

**Syrian Persons of Concern in Northern Iraq
(Update covering the period 28th May-03rd of June 2012)**

• **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As of the 3rd of June 2012, 4,549 Syrian nationals of Kurdish origin were registered with UNHCR in northern Iraq in collaboration with the Department of Displaced and Migration (DDM). An estimated 15 families and 60 to 80 singles continue to enter Duhok Governorate and approach DDM and UNHCR for registration on weekly basis, representing a stable trend in the number of the new arrivals from Syria. In Erbil, some 2 families and 30 singles approach UNHCR for registration weekly. As of the 3rd of June, 110 singles are awaiting registration in Erbil. In Duhok, 25 families comprising 125 individuals and 190 singles are awaiting registration, while in Suleimaniya, no new arrivals were reported during the week. These figures are communicated through the security services that register the new arrivals at the border; it is to note however that the families often relocate to live temporary with family members, and approach DDM and UNHCR for registration. When the resources of the hosting families are drained, the new Syrian families seek relocation to Domiz camp. The local authorities continue to acknowledge that the number of registered does not reflect the total number of Syrians in need of protection in the KR, the latter being placed 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 Duhok Governorate, the most destitute among the arrivals relocate to Domiz camp. It is estimated that the population in the camp has reached 1,635 individuals. 1,045 individuals in families and 140 singles were relocated to the tents, while 450 singles continue to live in a mosque nearby the camp. Other families and singles who afford to provide for themselves have settled 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**

- **1.2. Quality of Registration and Profiling**

As of the 3rd of June, UNHCR in Erbil, and DDM in Duhok registered an accumulative total of 4,549 Syrians of Kurdish origin. Among these are 479 families comprising 1,912 individuals, and 2,637 singles. In Erbil, 52 families, comprising 209 individuals, and 582 singles were registered, In Suleimaniya, there was no new registration and the number continues to be 20 families comprising 68 individuals and 171 singles. In Duhok Governorate, 406 families, comprising 1,635 individuals, and 1,884 singles were registered. 25 families comprising 125 individuals and 325 singles are awaiting registration in the three governorates.

Among the registered persons all over the Kurdistan region, 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 3,519 individuals, followed by Erbil with 791 individuals and then Suleimaniya with 239 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	330 Families (1,563 individuals)	2,110 Singles including 27 UAMs	3,673	270 individuals	3,943
As of the 20 th May	427 Families (1,711 individuals)	2,327 Singles including 30 UAMs	3,673	270 individuals	4,281

As of 30th May	468 Families (1,872 individuals)	2,541 Singles including 30 UAMs and SCs.	4,413	425 individuals	4,838
As of 3 rd June	479 Families (1,912 individuals)	2,637 Singles including 30 UAMs and SCs.	4,549	450 individuals	4,999

2-Basic needs and essential services (Duhok)

2.1 Shelter and Infrastructure

As of the 3rd of June, 254 tents were set up in Domiz camp in the families` section and 35 tents in the Singles` section, fixation of doors and windows of the communal kitchen for the singles have been completed. The communal kitchen comprised of 4 kitchens of 20 m2 each. It is to be noted that the singles relocated to the small tents lack electricity, NFIs, cookers and kitchen sets in addition to latrines and bathrooms. The remaining singles in the mosque and in the big tents are seeking relocation to the small tents as well. UNHCR Duhok has distributed 6 packages of NFIs jointly with IOM to the six 6 families that have relocated during the reporting period.

The construction of 125 individual cooking areas has started for the families` section and so far 57 foundations have been casted and walls of 12 cooking areas are under construction. UNHCR, through Qandil, placed six playground` equipment for the Children nearby the administration cabinet.

Islamic Kurdistan League (IKL) donated 100 refrigerators and 50 air coolers, which DDM has distributed the most vulnerable families in Domiz camp. Given the difficult weather conditions in Duhok and the increasing needs for these items, other families are demanding to be covered by such assistance.



The communal kitchen for the singles in Domiz camp

2.2 Health Status

The medical unit established in the camp by DoH continues to provide daily services to the new arrivals. MSF has recruited a general doctor to be on duty after working hours four days per week. The average number of cases screened by the Medical Unit is 40 to 50 cases per day. No major health concerns were reported so far except for some cases of diarrhoea, in addition to skin diseases and respiratory problems. DoH has deployed a team to undertake hepatitis blood tests in the camp for the adult aged between 15 and 65 years old. The process lasted five days. DoH is also planning to conduct nutrition surveillance at the medical unit once additional space is provided while UNHCR is in the process of procuring additional caravan for the children and maternal care. It is to be noted that the medical unit lacks some vital medicines and MSF had conducted an assessment of the available treatment and medicines in the camp and the pre-existing health centre. Maternal care remains a major need.



The Health Clinic in Domiz camp

2.3 Supply of potable water

Fayda Water Department continues the provision of an average 90,000 litres/day of potable water. DoH is distributing chloride tablets for the family's water storage tanks every three days.



One of the tankers that provide potable water to the camp

2.4 Nutrition

The Islamic Kurdistan league NGO has distributed the following food items to 284 singles; considering every four singles as one family: 4 kg of rice, 1.5 kg of crushed wheat, 1.5 kg of lentils and 0.75 kg of white beans; 1.6 kg of sugar, 0.75 kg of salt, 0.5 kg of macaroni, 0.4 kg of tea, 1.6 kg of tomato paste, and 1.5 liter of vegetable oil. However singles were unable to use these food items given the lack of cookers and kitchen sets, DDM continues the provision of three hot meals a day pending the reception of NFIs items, planned to be distributed during this week.

2.5 Sanitation and Hygiene

Fayda Municipality continues the garbage collection in Domiz camp, "Diakonia Germany" NGO has distributed hygiene kits to 233 families and 380 singles, while MCC and REACH NGOs had distributed 1,776 blankets for 209 families and 209 hygiene kits to 209 families; both NGOs have also distributed hygiene kits for 140 singles.

2.6 Services for persons with specific needs

UNHCR continues its daily field visits to the Syrian families and singles in order to assess the needs and to identify possible gaps. The main concerns of the population in Domiz camp remains the lack of job and livelihood opportunities. The few head of households and singles that have access to informal jobs are exploited by the employers and often denied salaries.

The UNHCR` community services team has identified two cases of domestic violence and subsequently referred them to the Directorate of Violence against Women (DVAW). The latter has planned a visit to the camp to conduct awareness raising sessions. UNHCR` community services team had also identified a case of a single man with mental and physical disability, who was subjected to beating nearby the camp; another similar case of a single man with mental disability was allegedly subjected to sexual harassment in a military camp in Erbil before succeeding to relocate to Duhok. UNHCR` and DoH are closely following up on both cases to provide the necessary support.

2.7 Access to Education

Several steps have been taken to secure education for school age children during summer time. Arrangements are in place to launch the summer education plan for 175 children; UNICEF is deploying efforts to secure the text books and the curriculum from Syria. Barzany Foundation had distributed stationary to some 136 children.

In an effort to distract the children from the daily stress they endure in the camp, the culture centre of Duhok University organized a party event to some 130 children in the culture centre hall; children were provided with gifts and participated in several entertaining activities. In addition, ACTED registered the children in preparation for various activities planned to take place in the camp.

3. Security

The Asaayish security staffs are available in the camp around the clock to ensure the security of the camp and the surrounding areas. During the reporting period, an incident was reported by the Asaayish security team in the camp, where a group of Syrian singles attempted to attack

a taxi driver from the host community in Duhok accusing him of alleged sexual affair with a female from Domiz camp. The given group mentioned that they will strongly stand against any female being driven into prostitution. Consequently additional Asaayish security forces arrived from Duhok city and controlled the situation without proceeding with any arrest.

A group of five singles had their civil identity documents confiscated by their employers in Suleimaniya who refused to pay them salaries. Subsequently, the Asaayish security team intervened by contacting the Asaayish in Suleimaniya, the latter had retrieved the ID cards and requested the group of singles to travel to Suleimaniya to be handed over the cards. This comes as a follow up on the exploitation reported by a group of five singles who attempted to commit suicide a week ago, when their employer refused to pay their salaries and confiscated their ID cards following long working hours.

4. Coordination and Partnership

UNHCR continues its coordination meetings with Duhok Government Emergency Cell "GEC", the relevant local departments and various agencies.

A Sub-working group meeting on Shelter/WatSan/Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) was organized by the Development and Modification Centre in Duhok, and was led by UNHCR` Technical Coordinator.

Muslim Aid NGO visited Domiz camp and conducted a general assessment of the needs in the camp.

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