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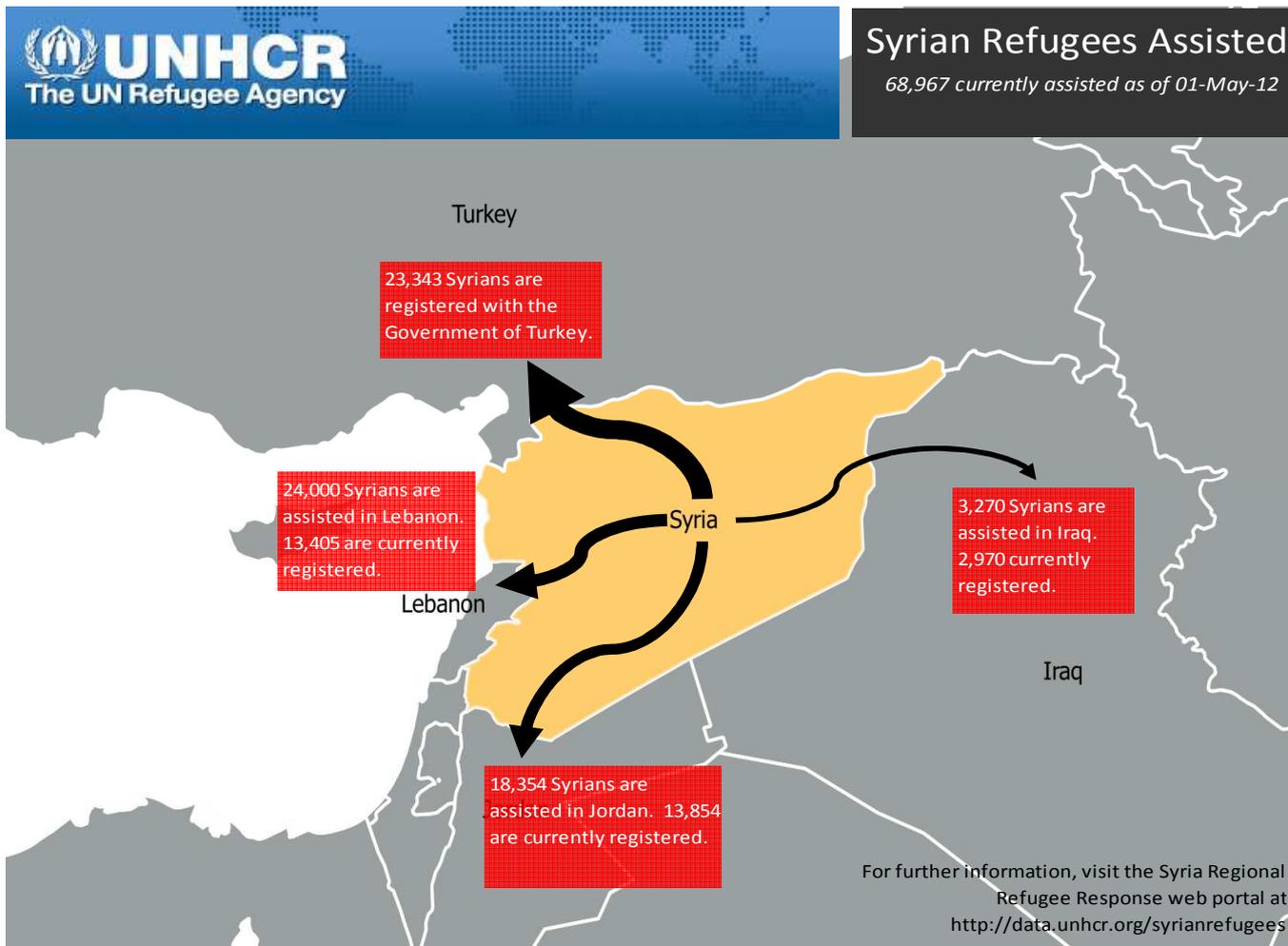
Syria Regional Refugee Response

Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey

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This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations and its partners' response to the influx of Syrian refugees into Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq. The response is led by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and is undertaken in full coordination with host Governments. The next update will be issued on Thursday, 10 May 2012



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Two new sites for Syrian refugees have been identified in Jordan in the Al-Ramtha area: Cyber City that can accommodate up to 600 persons and King Abdullah Park that will house 80 containers with a capacity of 800 individuals.
- NRC and DRC are moving ahead with rehabilitation work to ensure shelters are made adequate for hosting displaced Syrians in Lebanon.

II. JORDAN

Highlights

- The total number of Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR currently stands at 13,854. They are primarily located in the cities of Amman, Ramtha, Mafraq, Irbid, Zarqa and Ma'an.
- 4,500 Syrians are currently awaiting registration, while some 30,000 have been identified by local organizations as in need of assistance.
- Numbers at the Ramtha transit facility – Beshabshe - have recently dropped from their recent high average of 1,200 individuals.
- UNICEF and UNHCR liaised with the ILO to discuss how to respond to child labour issues among Syrian refugees. It was agreed that child labour cases would be referred to the Ministry of Labour.

Protection/Security

The number of Syrians approaching UNHCR for registration has steadily increased since the start of the unrest. The number of Syrian refugees registered during April was 2.5 times higher than the previous month and the highest since the start of the crisis. Syrian refugees are located in Amman, Irbid and Mafraq and 50% of them are under the age of 18.

Assistance/Outreach

In an effort to de-congest Beshabshe, and as part of contingency planning, the Government of Jordan, UNHCR and partners have begun work on two further sites in the Al-Ramtha area. Refurbishment on "Cyber City," a large six story building which can accommodate up to 600 persons will soon be finished. The Government, Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) and UNHCR, with support from UNICEF, WFP and other partners, have also begun construction of a second site, King Abdullah Park, with a capacity of 800 persons. It has been agreed that UNICEF will take the lead in emergency WASH

interventions in camp-like settings, in coordination with Jordanian Government and UNHCR. WFP has stepped up assistance with the provision of hot meals to those at Beshabshe facility and the sports stadium. To date, health assistance has been provided by partners to 1,184 registered and 1,402 non-registered Syrians. The Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS) and Caritas are providing antenatal care in static clinics along with the mobile medical units, and the Ministry of Health is providing antenatal care free of charge.

Coordination

The first geographical coordination meeting took place last week, at Ramtha, which was attended by government officials, representatives from the local governorate, community based organizations, UN partners and national/international NGOs operating in the area. Mafraq was also host to a geographical coordination meeting with an expectation that such meetings will be rolled out to other governorates. The second Inter-Agency donor/operational partners briefing on the Syria Situation took place last week where an overview of current humanitarian activities, achievements and constraints, including funding, was given by UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, WFP, UNFPA and other partners.



Primary care clinic in Zarqa @UNHCR Jordan/2012/Bartolini

III. LEBANON

Highlights

- UNHCR and partners are working with the Government, local authorities and international and national partners assisting some 24,000 Syrian refugees throughout the country. More than half of them, 13,405 have been jointly registered by UNHCR and Lebanon's High Relief Commission (HRC) in the North.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Danish Refugee Council (DRC) are moving ahead with rehabilitation work to ensure shelters are made adequate for hosting Syrian refugees.

Protection/Security

Syrian refugees are concentrated in north Lebanon, with over 9,000 in Akkar and an estimated 2-3,000 in Tripoli. There are more limited concentrations of refugees known to be residing in Beirut, some 791 that have been registered by UNHCR. Latest assessments show approximately 9,000 Syrian refugees in the Bekaa Valley. A Protection Coordination meeting took place last week that focused on mapping out services available in the Bekaa to respond to protection cases, as well as establish a referral mechanism.

Assistance/Outreach

Cleaning supplies, cement, work tools, electrical supplies and other basic rehabilitation tools were procured to help displaced Syrians rehabilitate abandoned houses they have moved into for shelter. Monthly distribution started last week assisting 545 families around the Bekaa. UNHCR, DRC and other partners are providing support to the local organizations and municipalities who are facilitating distribution efforts. Training on mental health, accredited by WHO and adapted by the Ministry of Health and the Order of Lebanese Physicians, will begin on May 4th. The training will assist doctors, nurses and social workers detect and screen cases for mental health at the primary care level, as well as treat common mental disorders amongst Syrian refugees.

Coordination

Inter-Agency Coordination meetings take place every 2 weeks in Beirut, Quobayat and Bekaa. Sectoral meetings (Distribution, Health, Education, Protection, Shelter, and WASH) are also taking place twice a month in Quobayat and Bekaa.

IV. IRAQ

Highlights

- UNHCR registered a total 2,970 individual Syrian refugees, and some 20 families and 200 singles are in the process of being registered.
- The Iraqi Red Crescent (IRC) conducted a visit to Domiz camp with a view to assess Syrian refugees' needs and to look at eventual assistance.

Protection/Security

An estimated 30 to 40 families and 50 to 65 singles continue to enter Dohuk Governorate daily. In Erbil, the number of Syrian families approaching UNHCR for registration remains limited. The new arrivals continue to be hosted by family members and the local community. Many singles continue to relocate to Erbil city from Domiz camp. The main drive for this seems to be the insufficiency of space in the camp given the increased number of Syrian singles arriving.

Assistance/Outreach

As of April 29th, 198 tents were erected in the family section of Domiz camp, out of which 12 were put up. A list of 84 families was prepared for the distribution of non-food items during the fourth round, organized jointly by UNHCR and IOM. UNHCR's implementing partner, Qandil, completed the construction of 75 cooking areas in the family section of the camp. The health caravan in Domiz camp continues



The new Camp in Domiz

to be functional and a mobile dental team visited the site and provided dental healthcare assistance to new arrivals. The Directorate of Displacement and Migration (DDM) continues to provide the singles with three hot meals a day; families are also provided with dry food through DDM. The need to supply the families with additional dry food rations is becoming increasingly needed and WFP is coordinating with UNHCR to monitor the increased number of Syrian new arrivals. UNHCR ordered the production of 6 caravans for school classes; the fabrication of these caravans has been completed and six of them have already reached the site and were installed near the existing primary school.

Coordination

UNHCR and DDM continue their coordination with IOM and relevant local authority structures. UNHCR Erbil has called for a meeting with all UN agencies, NGOs and INGOs in order to discuss the situation of the Syrian refugees in Domiz camp and the provision of essential services. The meeting will take place in Erbil in the coming days.

V. TURKEY

Highlights

- The overall number of Syrian refugees in Turkey now stands at 23,343 persons.
- A donor meeting was called for last week by the Resident Coordinator that was attended by many Embassy representatives and international organizations. The Resident Coordinator indicated that an application for CERF funding would be submitted.

Protection/Security

The Turkish Emergency Coordination Presidency, AFAD, announced that one year on from the arrival of the first group of about 250 Syrians in Turkey on 29 April 2011, the Government has provided temporary protection and comprehensive assistance to nearly 40,000 persons in the camps. As of 29-30 April, the number of Syrian refugees by region is as follows: Hatay - 7,148 individuals; Gaziantep population in Islahiye - 6,161 individuals; Kilis population in Oncupinar container site - 9,988 individuals; Sanliurfa population in Ceylanpinar - 860 individuals.

Assistance/Outreach

It has been reported that pre-school and primary school education of children in the Kilis Oncupinar Container site has begun as of 30 April 2012.

Coordination

A high-level UNHCR mission to Turkey visited Kilis and Islahiye camps last week and held discussions with Turkish authorities. The visit explored ways of enhancing UNHCR's support of Government efforts to provide temporary protection for almost 24,000 Syrian refugees. A four-member UNICEF delegation visited Kilis camp last Friday to assess the needs of Syrian refugee children residing in the camp.

VI. STATISTICS

Statistics on Syrian Refugees in the Region

No. of Syrian Refugees	JORDAN	LEBANON	IRAQ	TURKEY	TOTALS
Registered	13,854	13,405	2,970	23,343	53,572
Assisted (awaiting registration)	4,500	10,595	300	-	15,395
TOTALS	18,354	24,000	3,270	23,343	68,967

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