

Syria Crisis Bi-Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report

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JORDAN

Highlights

- Steady influx of refugees to Jordan continues, with 48,300 arriving in January 2013 alone.
- 33,400 refugees are now benefitting from fully winterized WASH units (showers and latrines) in Za'atari camp.
- 25,000 Syrian children in host communities are back in UNICEF-supported public schools after the start of the new semester on 5 February.
- UNICEF is progressing with the establishment of two new schools in Za'atari camp. Together, these schools will serve some 10,000 new students.
- An infant and young child feeding programme (IYCF) has commenced in Za'atari, to be expanded to the new camp in Zarqa and to host communities shortly.

Situation overview and humanitarian needs

Registered Refugee Population

(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 7 Feb 2013)

	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	193,258	100,494	92,764
Children Affected (Under 18)	100,494	52,180	48,315
Children Under Five	36,719	19,326	17,393
Children 6 to 23 months	13,528	6,764	6,764
Pregnant women	4,174	N/A	4,174

* An additional 49,391 Syrians have been in contact with UNHCR to be registered, bringing the total number of Syrians to 242,649.

The steady influx of Syrian refugees crossing into Jordan continues, with some 48,300 arriving in the country in January 2013 alone. A total of 242,649 Syrians are now registered or awaiting registration with UNHCR. More than half of all Syrian refugees are children under 18. The Government of Jordan estimates that there are approximately 315,000 Syrians in the country.

Programme response

WASH: UNICEF is in the process of fitting gas boilers in 20 WASH blocks in modules 2 and 3 of Za'atari camp, to provide hot water for 7,000 beneficiaries. This is in addition to the 48 WASH blocks already providing hot water to some 14,400 refugees in the camp (approximately 19 per cent of the population). An estimated 1,500 additional refugees (100 per cent of the population) housed in King Abdullah Park (KAP) and Cyber City (CC) camps are provided with hot water through solar panels.

UNICEF/THW have finalized construction of 16 WASH blocks (112 latrines and 96 showers) in module 3, and are progressing with the building of 48 WASH blocks (336 latrines and 288 showers) in module 5. Eight WASH blocks will be completed by late next week and the remaining 40 will be done by the end of February. There are currently over 1,300 operational latrines in Za'atari camp, with a capacity to serve some 65,000 beneficiaries at a 1:50 ratio. To further accelerate the rate of latrine provisioning, UNICEF is working with the Ministry of Public Works to install 100 prefabricated WASH blocks (700 latrines and 700 showers, covering 35,000 beneficiaries) in Za'atari in the coming weeks.

UNICEF/THW have completed the rehabilitation and winterization of 70 of the existing 90 WASH units in modules 1A and 1B, including the installation of prefabricated shower blocks. The remaining 20 units will be completed by the end of next week. These WASH blocks currently serve approximate 22,500 people at a ratio of 1:50. UNICEF/Mercy Corps are concluding the construction of the pumping station required to operationalize the two boreholes drilled in Za'atari. The pumping station is expected to be operational by end of February, and will considerably reduce the costs of water provision by phasing out water trucking from external sources. In the meantime, UNICEF/THW are placing additional drinking water points in modules 2 and 3, and others areas in need. THW is in the process of handing over all water trucking in Za'atari to ACTED.

New UNICEF partner Japan Emergency NGO (JEN) has commenced social mobilization of refugees in support of WASH activities in Za’atari. JEN is setting up community WASH committees to assist in hygiene promotion, and to protect WASH facilities from vandalism and theft. JEN held its first meeting with the newly-formed community WASH committee to introduce itself as a new partner in the camp, discuss current concerns, and agree on committee activities. UNICEF has also assessed WASH facilities in the new Merjib Al Fhoud (MAF) camp (due to open in the coming weeks), and determined that the camp’s water supply and sanitation facilities are sufficient for an initial 5,000 refugees.

In host communities, UNICEF/Mercy Corps are progressing on improving the water supply in Mafraq, to provide Syrian and Jordanians in the community with a further 2,400,000 liters of water per day, an intervention which is expected to benefit some 218,000 Syrians and Jordanians.

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	216,000	126,206*	58%	290,000	126,206*	44%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and other hygiene items	155,000	4,106	3%	270,000	55,302	20%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets and sanitation services	180,000	98,206**	55%	180,000	98,206**	55%
Population having access to hygiene promotion messages	200,000	22,763	11%	270,000	22,763	8%
Children with access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in their learning environment and in child friendly spaces	30,800	5,000	16%	30,800	5,000	16%
Comments/Background						
*These figure reflects the number of people currently accommodated in Za’atari camp, King Abdullah Park (KAP) and Cyber City (CC), plus the population reached in host communities.						
**These figure reflects the number of people currently accommodated in Za’atari camp, King Abdullah Park (KAP) and Cyber City (CC), as UNICEF is the sole WASH provider. Camp population figures are UNHCR estimates, based on active UNHCR registrations. Actual population is subject to uncertainties including incomplete camp departure information and other variables. Note: UNICEF targets in the table above account for both current and anticipated needs, using targets accounting for projected future influx of refugees.						

Child Protection: UNICEF has completed the winterization of all 20 child friendly spaces (CFS) in Za’atari camp. The remaining three CFS in King Abdullah Park (KAP) and Cyber City (CC) will be winterized with PVC tents in the next two weeks. There are currently 23 operational CFS in Za’atari (20), KAP (2) and CC (1), including two Adolescent Friendly Spaces (AFS), which together have the capacity to host psychosocial support sessions for 2,700 children. In addition, sites for 12 new CFS have been identified in Za’atari, to respond to the increase in camp population. The fencing, graveling and pitching of winterized tents for these spaces is underway, and will be completed by the end of February. UNICEF/Save the Children International (SCI) meanwhile reach an average 1,900 children (54 per cent girls) per day with recreational and psychosocial support services in Za’atari and KAP. An additional 70 children are reached every day in CC, through Noor Hussein Foundation.

During the reporting period, 560 parents/caregivers in Za’atari benefitted from awareness-raising sessions on child protection (CP) issues including early marriage, child labour, prevention of abuse and exploitation, and the identification of separated, unaccompanied or missing children. A total of 45 separated and unaccompanied children have been identified since the start of 2013, of which 10 are receiving family-based or other appropriate care. Four children have been reunified with their families in Za’atari.

In host communities, UNICEF partner Save the Children Jordan (SCJ) has completed phase one of the “Safe You, Safe Me” sessions of the Aman Project, intended to equip children with life skills and prevent child abuse. A total of 542 children and 366 parents/caregivers in Mafraq, Irbid, Amman and Ma’an have been reached. UNICEF is also conducting daily sessions for 30 children identified as working children (primarily as junk collectors), as part of a pilot project against child labour. The project targets Syrian and Jordanian youth in Mafraq and involves informal education sessions. To date, 13 children have been referred to public schools. The rest will join UNICEF/MoE non-formal education programs tailored specifically for school dropouts, due to start shortly in Mafraq. The non-formal education center, opened as a direct result of advocacy by UNICEF, aims to promote community-based education and CP programs to tackle child labour.

A team of 15 staff and volunteers from UNICEF partner Islamic Charity Society was trained by UNICEF/Ministry of Labour on child labour laws, concepts and national frameworks. The same team will be conducting nationwide child labour awareness-raising sessions for caregivers, community leaders and members.

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	88,128	5,735	7%	TBC	**	**
Separated and unaccompanied children identified and registered through inter-agency system	All identified cases	45*	N/A	TBC	**	**
Separated and unaccompanied children receiving family based or appropriate alternate care	Case by case basis	10*	N/A	TBC	**	**
Comments/Background *These figures were previously aggregated in one indicator and have separated to reflect the number of children registered versus the number of children receiving family-based or appropriate alternate care. **Data not available. Note: UNICEF targets in the table above account for both current and anticipated needs, using targets accounting for projected future influx of refugees.						

Education: UNICEF and UNHCR are working to evacuate all remaining refugees from the UNICEF/Ministry of Education (MoE) school and prefabricated classrooms in Za’atari camp, which are still occupied by 21 families who sought shelter during a winter storm in January. These families are expected to be removed from the premises by 6 February. Two engineers sent by the MoE have conducted a damage assessment of the school and prefabricated classrooms, and ACTED is mobilizing cash-for-work cleaners to prepare the school for opening in the coming days. Additional cash-for-work keepers have been hired by UNICEF to provide 24/7 watch at the school premises. The fencing of the school is expected to be completed by 9 February.

UNICEF is also progressing with the establishment of two new schools in Za’atari. Graveling of the second school in Za’atari camp has now been completed, and fencing will start in the coming days. In addition, UNICEF/UNHCR have identified the site of a third school for the camp, to be located in the southern part of module 7. The total capacity of both schools is 10,000 students. UNICEF has meanwhile agreed to support the MoE in providing formal education to Syrian children who will be housed in the new MAF camp. UNICEF/WFP/MoE have agreed that WFP will provide snack bars for children attending school in Za’atari, while UNICEF will support the MoE in providing snacks (fortified biscuits and fruits) for the two schools in Ramtha serving Syrian children from KAP and CC.

UNICEF has signed new partnership agreements with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Relief International (RI) to support both formal education in Za’atari and vocational education in host communities. RI will also begin supporting remedial education in the camp shortly. In host communities, MoE reports that 25,000 Syrian children have registered to attend UNICEF-supported public school in 42 directorates.

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*	30,000	75%	40,000*	30,000	75%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	10,000	5,200	52%	14,500	0	36%
Children and adolescents benefitting from non-formal and informal educational services	19,400	1,388	19%	32,700	1,388	19%
Comments/Background *Target includes children enrolled in formal schools and pre-schools only (in both Za’atari camp and host communities). Note: UNICEF targets in the table above account for both current and anticipated needs, using targets accounting for projected future influx of refugees.						

Health: Vaccination of new arrivals under the age of 15 in Za'atari continues through the French Hospital, with vaccines provided by UNICEF/Ministry of Health (MoH). 4,224 children have been vaccinated against measles since the start of the year. In total, 14,869 have been reached in the camp since the start of the campaign. UNICEF and the French Hospital are deploying mobile teams to carry out vaccinations in the camp, in an effort to raise awareness and reach more new arrivals. In host communities, the polio campaign was extended until 31 January in Ramtha, Irbid, and Mafraq. Results of the campaign will be disseminated shortly.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children (boys and girls) vaccinated against measles*	77,760	4,224	5%
Children <2 yrs (boys and girls) fully covered with routine Immunization antigens	70,300	**	N/A
Children (boys and girls) 6-59 months receiving Vitamin A supplementation	77,760	956	1%
Comments/Background *Covers children under 15 years of age in Za'atari camp and children under 5 in host communities. **Undergoing verification/pending from MoH. Note: UNICEF targets in the table above account for both current and anticipated needs, using targets accounting for projected future influx of refugees.			

Nutrition: UNICEF/SCJ has started an infant and young child feeding programme (IYCF) in Za'atari, which includes the promotion of breastfeeding, complementary child feeding, one-to-one counselling and health education sessions for pregnant and lactating women. UNICEF/SCJ will be expanding the programme to cover the new MAF camp as well as host communities in the southern governorates. In the northern governorates, UNICEF is finalizing an agreement to provide IYCF through MEDAIR. In addition, UNICEF/MoH are reviewing the national code of marketing for breast milk substitutes and discussing capacity-building activities for MoH on breastfeeding promotion. Based on the recommendations of the recent UNICEF/Ministry of Health (MoH) neonatal mortality study, UNICEF is working with the MoH to identifying next steps to improve newborn care and reduce neonatal mortality in five hospitals in Ramtha, Irbid, Mafraq, and Zarqa.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results	% of Target Achieved
# of pregnant and lactating mothers reached with infant and young child feeding promotion and counselling	17,340	3,269	19%	75,000	3,269	4%
# of infants and lactating mothers receiving supplementary feeding support	6,200	1,481	24%	75,000	1,481	2%
Comments/Background Note: UNICEF targets in the table above account for both current and anticipated needs, using targets accounting for projected future influx of refugees.						

Communications for Development (C4D)

UNICEF is placing hygiene awareness posters in UNICEF-supported public schools in Mafraq and Ramtha for the start of the new semester.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships

The inter-agency child protection (CP) and gender-based violence (GBV) sub-working groups and relevant ministries are reviewing a new set of national CP and GBV standard operating procedures (SOPs), to ensure they include practical procedures for preventing and responding to CP and GBV issues for those affected by the emergency. Once the draft is reviewed, the group will develop area-specific referral pathways for CP and GBV cases.

Supply and Logistics

During the reporting period, UNICEF has received 10,540 fleece blankets (to be distributed through clinics in Za'atari). These blankets will cover the needs of clinics for a six month period and for contingency in case of any adverse weather conditions, such as the ones experienced last month. In the same period, UNICEF and partners have distributed 210,500 diapers and over 290 winter baby

kits in Za'atari, bringing to 2,400 the total number of babies receiving winter kits from UNICEF and various partners since 20 December 2012.

Communications

On 28 January, UNICEF Jordan launched its official Facebook page. The page now has over 215 'Likes' and can be accessed through the following link: www.facebook.com/UNICEFJordan UNICEF JCO Representative is also on Twitter (@DominiqueHyde), tweeting updates on UNICEF activities and achievements across the country.

Regional

Communications

The RO supported a mission to Turkey to collect communication materials. MENA social media continued to cover the crisis, including with a Syria photo essay, tweets, Facebook posts, and YouTube, while the "Children of Syria" newsletter continues to be distributed widely fortnightly.

Funding

Funding Status		Child Protection	Education	Health & Nutrition	WASH	NFIs	Safety & Security	Ops. Mgmt	Total
In millions of US Dollars									
Syria	Required	8.82	20.05	15.88	22.50		1.19		68.44
	Funded	1.77	1.96	0.50	7.34	-	0.59		12.16
Jordan	Required	11.19	17.76	3.69	24.35				57.00
	Funded	0.37	0.08	0.37	3.80				4.61
Lebanon	Required	7.77	13.83	1.06	10.81	1.72			35.19
	Funded	3.61	8.81	0.00	2.62	0.22			15.27
Iraq	Required	1.45	2.41	1.45	9.30			5.40	20.00
	Funded	0.33	0.00	0.00	1.97			0.00	2.30
Turkey	Required	6.00	6.50						12.50
	Funded	0.31	0.00						0.31
Egypt	Required	0.26	0.35	0.09					0.70
	Funded								0.00
MENA RO	Required								2.00
	Funded							2.74	2.74
Total	Required	35.49	60.90	22.17	66.96	1.72	1.19	5.40	195.83
	Funded	6.38	10.85	0.87	15.73	0.22	0.59	2.74	37.39
	Gap	29.11	50.05	21.30	51.23	1.50	0.60	8.14	158.44

*Being allocated refers to funds recently received and in the process of being allocated within the Country Office or across the sub region by the Regional Office

Next Situation Report: **22 February 2013.**

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