

Syrian Persons of Concern in Northern Iraq (Update covering the period 14th - 20th May 2012)

• EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As of the 20th of May 2012, 4,038 Syrian nationals of Kurdish origin were registered with UNHCR in northern Iraq in collaboration with the Department of Displaced and Migration (DDM). An estimated 10 to 15 families and 30 to 40 singles enter the Dohuk Governorate on weekly basis, representing a decreasing trend in the number of new arrivals from Syria.

In Duhok; an estimated number of 10 families and 50 singles are in the process of being registered. In Erbil, some 2 families and 20 singles approach UNHCR for registration weekly. As of May 20, 42 singles are awaiting registration.

In Erbil, the new arrivals continue to be hosted by family members and the local community while they receive no assistance from the local authorities. In Sulymaniah, 7 new arrivals were registered during the reporting period, while 101 are pending registration with UNHCR.

In follow-up of the inter-agency meeting with relevant governmental departments, diplomatic missions, NGOs and UN agencies held on 13th of May, a process of establishing sub-sector working groups for coordinating response and assistance to the Syrian arrivals was initiated. The WGs have been established on food, nutrition, education, health, water and sanitation, shelter and protection/community services. The WGs will be co-lead by UNHCR and the relevant UN sector lead Agency with technical expertise and mandate in the sector as well as the relevant governmental structure and I/NGOs.



The New Camp in Domiz

- **OVERALL GOAL: Emergency protection and assistance**
- **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

1. Fair protection process and documentation

1.1. Administrative institutions and practice (overall practice: See update Number 3)

1.2. Quality of Registration and Profiling

As of the 20th of May 2012, UNHCR in Erbil, and DDM in Duhok and Sulaymaniyah registered a total of 4,038 Syrians of Kurdish origin. Among these are 427 families comprising 1,711 individuals, and 2,327 singles. In Erbil, 44 families comprising 173 individuals, and 525 singles were registered and in Sulaymaniyah, 5 families comprising 18 individuals, and 107 singles were registered. In Duhok governorate, 378 families comprising 1,520 individuals, and 1,695 singles were registered, while an estimate number of 10 families comprising 50 individuals and 50 individuals in different districts and sub-districts are waiting to be registered. Moreover, 42 singles are awaiting registration in Erbil.

Among the registered persons all over the Kurdistan region of Iraq, 30 are unaccompanied minors under the age of 18, of which 6 are single females living with other families. Duhok remains host to the largest number of Syrian new arrivals, with 3,215 individuals, followed by Erbil with 698 individuals and then Sulaymaniyah with 125 individuals.

Reporting period	Families	Singles + UAMs	Total Registered	Pending registration	Total arrivals
As of 31th March	21 families (79 individuals)	281 including 15 UAMs	360	400	760
As of 8th April	147 Families (604 individuals)	636 singles including 15 UAMs	1,240	1,000 individuals	2,240
As of 15th April	198 Families (803 individuals)	973 Singles including 15 UAMs	1,776	600 individuals	2,376
As of 22 nd April	240 Families (979 individuals)	1,350 Singles including 27 UAMs	2,329	800 individuals	3,129
As of 29th April	312 Families (1,269 individuals)	1,701 Singles including 27 UAMs	2,970	300 individuals	3,270
As of 06th May	330 Families (1,341 individuals)	1,830 Singles including 27 UAMs	3,171	220 individuals	3,391
As of 13th May	389 Families (1,563 individuals)	2,110 Singles including 27 UAMs	3,673	270 individuals	3,943
As of 20 th May	427 Families (1,711 individuals)	2,327 Singles including 30 UAMs	4,038	243 individuals	4,281

2-Basic needs and essential services (Duhok)

2.1 Shelter and Infrastructure

As of the 20th of May, 254 tents with foundations were installed in Domiz camp in the families' section and 31 tents will be installed for the singles on the side allocated for them. So far some 180 families have been accommodated in the camp. One communal kitchen in the section for singles reached the stage of roofing. It contains 4 smaller kitchens of 20 m2 each.

Thus far, the Municipality of Fayda completed the work on site for the expansion of both families and the singles sections.

Three cabins were installed in the camp administration section, one for UNHCR, registration team and Qandil field staff. The construction of two septic tanks, for the administration site, were completed and some 71.5 m2 of concrete walk way in front of the cabinets was paved.

UNHCR Dohuk distributed 20 packages to newly arrived families according to the number of persons in the family.



Constructing of walls surrounding the tents

2.2 Health Status

DoH staff continued to provide health services in the new camp, with two doctors, including a female doctor, visiting every week. Average cases screened by the Medical Unit is 40 -50 cases per day. No major health concerns were reported - the medical cases identified were mainly related to respiratory problems and limited cases of diarrhoea.

As for the two identified suspected cases of TB mentioned in the Update 8, fortunately, their tests came out negative, as confirmed by the DoH. Health WG has been established, co-chaired by UNHCR, WHO and DoH. Further health activities will be agreed and planned in the WG.

2.3 Supply of potable water

Fayda Water Department continued provision of 90,000 liters of potable water by tankers per day.

2.4 Nutrition

DDM Dohuk continued provision of three daily meals to Syrian singles in Domiz camp. However, DDM reported that by end of May they will stop provision of hot meals due to budget constraints. The WG on food and nutrition will meet with the co-lead of WFP and agree on alternative solution to address the gap.

2.5 Sanitation and Hygiene

Garbage collection by Fayda Municipality continues. Some 21 water containers were received from Erbil to be distributed to families and singles. Some families complained about the inadequate hygiene conditions of the communal latrines and baths in the camp. UNHCR is, however, planning to construct individual latrines and bathrooms for the families and singles to ensure hygiene standards.

UNHCR Senior Technical Coordinator visited the camp for technical assessment of structures and facilities and is revising the site development plan to address the problems being faced in WASH and to find cost effective solutions through a phased approach.

The revised site plan will be submitted by the end of May with a revised budget.



New Latrines in Domiz camp

2.6 Services for persons with specific needs

Education/Child Protection sub-working group has been established. UNICEF will start activities with children, and UNHCR will provide space for child friendly activities.

2.7 Access to Education

The UNHCR team in Dohuk, GEC and DoE organized a meeting to discuss the DoE plan of action and clarified education requirements for the school enrolment of around 175 new arrival school age children in the camp.

Barzani Charity Foundations distributed schools bags, copy books, drawing books, colour pencils, hand purse, pencils, rulers, erasers, and pencil sharpener to some 136 students in Domiz camp. Class room cabins have been provided by UNHCR for start of education activities.

3. Security

The Asaayish security continues to ensure the security in the camp and the surrounding areas. No security incident was reported in the camp .

4. Coordination and Partnership

UNHCR Dohuk staff continued to conduct regular coordination meetings with DDM, GEC, WHO, DoE, DoH, Municipality, Water Department of Fayda. UNHCR, in close coordination with the relevant UN agencies and other stakeholders, planned the first meetings in the sector working groups as agreed in the last inter-agency coordination meeting.

UNHCR Representative visited Domiz camp on 21 May. She also met with the Governor of Dohuk and updated him on the response to the Syrian situation. The support of the authorities in this regard was appreciated.

The Representative also met with the Head of Department of Foreign Relations in Erbil and discussed issues related to Syrian new arrivals. In her meeting with the Governor of Erbil, the Representative discussed the need to strategize and adopt standard procedures for the registration and documentation of new arrivals particularly in all governorates of KRG.

The Rep discussed the possibility of issuance of residency status to the new arrivals which will provide them access to work and other services. In all the meetings, UNHCR also discussed the civilian character of the camp, and its preference for new arrivals to stay in the urban context. The KRG authorities assured of their continuing support in response and assistance to Syrian new arrivals in KRI.

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