the most vulnerable populations and hear feedback on past distributions; and to encourage the sharing of suggestions for future ones.
- There are an estimated 1,600 children in Rukban and 900 in Hadalat reportedly engaged in community-led learning activities. So far, UNICEF has distributed basic learning materials to benefit approximately 800 students. UNICEF has met with Syrian volunteer teachers in Rukban and Hadalat and is planning to scale up education and child protection activities in the coming weeks as the access situation permits.
- Training on international refugee law, admission processes for asylum seekers, and international standards in treating asylum seekers, has been conducted in Ruwayshed by UNHCR legal experts for 49 officials from the Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF) and BGF working at Rukban and Hadalat.
- Training on *Do No Harm* and *Code of Conduct* principles is regularly provided by UNHCR legal and health experts for JHAS and other NGO staff working at the Rukban clinic.
- UNHCR continues its advocacy efforts to ensure that 321 individuals at Ruwayshed Transit Centre are screened and considered for admission to Azraq refugee camp.

## WASH

- UNICEF continues to provide an average of 12 litres per person per day (L/p/d) of safe water in Rukban (based on distribution figures) and 25 L/p/d in Hadalat.
- A reverse osmosis treatment unit is now being installed for the newly rehabilitated borehole in Hadalat. Once the unit is installed and tested, the water from the borehole will be transported to Hadalat as a contingency supply for Rukban. Hadalat station is expected to be functional by mid-March.
- The borehole in Rukban has been drilled, and will operate at a high yield of 70m<sup>3</sup>/hour. Water quality tests results are expected from the Jordanian water authorities in the coming days before the design of a treatment unit based on the results to be installed by the end of June.
- Construction of a new water station and network at Rukban is progressing well, with eight 95m<sup>3</sup> water storage tanks (T95s) completed; generators installed; and 4,500 m of water pipeline in place. The infrastructure is expected to be operational by April. It will be fed by water trucking until the 13km pipeline from the Rukban borehole to the water station is completed by the end of September.

## Operations plan

Assistance from UN agencies	Type and quantity of assistance	Agencies
Food 	15,000 households receive a 2,100 kcal food ration per person including 5kg rice, 2kg lentils, 4kg wheat flour, 2kg bulgur wheat, 2kg white beans, 0.5kg sugar, 1.2 litres vegetable oil and 0.3kg salt.	World Food Programme (WFP)
Water 	Continued water trucking to the berm from Ruwayshed; improvement of water supply in the area with the renovation of a borehole in Hadalat and drilling a new one at Rukban; water storage of up to 800 m <sup>3</sup> , and the distribution of hygiene kits.	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Health 	Medical consultations for acute and chronic diseases (UNHCR); provision of essential medicines, including non-communicable diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, bronchial asthma and cardiovascular (UNHCR); provision of a comprehensive set of services for women of reproductive age including maternal health, safe delivery and post natal care (UNFPA); provision of primary health care, vaccinations for children, integrated Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), nutrition and new born services (UNICEF).	International Organization for Migration (IOM), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UNICEF and World Health Organization (WHO). Supporting partners include the Economic and Social Association of Retired Servicemen and Veterans (ESARVS), and Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS).
Protection 	Network of community representatives identifying the most vulnerable for access to assistance and documentation (births, deaths).	UNHCR, UNICEF
Shelter/NFIs  <b>NFI</b>	Hygiene kits, dignity kits, blankets, plastic sheets, solar lanterns insulation kits, jerry cans, winter clothes, oral rehydration salts, diapers and other items as required.	IOM, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF,

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