

Syria Crisis Bi-Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report

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JORDAN

Highlights

- With the completion of a second borehole, UNICEF and partners will cover approximately 100 percent of the safe water needs in Za'atari camp.
- UNICEF is finalizing procurement of 3,000 winter baby kits for infants and 2,000 clothing kits for children between the ages of one and five in Za'atari, King Abdullah Park and Cyber City.
- UNICEF, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization, completed the transfer of students from the temporary learning spaces to a new school complex in Za'atari camp. The new school has the capacity to accommodate some 4,200 children in double shifts.
- UNICEF has procured 500,000 polio doses, 250,000 measles doses and 240,000 vitamin A capsules to support the Ministry of Health for the vaccination campaign of children in the host communities of Ramtha, Irbid and Mafraq. The campaign will begin on 25 November.

Estimated Affected Population

(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 22 Nov 2012)

	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	91,064*	46,443	44,621
Children Affected (Under 18)	48,264	24,587	23,677
Children Under Five	17,302	9,106	8,196
Children 6 to 23 months	6,374	3,187	3,187
Pregnant women	2,008	N/A	2,008

*The increase over the last reporting period is due to a shift in UNHCR database tracking methods

Situation overview and humanitarian needs

The number of registered refugees in Jordan now stands at 91,064, according to UNHCR figures. Rapidly dropping temperatures are exacerbating the already difficult living conditions for refugees, and rendering critical the need for immediate winterization measures. These needs are especially urgent for children, who constitute more than 50 per cent of the affected population.

Programme response

WASH: UNICEF/Mercy Corps are drilling a second borehole in Za'atari camp, as an additional source of drinking water for camp residents. With this second borehole, UNICEF and partner interventions will cover approximately 100 per cent of the population of Za'atari camp with safe water according to Sphere standards. Looking ahead, UNICEF has released a tender for the design and supervision of a water supply system for drinking water in Za'atari camp.

The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) is preparing to release a tender for the installation of gas heating in WASH units in Za'atari. UNICEF/THW have also begun installing 168 fully-winterized WASH units in the new camp areas (modules two and three), which will, in the coming days, receive some 2,500 caravans funded by the Saudi Government. These new WASH units will include facilities for people with disabilities. UNICEF/THW currently operate 90 WASH units in Za'atari camp, which comprise 450 fixed showers and 450 latrines, serving some 22,500 beneficiaries. In addition, the camp has 120 mobile latrines, serving some 6,000 beneficiaries. To date, UNICEF's overall sanitation efforts have reached over 80,000 Syrians.

UNICEF/ACTED currently employ 259 refugees for camp cleaning through a Cash-for-Work scheme in Za'atari, with 231 cleaners (196 men and 35 women) and 28 supervisors (23 men and 5 women). UNICEF/ACTED continue to evacuate all solid waste generated in Za'atari, monitor water quality, and run hygiene promotion activities in both camps and host communities. ACTED also delivers full

WASH coverage in Cyber City and in King Abdullah Park (KAP) sites. UNICEF/ACTED are installing solar panels for water heating in KAP.

In host communities, UNICEF/Mercy Corps are preparing to implement water conservation activities in Ramtha and Mafraq (including leaflets and school plays). These activities are scheduled to start in early December and run for a 3-month period. As part of a joint response to community needs, UNICEF/UNHCR have procured four water tankers to be donated to the Governorates of Ramtha and Mafraq in the coming week.

Child Protection: From 18 to 20 November, a UNICEF Child Protection (CP) Specialist facilitated training for partners on how to establish community-based protection networks in refugee camps. 19 participants from Save the Children International, Noor Al Hussein Foundation and Terre des Hommes attended the training, which aimed to strengthen the skills of CP front line workers, to better support the establishment of formal community committees. These community committees are mandated to identify and refer CP cases (including violence and abuse cases) as well as raise awareness of child rights. To date, 70 community members in Za'atari have been identified as potential committee members. The committees will also act as key informants in terms of raising concerns related to the protection of children in refugee camps.

UNICEF is finalizing procurement of 3,000 winter baby kits for infants under the age of one, as well as 2,000 kits of clothes for children between the ages of one and five, in Za'atari, King Abdullah Park (KAP) and Cyber City (CC). The kits contain winter blankets as well as essential clothing for infants.

In host communities, UNICEF is planning a comprehensive six-day training to strengthen the knowledge of partner staff on how to work with children living in profound stress. The training will be held in early December for UNICEF partners in host communities. In addition, UNICEF partner Zenid is providing psychosocial, recreational, and remedial educational support to Syrian children and their caregivers in Ma'an. Although only 1,500 Syrians live in Ma'an, this population is seen as highly vulnerable. To date, over 780 Syrians have been reached through the above-mentioned activities as well as through targeted CP awareness-raising efforts, focused on issues such as child labour, child marriage, and domestic violence.

Education: Last week, UNICEF, in partnership with the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO), completed the transfer of students from the temporary learning spaces to a new school complex in Za'atari camp, funded by the Bahraini government. The new school has the capacity to accommodate some 4,200 children in double shifts. The school is furnished and equipped with four clusters of classrooms, administrative space, multi-purpose rooms, a kitchen and an outdoor play area. The students are taught by 95 Jordanian teachers, assisted by 88 Syrian teachers. UNICEF/ACTED have contracted 22 cleaners (50% female) to maintain the school premises. UNICEF/MoE continue the registration of school-aged children in Za'atari. To date, over 3,450 students (of 56% girls) have registered to attend school in the camp.

In host communities, some 17,000 Syrian children are registered in Jordanian schools, out of which 2,000 are on waiting lists. In support of overcrowded public schools in host communities, the MoE, in collaboration with UNICEF and Save the Children Jordan, have identified overcrowded schools to be double-shifted to accommodate an additional number of students. Two schools in Ramtha are already operating on double shifts, and a further 12 schools in Amman, Mafraq, Irbid and Ramtha are being prepared for double shifting this week. Furthermore, UNICEF and Save the Children International are carrying out small-scale renovations in 50 public schools in directorates with a high number of Syrian students, enhancing both the physical learning environment as well as the education infrastructure. To date, 47 schools have been renovated.

UNICEF and East Amman Charity Development have completed a five-day MoE-led training in education management for 20 volunteers, in order to improve the quality of remedial and informal educational activities offered in East Amman.

UNICEF and Questscope are implementing informal education programs in six local Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) in Irbid, Mafraq and Ramtha. To date, over 219 vulnerable Syrians and Jordanians between the ages of 12-18 have been reached, of which 90 per cent are attending sessions three times per week. 78 children under the age of 12 who attend these informal education activities have been referred to Save the Children Jordan for registration in formal education.

Health: UNICEF is providing measles and polio vaccination as well as vitamin A supplementation for all new arrivals in Za'atari camp. To date, 6,791 children between the ages of six months and 15 years have received vaccinations under the campaign, which was launched in September 2012. The next phase of the campaign will be the vaccination of children in the host communities of Ramtha, Irbid and Mafraq, which is confirmed to begin on 25 November. UNICEF has already procured 500,000 polio doses, 250,000 measles doses and 240,000 vitamin A capsules to support the Ministry of Health for the vaccination campaign.

Nutrition: With UNICEF as lead, UN agencies and the Jordanian Government have carried out a nutrition assessment for Syrian children under 5 across Jordan. Data collection in host communities was completed on 24 October. Data collection in Za'atari began on 4 November and was completed on 13 November. UNICEF and Save the Children Jordan are preparing an agreement to support the implementation of an Infant and Young Child Feeding programme in Za'atari, to start in December.

Communication for Development (C4D): UNICEF is preparing material to promote hygiene promotion, routine immunization as well as measles and polio vaccination of new arrivals (children under 15 years of age) in Za'atari.

Supply and Logistics

UNICEF continues to consolidate winterization stocks for Jordan, coordinating the supply and delivery of essential items to beneficiaries, and ensuring the standardization of clothing and hygiene kits for children under the age of five. UNICEF has also facilitated the delivery of 16,000 school textbooks for the MoE.

Funding:

<i>Funding Status</i>		Child Protection	Education	Health & Nutrition	WASH	NFIs	Coord.& Comm	Safety, Security ITC	Operational Costs	*Being Allocated	Total
<i>In millions of USD</i>											
Syria	Required	7.75	10.00	4.75	8.50	10.50	1.40	1.19			44.09
	Funded	2.48	1.48	2.69	1.96	1.45	-	0.74		0.00	10.80
Jordan	Required	5.48	16.38	1.71	16.42						40.00
	Funded	1.96	13.96	0.09	5.79					0.00	21.81
Lebanon	Required	3.61	8.82	0.43	4.28						17.14
	Funded	1.97	1.53	0.10	3.53					0.00	7.13
Iraq	Required	0.60	1.17	0.78	5.47				2.89		10.91
	Funded	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75				0.00	0.50	1.25
Turkey	Required	3.21	3.21								6.42
	Funded	0.33	0.00								0.33
MENA	Required	0.30	0.30		0.30		0.70	0.20			1.80
RO	Funded									4.11	4.11

Total	Required	20.95	39.89	7.67	34.97	10.50	2.10	1.39	2.89		120.36
	Funded	6.73	16.97	2.89	12.04	1.45	0.00	0.74	0.00	4.61	45.43
	Gap	14.22	22.91	4.79	22.93	9.05	2.10	0.65	2.89		74.93

* Being allocated refers to funds recently received and in the process of being allocated within the Country Office or across the sub region. ** Funding figures include a maximum recovery rate of 7%. The actual recovery rate on contributions will be calculated in accordance with UNICEF Executive Board Decision 2006/7 dated 9 June 2006. *** For Syria, the allocations against NFIs are mainstreamed across the programmatic sectors.

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