

## Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report

### Iraq

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### Highlights

- At the Al-Qaim border, around 120 refugees are crossing on a daily basis; however, only women and children under 15 years are authorized to cross, raising concerns that children and youths are being separated from their families.
- Approximately 500 people per day are arriving at Domiz Camp in Iraq, continuing to strain existing WASH and health facilities.

### Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

#### Estimated Affected Population

(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR, 28 Sep 2012)

	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	33,704	*	*

\*Disaggregated data is not yet available

There are currently 33,704 Syrian refugees registered in Iraq, with over 28,000 in the Kurdistan region. The arrival of an average of 500 people a day in Domiz camp, northern Iraq, continues to put a strain on available resources, especially in the WASH and health sectors. There are approximately 120 women and children under 15 years of age crossing into Al-Qaim on a daily basis. Males above 15 are not permitted to cross, raising concerns that families are being separated and that 15-17 year old boys are being deprived of their right to access essential services.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** Under UNICEF leadership, the Education Working Group and the WASH Sub-working Group held meetings to plan a response to the emerging needs of the large number of new arrivals at Domiz camp. UNICEF also participated in a UNHCR-led meeting to coordinate the response at Domiz camp, as well as a meeting called by the Department of Health (DoH) regarding the response to a possible cholera outbreak in Suleimaniyah and Kirkuk.

### Programme response:

**WASH:** While families residing in the completed section of Domiz camp continue to have access to water and sewage services, the large number of new arrivals is straining service delivery. In response, the Directorate of Displacement and Migration (DDM) is installing 30 latrines at the transit area and working with UNHCR to reactivate communal latrines. During the reporting period, 1,585 people were reached by the expanded tent-to-tent hygiene promotion campaign, bringing the total of people reached to 1,976. The DoH continued a sanitation drive, including fumigation of latrines and septic tanks, based on UNICEF advocacy.

UNICEF has agreed with UNHCR and DDM to implement a safe water system to serve 1,200 people in phase 4 of Domiz camp, as well as full water and sanitation services to 5,720 people in phase 5 of the camp. UNICEF continues to install WASH facilities in the new school at the camp, and is preparing to rehabilitate five blocks of public latrines and showers in Domiz camp phases 1 and 2.

UNICEF continues to provide access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities for children and families in Al-Qaim (UNHCR and MoDM) camps, western Iraq. Forty hygiene mobilizers (50 per cent female) have begun daily hygiene promotion activities within the camp. Construction of WASH facilities is continuing at the camp.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results ( # )	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water	15,000	3,161	21%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and	15,000	3,161	21%

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results ( #)	% of Target Achieved
other hygiene items			
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets and sanitation services	15,000	3,161	21%
Children access safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in their learning environment and in child friendly spaces	2,850	1967*	69%

UNICEF Operational Partners: Islamic Relief Worldwide – Iraqi Salvation and Humanitarian Organization, DoW, DoH

\* Domiz Only

**Child Protection:** At Domiz camp, 150 children aged 5 to 13 years are attending the Child Friendly Space (CFS) each day. MRE (mine risk education)/ERW (explosive remnants of war) awareness raising was conducted in the camp by Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Agency (IKMAA). UNICEF delivered two MRE kits and posters to the camp which were used during the sessions.

The Al-Qaim border is selectively allowing women and children under 15 years, as well as the disabled and ill, to enter the camp. The high number of disabled people and the separation of families is reducing the self-reliance of the refugees, and creating additional challenges for the agencies and NGOs. Coordination is on-going with both governmental and other agencies for the distribution of blankets and winter clothes.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results ( #)	% of Target Achieved
Children with access to psychosocial support services	7,500	591*	8%
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing or receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care	NA	11	NA

UNICEF Operational Partners: ACTED, Mental Health Unit (MHU), Child Protection Committee (CPC), Dohuk, General Directorate of Social Care and Development, Mine Action Group (MAG), and Handicap International (HI). Al-Safa society

**Education:** Work has begun to re-organize and expand the Domiz camp school, to accommodate 1,200 students via a two shift system with 24 classrooms. Efforts are on-going to secure funds for a second school unit. A proposal to carry out a school enrolment drive is being developed with the NGO Harikar and the Dohuk Department of Education, after it was found that refugees in the camp are unaware of available services. Though UNHCR’s extrapolated figure for school aged children is over 3,000, the DoE has registered only 1,200 children.

To prepare for the start of the school year at Al-Qaim camp next week, 12 psychosocial support trainings were conducted for 17 Syrian refugee teachers and eight DoE educational personnel. School supplies and stationary for 1,000 students and for the camp school were delivered to Al-Qaim and will be distributed at the start of school next week. The Al-Qaim DoE is on stand-by to provide teachers to the camp.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results ( #)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	5,900	5,605	95%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	1,500	-	-

UNICEF Operational Partners: DoE Al-Qaim, DoE Al-Anbar, Al-Afkar Society for Relief and Development

**Health:** The demand for health services is increasing with the rising number of refugees at Domiz camp. During the week, 61 children under five years and 135 children over five years received treatment for diarrhea, bringing the total number of diarrhea cases treated in the past three weeks to 348. UNICEF supported a DoH-led measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) and diphtheria and tetanus (DT) vaccination campaign at the camp. During the first three days of the campaign, 1,201 people received MMR and

13,043 received DT immunization. In Al-Qaim, a tetanus vaccination campaign for pregnant women is planned for the coming weeks. The Government of Iraq will support the construction of a new health clinic at the camp.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children (boys and girls) vaccinated against measles	647	630	97%
UNICEF Operational Partners: DOH			

**Nutrition:**

The monitoring of the nutritional status of children continued during the week in northern Iraq with no further cases of malnutrition detected. Some 255 children under-five have been screened in the last two weeks. The malnourished children detected in previous weeks continue to receive supplementary feeding and advice on proper feeding practices continues to be provided to mothers. The results of a rapid nutrition assessment for 580 children under-five in western Iraq were within the normal range. UNICEF is providing supplementary feeding as well as health education on breastfeeding at the nutrition centre at the Al-Qaim hospital.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition enrolled in Therapeutic Feeding programmes	14	14	100%

**Human Resources:**

	Number staff
Country Office staff	48 (18 international & 30 National)
Temporary staff	6
Surge	0
Standby partners	0
Under recruitment	18
Standby partners:	

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