

**Syrian Persons of Concern in Northern Iraq
(Update covering the period 23rd -30th of May 2012)**

• **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As of the 30th of May 2012, 4,413 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 families and 100 to 200 singles continue to enter Duhok Governorate on a weekly basis, representing an increasing trend in the number of the new arrivals from Syria. In Erbil, some 5 families and 25 singles approach UNHCR for registration weekly. As of the 30th of May, 35 singles are awaiting registration. In Suleimaniya, an increasing trend of new arrivals was observed lately. While the Governorate did not witness significant arrivals in the past, during the reporting period, 17 families and 64 singles were registered and some 10 families and 50 singles are waiting to be registered.

The local authorities acknowledge that the number of registered does not reflect the total number of Syrian new arrivals in the KR, which the authorities place at around 6,000.

In Erbil Governorate, Syrian families continue to join their relatives and it is reported that many of them do not immediately approach UNHCR for registration. In Suleimaniya, Syrian families and singles are hosted by the Kurdish Democratic Party and register with DDM before being referred to UNHCR. Hence it is thought that many did not register with UNHCR while they are settled in Suleimaniya. In Duhok Governorate, the most destitute among the new arrivals relocate to Domiz camp, where the number of residents has reached 1,280 individuals, of which 900 in families and 380 singles. Other families and singles, capable of supporting themselves, are settling with their relatives in several districts of Duhok Governorate.



The new camp in Domiz

OVERALL GOAL: Emergency Protection Including Assistance

• STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Fair protection process and documentation

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

In Duhok Governorate, the local authorities remain committed to joint efforts with UNHCR in hosting the new arrivals.

1.2. Quality of Registration and Profiling

As of the 30th May 2012, UNHCR in Erbil and DDM in Duhok and Suleimaniya registered a total of 4,413 Syrians of Kurdish origin. Among these are 468 families comprising 1,872 individuals, and 2,541 singles. In Erbil, 50 families, comprising 199 individuals, and 549 singles were registered. In Suleimaniya, 20 families comprising 68 individuals and 171 singles were registered. In Duhok Governorate, 397 families, comprising 1,605 individuals, and 1,821 singles were registered, while 25 families comprising 125 individuals and 300 singles are waiting to be registered in the three governorates.

Among the registered persons all over the Kurdistan region of Iraq, 30 are unaccompanied minors and separated children 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 3,426 individuals, followed by Erbil with 748 individuals and then Suleimaniya with 171 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	315 individuals	3,486
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As of the 20 th May	427 Families (1,711 individuals)	2,327 Singles including 30 UAMs	4,038	243 individuals	4,281
As of 30 th May	468 Families (1,872 individuals)	2,541 Singles including 30 UAMs and SCs.	4,413	425 individuals	4,838

2-Basic needs and essential services (Dohuk)

2.1 Shelter and Infrastructure

As of the 30th of May, 254 tents were established in Domiz camp, in the families' section, and some 35 tents were installed for the singles on the side allocated for them. The roofing work for one communal kitchen for the singles has been completed; fixation of doors and windows is in progress. The communal kitchen comprises of 4 kitchen sections of 20 m2 each.

The two septic tanks constructed in the Admin section of the camp were connected with cabins; water tanks installed and connected. The construction of 125 individual cooking areas has just started in the families' section.

UNHCR, through Qandil, placed three playground tools for Children near the Admin location, while ACTED has also installed a tent for children related activities.

UNHCR Dohuk has distributed 39 tents, 8 for families and 31 for singles, while 21 shares of NFIs were distributed, jointly with IOM, to 21 families.



Laying the foundation of new tents in Domiz

2.2 Health Status

The first meeting of the sub-working group on Health took place in Domiz camp on 23 May. The group was co-chaired by WHO and UNHCR, while the Directorate of Health (DoH) was

present to guide and advise the group. GEC Dohuk, ACTED and Harikar were also present at the meeting.

DoH briefed the participants on the health status and actions taken in the camp since its opening in the beginning of April. This was followed by a brief discussion on the gaps in the sector. While the participants generally agreed that the health situation in the camp was acceptable, both WHO and DoH emphasized the need for an additional caravan for the medical unit to offer adequate preventive services and cover maternal and child care. The need for an additional cabin for children and maternal care, vaccination process, oral re-hydration and training activities for existing health staff was also reported.

2.3 Supply of potable water

Fayda Water Department continued the provision of potable water by tankers at a rate of 90,000 liter per day. 41 water tanks were received of which 29 were distributed to 29 families who have recently relocated to the camp. DoH has distributed chloride tablets for family's water storage tanks.



Purifying the Water tanks with chloride tablets

2.4 Nutrition

DDM Dohuk continued the provision of three meals per day to Syrian singles in Domiz camp; however DDM reported that by end of May, DDM will stop the provision of hot meals due to budget constraints.

During the reporting week, a spontaneous food sub-working group meeting took place in Domiz camp. It was attended by UNHCR, WFP, DDM and Qandil NGO. WFP might cover the gap in next stage through the distribution of food for two months (July and August) and might use food vouchers for the last quarter of the year.

2.5 Sanitation and Hygiene

Garbage collection truck of Fayda Municipality conducts daily trips to collect the garbage from camp of Domiz. Some families complained over the use of communal latrines and bathrooms, due to lack of required cleanliness and hygiene, giving preference to individual latrines and bathrooms. One septic tank, serving the communal latrines and bath for families' section was cleaned. Diakonia Germany has assessed the needs for hygiene kits, sanitary materials and baby diapers, with a view to ensure that the needs of all families in Domiz camp are covered.



Garbage collection in Domiz camp

2.6 Services for persons with specific needs

UNHCR continued its field visits to the Syrian families and singles in order to assess their needs. The UNHCR community services team has identified a case of two years old child who is paralysed. Following assessment of his needs, he was provided with a wheelchair through Qandil. The health situation of the paralyzed child was deteriorating and he was hospitalized for one week, The overall concerns of the population in Domiz camp continue to be lack of job opportunities, exploitations by employers, through low wages and long working hours; however around 150 singles were reported to have access to informal jobs in Duhok districts and are currently working in factories and in booming construction.

2 cases of hepatitis, one case among the singles and the other one among the families, were identified and subsequently referred to the medical unit, and from there to Semel health center for follow up, following the conducting of the required tests and examinations. The issue of provision of regular and expensive medications is under negotiations with DoH.

2.7 Access to Education

UNHCR chaired the first sub-working group meeting on education, protection and community services. The meeting was organized in Dohuk DoE, attended by Director General of DoE, GEC, UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, PARC/Harikar and ACTED. A proposed educational plan to accommodate some 175 school age children in the existing school by using the facilities during the summer holidays (starting early June) has been reviewed and educational gaps have been identified. UNHCR has provided 6 cabins for additional classes, IOM will contribute by providing 6 AC cooling devices (Splits), DoE will print text books, UNICEF will bring Curriculum and text books from Syria, while a list of required teaching staff has been finalized and shared with UNHCR for possible payment of incentives for teaching staff for two months.

3. Security

The Asaayish security continues to ensure the security in the camp and the surrounding areas; however a security incident was reported in the camp. A suicide attempt was claimed in the camp by a single due to exploitation by an employer in Sulaiymaniha. While working in the construction, the single with four other friends claimed that the employer has seized their ID cards, did not pay their wages and cost of accommodation. Consequently, they felt hopeless and depressed; they are requesting Dohuk Asaayish to obtain their IDs from Sulaiymaniha; UNHCR is following up on the case.

4. Coordination and Partnership

UNHCR Dohuk continued its coordination meetings with GEC, concerned local departments and agencies, organized three sub-working group meeting on education, health, food and nutrition and GEC monthly coordination meeting.

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