

Jordan

December 2024

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Highlights

In December, UNHCR distributed \$5 million in **basic needs cash assistance** benefitting some 116,000 individuals in communities. In 2024, some 300,000 refugees received a total of over \$61.5 million in cash assistance in camps and communities.

As part of **the 16 Days of Activism campaign against Gender-Based Violence**, UNHCR, together with partners, organized more than 100 activities in communities and camps for refugees and Jordanians in order to raise awareness.



For Rasheeda Al-Taher, a Sudanese refugee living in Amman with her husband and two children, cash assistance is a lifeline that enables the family to survive in the absence of livelihood opportunities. © UNHCR/Batool Ghaith



SOLUTIONS

- Following developments in Syria, UNHCR remains in close contact with refugees increasing outreach activities and communication through digital channels. UNHCR also provides counselling to refugees who expressed interest in returning to Syria.

- Some 5,100 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR **returned** to Syria in December 2024, most of them following the fall of the Assad regime. In total, 17,200 men, women and children returned from Jordan to Syria in 2024. This is a significant increase in the number of returns compared to previous months in 2024 as well as to previous years. The number of refugee returns in December 2024 surpassed the total number of returns in all of 2023, which was some 4,400.
- In December, some 300 women, men and children left Jordan to third countries through **resettlement**. In 2024, over 7,000 refugees were resettled from Jordan.

**PROTECTION**

- UNHCR interviewed over 46,000 refugees in-person and remotely in December to ensure that they have **proper and updated documents** and can access basic services and support such as education and healthcare.

**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT**

- As part of **the 16 Days of Activism campaign against Gender-Based Violence**, UNHCR, together with partners, organized more than 100 activities such as awareness sessions, workshops, and cultural events in communities and camps for refugees and Jordanians.
- In December, some 4,400 refugees provided support to activities in Azraq and Zaatari camps **as incentive-based volunteers**.

**CASH ASSISTANCE AND SELF-RELIANCE**

- In December, UNHCR distributed \$5 million in **basic needs cash assistance** benefitting some 116,000 individuals in communities. In 2024, UNHCR provided over \$61.5 million as cash assistance to some 300,000 refugees in Jordan.
- On 16 December, UNHCR and the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship organized a **Youth in ICT Tech Fair**, with financial support from the World Bank at the Al Hussein Technical University. The event aimed to connect youth, refugees, and Jordanians, who are skilled in ICT, with companies seeking innovative and creative training and freelancing opportunities in Jordan and beyond. This event brought together some 60 companies and about 200 youth, including refugees who showcased their advanced tech and ICT skills.

The UNHCR Socio-Economic Update on Refugees in Jordan showed that cash assistance remains crucial, especially for non-Syrian refugees, who reported decreased average work income in the second quarter of 2024.

**HEALTH**

- UNHCR, through its partners, provided support to over **700 people with specific needs**, including the elderly and people with disabilities. The assistance included the provision of assistive devices, community-based rehabilitation services, counselling and psychosocial support.

**EDUCATION**

- Eight students of the DAFI (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative) scholarship programme enrolled in **internships** at the Institute for Family Health (IFH). This internship provides an opportunity to apply the theoretical knowledge gained during their university studies in a practical, professional environment. IFH expressed high satisfaction with the students' performance.

**SHELTER**

- **Electrical network cutoffs** increased in Zaatari due to cold weather, with electricity provision averaging 7.5 hours and dropping to 5–6 hours in some districts.
- By December, UNHCR provided more than **170 new shelters** to most vulnerable families in Zaatari camp.

In 2024, UNHCR and partners repaired and constructed **2,600 shelters** in Azraq and Zaatari camps.

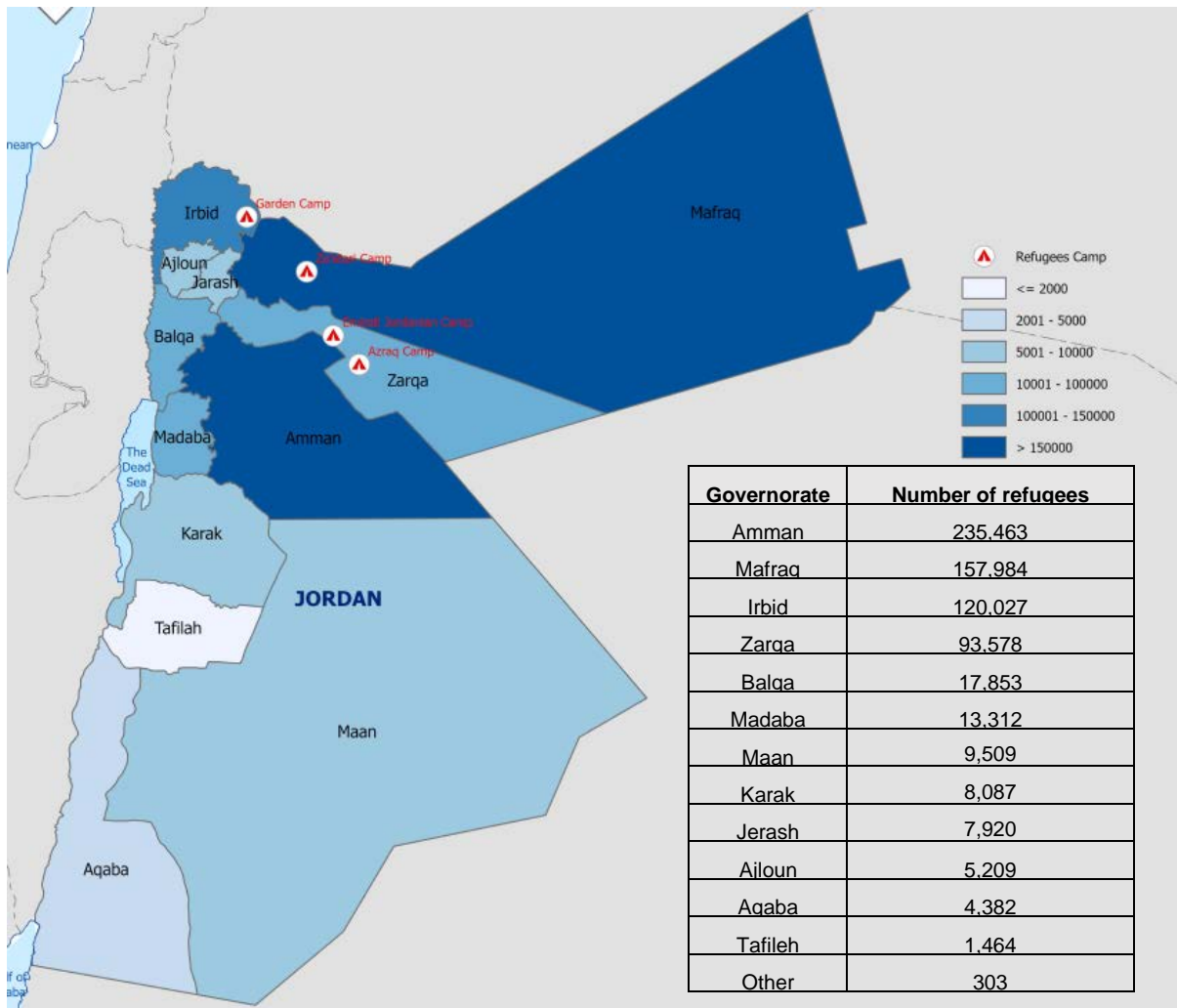
**INTERAGENCY COORDINATION**

- On 16 December, UNHCR convened **the Durable Solutions Working Group**, attended in person and virtually by 42 representatives from UN agencies, civil society organizations, donors, and other partners, to ensure coordination of efforts in the current situation. The meeting allowed for alignment and prioritization of activities, and provided updates on the current situation, an overview of perceptions of refugees, and reports from border monitoring.
- In December, the Inter-Sector Working Group on Protection in Irbid organized an event dedicated **to the International Day of Persons with Disabilities** with participation of refugees and Jordanians. The event celebrated the inclusion and empowerment of disabled persons showcasing their artworks, success stories, and creative expressions.

HIGH-PROFILE VISITS, PUBLIC EVENTS AND DONOR ENGAGEMENT

- In December, UNHCR hosted **high-level meetings and visits** for representatives from the EU, Ireland, Kuwait, Switzerland, and Qatar. The visitors held consultations with UNHCR and met refugees in communities and camps to hear first-hand about their challenges and achievements.

Key Refugee Figures (as of 31 December 2024)



* The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

- 81.4% refugees live outside camps **in communities**

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation in 2024 amount to some **\$154.9 million**. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors, including those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and softly earmarked funds.

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