

SYRIA REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey

3 August 2012



This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations and partners' response to the influx of Syrian refugees into Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. The response is led by the UN Refugee Agency and is undertaken in full coordination with host Governments, UN agencies, and NGO partners. This report covers the period from 28 July to 3 August 2012. The next update will be issued on 10 August 2012.

GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Syrian refugee population in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Turkey has currently reached 131,649. This shows an increase of about 4,312 Syrian refugees during the last seven days.
- A steady stream of Syrians from Homs, Damascus, Dara'a and Aleppo continued to arrive in Lebanon.
- The newly established Za`atari camp in Jordan is now open and started receiving Syrian refugees.



Za'atari Camp in Jordan/UNHCR

REFUGEE NUMBERS

Number of Syrian Refugees	JORDAN	LEBANON	IRAQ	TURKEY	TOTALS
Registered and Assisted	37,488	33,664	9,542	44,038	124,732
Assisted (awaiting registration)	2,658	1,336	2,923	-	6,917
TOTALS	*40,146	35,000	12,465	44,038	131,649

-Figures are based on estimates and thus may vary.

*-Some 50,000 have been identified by local organizations as in need of assistance, some of whom have been registered by UNHCR. According to the Government of Jordan, there are **more** than 150,000 Syrians in Jordan (*).*

JORDAN

HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of Syrian refugees has reached up to **40,146** by the beginning of August of this year (2012).
- As part of King Abdullah's Islamic Solidarity Conference, Saudi Arabia is sending about 43 trucks carrying food/water to Syrian refugees. The trucks are expected to arrive at Mafraq on Sunday.



Za'atari Camp in Jordan/UNHCR

Protection / Numbers

- Registration:
 - A total number of 37,488 Syrian refugees are being both registered and assisted. Another 2,658 are being assisted, but yet to be registered.
 - UNHCR office in Jordan has hit a new record by registering about 10,000 Syrian refugees during the month of July only.
 - There has been an increase in the number of registered Syrians from Dara'a during the month of July with over 70% increase compared to June.
- New Camp:
 - Bashabsheh camp has now been closed, with Syrian refugees being moved to Za'atari camp. Relocation process from King Abdullah Park has also begun,
 - UNHCR Protection, field staff, and registration staff are in place at Za'atari camp to respond to the needs of POC's as they arrive into the difficult new environment.

- The Moroccan government has offered a field hospital for Za`atair camp. In addition, MDM have expressed their willingness to set up a primary health care center in the camp.

Assistance / Outreach

- Water and Sanitation: Water filtration systems have been renovated in both Mahassi and Hudud. Moreover, some 50 (1100 litre) metal garbage bins have been procured and distributed in Mafraq, Ramtha, and Ma`an.
- Quick Impact Projects (QIP): Several IRD/HCR funded quick impact projects were finalized in Mafraq. This included putting in place a semi-automatic production line for a bakery, which provides employment for a number of Syrians and provides bread to some 400 Syrian families per week.

LEBANON

HIGHLIGHTS

- In light of the ongoing unrest in Syria, the Lebanese authorities announced that Syrian nationals are allowed to renew their residencies in Lebanon. This would allow Syrians who have been in Lebanon for 12 months to renew their residency permit without having to return to Syria, which up until recently was the usual procedure.
- UNHCR is refining its contingency planning with partners and the government so as to be prepared in the event of a larger influx.

Protection / Numbers

- A steady stream of Syrians from Homs, Damascus, Dara'a and Aleppo continued to arrive in Lebanon.
- Over 35,000 displaced Syrians are currently receiving protection and assistance in Lebanon. Of this number, 33,664 are registered.
- Reports of Syrians deported from Lebanon and expressing a fear of return were a main concern.
- Displaced Syrian families continue to stream across the Eastern Masnaa borders into different areas in Lebanon; namely Beirut, Tripoli and Saida.
- This week, 12 wounded Syrians were admitted to hospitals.
- Currently, 37 per cent of displaced Syrians in north Lebanon are living with Lebanese host families in some of the poorest and under-serviced areas. The capacity of the local community is being stretched to the limits.

Assistance / Outreach

- UNHCR, DRC and the World Food Program (WFP) facilitated the distributions of food and hygiene kits as well as mattresses to around 120 families of the displaced Syrians residing in Baalbeck and Bekaa valley.
- Together with Islamic Relief, UNHCR distributed 416 hygiene kits to displaced and hosting families in their homes in Wadi Khaled and Akkar.
- Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre (CLMC) social workers conducted needs assessments and home visits in Tripoli.
- Individual counseling continues to be provided to persons with specific needs including separated children, women at risk, people with physical disability, and vulnerable elderly in Akkar and Tripoli.

IRAQ

HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of Syrian refugees has reached 12,465 with the entrance of some 3,356 persons since July, 24.
- According to latest statistics, the total number of Iraqi returnees from Syria has so far reached up to 21, 167 since July 18.
- Two new camps have been established at Al-Waleed and Al-Qaim border points respectively.

Protection / Numbers

- Registration:
 - A total number of 9,542 Syrian refugees are now being registered and assisted.
 - In the Kurdish regional Governorate, the total number of registered Syrian refugees of Kurdish origin has reached up to 9,053.
 - At Al-Qaim border point, the registration process has already started and continues to take place, bringing the total number of registered people to 489 out of a total number of 3,412 Syrian refugees in that area.
- New Camps:
 - Around 100 tents were installed at the new camp location at Al-Qaim border point. A batch of 200 NFI packages are to be distributed to Syrian families there. The kits include rechargeable fans and water jerry cans.
 - Around 120 tents were installed at the new camp location at Al-Waleed border point. Water, sanitation, and electricity are ready to be installed as well. A number of 300 NFI kits were delivered to the camp.

Assistance / Outreach

- Iraqi returnees:

- As of August 3, a total number of 21,167 Iraqi refugees have returned to Iraq coming from Syria either by land (through the three border points: Al-Waleed, Rabi`aa, Al-Qaim), or by air (mostly on government-assisted flights).
- UNHCR has engaged in a coordination process with various humanitarian actors/stakeholders, including the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) consisting of agencies and NGOs, to ensure necessary support to the Iraqi Government's efforts to respond to the returnees' immediate needs.

TURKEY

HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of Syrian refugees has so far reached **44,038** with the arrival of 525 persons and return of 532 persons on 30-31 July.

Protection / Numbers

- From May 24 to August 01, there has been an increase of 81 % in the total number of Syrian refugees who are currently provided temporary protection by the Turkish Government.
 - As previously mentioned, the Turkish Government has declared a temporary protection regime for Syrians, the core elements include: i) open border policy with admission to the territory for those seeking protection, ii) protection against forcible returns (non-refoulement) iii) access to basic registration arrangement, where immediate needs are addressed.
- New arrivals: All new arrivals are referred to Ceylanpinar camp in Sanliurfa which already hosts a number of 13,337 Syrian refugees. Reportedly, 70-75% of new arrivals are from Aleppo and surrounding villages.
- Camps:
 - It was reported in national media that Turkey is willing to increase the overall accommodation capacity of its camps in the following weeks to be able to receive a total of 100,000 Syria refugees.
 - Five new shelter camps with a total capacity of 50,000 people are being built in cities in southern and south eastern Turkey.



Assistance / Outreach

- Given the international protection needs of Syrians entering to Turkey, UNHCR is also coordinating UN Country Team efforts to support the Government as the situation unfolds.

OVERVIEW MAP

