

**Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report
Jordan
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JORDAN

Highlights

- A total of 2,887 students in Za'atari camp are now registered in the temporary learning spaces operated by UNICEF and the Ministry of Education (MoE).
- UNICEF is in the process of expanding the temporary learning spaces in Za'atari camp to bring the school capacity to approximately 3,000 students. UNICEF has distributed school bags, stationary and text books to students in Za'atari.
- To prepare for the upcoming winter, UNICEF is procuring reinforced, winterized PVC tents to replace the existing 22 CFS tents in Za'atari, King Abdullah Park (KAP) and Cyber City.
- UNICEF has opted to use gas for water heating in Za'atari and has completed the design of the winterized WASH units, which will be operational by early November.
- UNICEF/Mercy Corps are continuing the drilling of the first of two boreholes in Za'atari camp and have reached two water-bearing formations.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 24 Oct 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	58,622	29,897	28,725
Children Affected (Under 18)	31,070	15,828	15,242
Children Under Five	11,138	5,862	5,276
Children 6 to 23 months	4,104	2,052	2,052
Pregnant women	1,293	N/A	1,293

In addition 31,094 Syrian refugees have received appointment for registration with UNHCR Office in Amman

Some 58,622 Syrians are now registered with UNHCR in Jordan and a further 31,094 are awaiting registration and thus receiving assistance. More than half of all Syrian refugees in Jordan are children under 18. Bailing out continues on an exceptional basis. The Government of Jordan estimates that over 220,000 Syrians are in the country. According to UNHCR, the current population of Za'atari camp is 29,154 and the number in transit centres is now at 1,441.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF leads daily WASH coordination meetings and bi-weekly WASH sector meetings, as well as weekly child protection sub-group meetings at Za'atari; bi-weekly child protection meetings; gender-based violence coordination meetings; and bi-monthly education coordination meetings. UNICEF also participates in twice-weekly area coordination meetings at Za'atari, daily health coordination meetings, and bi-weekly taskforce meetings.

Programme response:

WASH: In preparation for winter, UNICEF is planning to install gas water heating systems at Za'atari camp. The design for winterized WASH centres is complete, and the new centres will be installed in camp module two by early November. Full community involvement in camp cleaning is now in place. 460 camp residents have been recruited by UNICEF partner ACTED as cleaners and supervisors under a Cash-for-Work scheme. On average, UNICEF/THW evacuates 400 to 500 m3 of waste water per day. ACTED removes between 500 and 600 m3 of solid waste on a daily basis – this figure is expected to drop following the shift from hot meals to dry rations. ACTED and THW have put in place tighter controls on the entry of unchlorinated water trucks to Za'atari and established residual chlorine content standards (1.0 to 1.8 ppm). Residual chlorine tests are carried out daily at all water points and in the incoming water delivery trucks.

UNICEF/Mercy Corps are drilling the first of two boreholes in Za'atari camp and have reached two water-bearing formations. The drilling will continue to a depth of approximately 400 meters and is scheduled to be finished by the end of October. Yarmouk Water Company contractors are finalizing the construction of a new pipeline which will deliver 60 m3 per hour to the camp from the Za'atari well-

field. This is scheduled to be operational by early November. In addition, Za'atari camp is receiving approximately 300 m3 of water daily from an agricultural well near the camp, thus reducing the amount of water trucking required.

In host communities, rehabilitation work on three boreholes in Ramtha and Mafraq is progressing. The extension of water pipelines in one of two water networks in Mafraq has been completed, benefiting some 25,000 people. UNICEF is also procuring six WASH-related vehicles, including water trucks, garbage compactors and de-sludging vehicles for use in Ramtha and Mafraq.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water	174,000	70,699*	40%	250,000	70,699*	28%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and other hygiene items	90,000	4,362	5%	155,000	4,362	3%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets and sanitation services	174,000	70,699*	40%	250,000	70,699*	28%
Population having access to hygiene promotion messages	182,000*	27,976	15%	250,000**	27,976	11%
Children access safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in their learning environment and in child friendly spaces	40,000	1,200	3%	40,000	1,200	3%

UNICEF Operational partners: ACTED, THW, Mercy Corps.

*These figures reflect the number of people who have been accommodated at transit facilities and Za'atari camp, as UNICEF is the sole WASH provider.

**Covered through person to person/group sessions.

***155,000 will be covered through person to person/group sessions and 95,000 through media coverage.

Child Protection: UNICEF has trained 19 Jordanian teachers, Syrian assistant teachers and Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) staff on psychosocial concepts and understanding of children living in profound stress. To prepare for the upcoming winter, UNICEF is procuring reinforced, winterized PVC tents to replace the existing CFS tents in Za'atari, King Abdullah Park (KAP) and Cyber City. The tents will be set up in two to three weeks. UNICEF and partners are currently drafting a youth strategy to enable UNICEF and partners to better serve the needs of adolescents in KAP.

UNICEF continues to run 18 CFS in Za'atari. UNICEF partner Save the Children also maintains a 24 hour presence at the UNHCR reception area where unaccompanied, separated and other vulnerable children can stay overnight and receive psychosocial support and services.

Since July 2012, UNICEF partner Family Guidance and Awareness Center has conducted several awareness-raising protection sessions in high-density Syrian populated areas in Zarqa. So far, the sessions have reached 600 people (300 caregivers and 300 children) and have included protection messages on tolerance, acceptance of others, effective communication and the rights of children and women. These messages are based on the inter-agency protection messages created by the Child Protection and Gender Based Violence Working Group.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with access psychosocial support services	34,969*	13,822	40%	62,000	****	****
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing or receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care	300**	467**	156%	300*	****	****

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	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
UNICEF Operational Partners: Noor al-Hussein Foundation; International Medical Corps; Zenid ; Terre des Hommes–Lausanne; Jordan Red Crescent; Mercy Corps; Save the Children International; Family Guidance and Awareness Centre.						

*Including 2,969 in host communities. An additional 8,906 are reached through other CP activities.

**Not including child protection cases

***Identified only

****Data not available.

Education: Some 2,887 students (53 per cent girls) in Za’atari camp are now registered in the temporary learning spaces opened by UNICEF and the Ministry of Education (MoE) on 1 October. To respond to the 40 per cent increase in average daily attendance, UNICEF is establishing two additional temporary learning spaces. Additional school furniture and education supplies have been procured. This expansion will bring the total school capacity to 3,000 students. UNICEF is currently completing the distribution of textbooks and school bags to all children.

UNICEF is cooperating closely with Jordanian and Syrian teachers in Za’atari to ensure a safe and stimulating learning environment. On 20 October, some 100 Jordanian teachers began a six-day induction training led by MoE. In addition, UNICEF has signed an agreement with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) to provide support for teachers and schools in Za’atari.

In addition to the children registered in Za’atari, 17,283 Syrian children have registered in Jordanian public schools, of which 2,038 are on waiting lists due to capacity issues. To assist overcrowded public schools in host communities, UNICEF has installed 15 prefabricated classrooms at schools in Ramtha. In addition, the MoE, in collaboration with UNICEF and Save the Children Jordan, is identifying overcrowded schools to be double-shifted. UNICEF and Save the Children International are carrying out small scale renovations in 50 public schools across Jordan, to improve the physical learning environment as well as education infrastructure. To date, 60 per cent of the outdoor renovation and 25 per cent of the indoor renovation work has been completed.

Following UNICEF advocacy efforts, the MoE has instructed all Directorates of Education to extend the grace period for Syrian students to register with UNHCR up until 31 January, 2013. Currently, Syrian students require UNHCR registration to enroll in Jordanian public schools.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target As per RRP	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target As per RRP	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	40,000*	20,170**	50%	42,000*	20,170***	48%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	10,000	5,200****	52%	14,500	5,200***	36%
Children and adolescents benefitting from non-formal and informal educational services	6,000	1,049	17%	15,100	1,049***	7%
UNICEF Operational Partners: MoE/ Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation, Save the Children International, Save the Children Jordan, East Amman Charity, Yarmouq Baq’a Club and Questscope.						

*Target includes children enrolled in formal schools and pre-schools only (in both Za’atari camp and host communities).

**This includes all Syrian children registered in formal schooling.

*** This data may be incomplete as we are still working to establish figures from the working group

****4,700 Syrians, 500 Jordanians

Health: UNICEF provides vaccines to new arrivals in Za’atari camp through the measles, polio and Vitamin A supplementation campaign. To date, 6,382 children from 6 months to 15 years have received vaccinations. In the next phase of the campaign, children in the host communities of Ramtha, Irbid and Mafraq, will be vaccinated. UNICEF is also monitoring the health of newborn babies in Za’atari camp and host communities.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children (boys and girls) vaccinated against measles	88,750	6,382	7%
Children <2 yrs* (boys and girls) fully covered with routine Immunization antigens	50,000	6,382	13%
Children (boys and girls) 6-59 months receiving Vitamin A supplementation	50,000	6,382	13%
UNICEF Operational Partners: N/A			

*Covers children under 15 years of age in Za’atari camp and children under 5 in host communities.

Nutrition: With UNICEF as lead, UN agencies and the Jordanian Government are proceeding with a nutrition assessment across Jordan for Syrian children under 5. Data collection in host communities is on-going, while in Za’atari, data collection has been delayed until the start of November. UNICEF and Save the Children Jordan are preparing to support an infant and young child feeding programme in Za’atari, due to start early November.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving multi-micronutrient supplementation	34,010	0	0	0*	0	0
PLWs receiving micronutrient supplementation	6,200	0	0	0*	0	0
Women having access to IYCF Services	5,895	0	0	0*	0	0
UNICEF Operational Partners: Save the Children Jordan.						

*To be determined depending on whether UNICEF or UNHCR will be leading the working group.

Supply and Logistics: As part of on-going contingency planning, UNICEF is verifying current stocks and cross-checking supply plans in order to prioritize the procurement and pre-positioning of essential emergency supplies.

Human Resources:

	Number staff
Country Office staff	19 (3 International & 16 National)
Temporary staff (on mission from HQ/Cos)	3
Surge (TAs and SSAs)	18
Standby partners	5
Under recruitment	11*
Standby partners: RedR Australia; MSB; Care; NRC	
*This number includes 2 identified for SBP, 3 candidates identified under TA, 4 candidates to be identified under TA, and 2 to be identified as SBP (the total includes both international and local staff)	

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