

Syria Crisis sub-regional highlights
Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey
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Syrian children gather in front of a tent classroom at the new school at Za'atari refugee camp, Jordan.

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JORDAN

WASH: To prepare for winter, UNICEF is looking into different options to heat water at Za'atari camp. The design of the winterized WASH centres is being finalized.

Over 1 million litres of water are supplied daily to the camp.

Drilling for the first of two boreholes for Za'atari camp is scheduled to be completed next week. Rehabilitation work on three boreholes in Ramtha and Mafraq continues.

Yarmouk Water Company contractors are completing the construction of a new pipeline to deliver 60 cubic metres per hour to the camp from the Za'atari well-field.

Child protection: UNICEF partner Save the Children 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.

UNICEF partner IMC has begun psychosocial support groups for adolescents needing specialized support in Za'atari, reaching 37 children to date. Education: Attendance at the Za'atari camp school has increased by 40 per cent since it opened on 1 October. New classrooms will be established to serve an additional 1,000 children, bringing the total school capacity to 3,000 students.

Ten Jordanian and Syrian teachers have completed a six-day psychosocial training course to better support children in Za'atari.

UNICEF, the Ministry of Education and Save the Children Jordan are in the process of identifying overcrowded schools to determine which schools need to be double-shifted to accommodate additional students.

Health and nutrition: To date, 6,382 children have received vaccinations under the measles, polio and Vitamin A supplementation campaign.

The UNICEF-led nutrition assessment for Syrian children under 5 across Jordan is ongoing. Analysis of the data will be completed by the first week of November.

LEBANON

Education: Educational supplies are being distributed under the Back to School initiative, with 1,373 pupils in four Bekaa Valley schools reached so far.

UNICEF is in the process of recruiting four education field officers to monitor activities.

Child protection: UNICEF is discussing plans to scale up psychosocial services with six NGOs, to better support children and parents affected by conflict and displacement.

WASH: UNICEF has distributed 79 1,000-litre water tanks in Aarsal, bringing the total number distributed to 147. Water delivery through the voucher system is ongoing.

Health and nutrition: UNICEF and the Ministry of Public Health conducted four joint field visits to Kazas Akkar, Tripoli, Baalbeck and Hermel to identify gaps for the immunization programme to focus on.



Brother and sister Ali and Sawa play in the classroom they now call home in Lebanon's Bekka Valley close to the Syrian border.

IRAQ

Education: The new school in Domiz camp, northern Iraq, opened on 15 October. Of the 1,200 registered children, over 500 attended the opening day. This is the first of three 24-classroom schools that will open in the camp.

In Al-Qaim camp, western Iraq, school attendance is increasing daily and there are now over 700 children attending in two shifts.

The area for a new school to be established in Al-Qaim's Camp 2 has been designated.

Health: The UNICEF-supported vaccination campaign, led by the Ministry of Health (MoH) is ongoing; so far 1,157 children have been vaccinated against polio, and 551 against measles, mumps, rubella and measles.

The MoH has announced that all refugees will be vaccinated for influenza before winter; 10,000 doses of the vaccine will be sent to Al-Qaim camp next week.

- **WASH:** On 15 October 41 hygiene promoters reached 3,109 refugees at Al-Qaim camp. Hygiene kits containing soap bars, disinfectant and sanitary napkins were also distributed to 725 families at the camp.

TURKEY

On 14 October, WFP introduced a food card system, in cooperation with the Turkish Red Crescent and Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) to allow refugees in Kilis container site to buy their own food from supermarkets in the camp. The programme is expected to expand to other locations and cover up to 25,000 refugees.

A second camp in Şanlıurfa province Akçakale-2 is expected to open in about a week, with a capacity of 11,000.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports the number of Syrians at the border is still estimated at about 14,000, and those who wish to cross to Turkey are admitted gradually in small groups.

REGIONAL SUPPORT AND FUNDING

Syria crisis support hub: In Syria, new dates have been set for the immunization campaign - 26 November to 6 December, targeting 1.4 million children under 5.

Communication and media: UNICEF Executive Director's visit to Jordan was covered in numerous media, including the New York Times and (on his return) CNN.

Children of Syria: Basma's story

Basma, 14, is one of 350 IDPs sheltering in Sumayya al-Makhzomiyah school, Damascus. She lives in the shelter with her parents and six siblings, aged 10 to 22. Basma spoke to UNICEF on 15 October.

Basma said she longs to return to her home. While there was shelling near where she used to live, she says, "it was good that we were able to stay in our own home, in spite of being afraid."

Two days ago her father tried to return to their old apartment to collect winter clothes for the family. "I reminded him to bring my school uniform and the pink handbag in which I kept gifts from my friends, but he couldn't enter the area." She adds she has heard her old neighbourhood, Hajjira, has become a ghost town.

All Basma's siblings attend school or university. "We keep calling my elder sister and brother whenever they go to college to check they are safe... I worry about them a lot."

"Although some of my new classmates call us 'refugees' and some refuse to have anything to do with us, I like to go every day to school ... The school director advised us to turn a deaf ear to students who act that way," Basma said. "I miss my old school and the friends I had there."

The Regional Office supported the Jordan country office with the visit of four National Committee Executive Directors.

Funding: Against the total requirement of US\$123.16 million for the Syria Humanitarian Response Plan and the Regional Response Plan, UNICEF has received US\$33.45 million with a funding gap of US\$89.71 million.

Funding Status**		Child Protection	Education	Health & Nutrition	WASH	NFIs	Coord. & Comm	Safety, Security ITC	Operational Costs	*Being Allocated	Total
In millions of US Dollars											
Syria	Required	7.75	10.00	4.75	8.50	10.50	1.40	1.19			44.09
	Funded	2.34	1.38	2.43	1.96	1.45	-	0.42		0.18	10.18
Jordan	Required	5.87	17.53	1.83	17.57						42.80
	Funded	1.46	8.04	0.09	5.79						15.38
Lebanon	Required	3.61	8.82	0.43	4.28						17.14
	Funded	1.26	1.53	0.10	2.24						5.13
Iraq	Required	0.60	1.17	0.78	5.47				2.89		10.91
	Funded										0.00
Turkey	Required	3.21	3.21								6.42
	Funded	0.32									0.32
MENA	Required	0.30	0.30		0.30		0.70	0.20			1.80
RO	Funded									2.43	2.43
Total	Required	21.34	41.03	7.79	36.12	10.50	2.10	1.39	2.89		123.16
	Funded	5.39	10.96	2.62	9.99	1.45	0.00	0.42	0.00	2.61	33.45
	Gap	15.94	30.08	5.17	26.13	9.05	2.10	0.97	2.89		89.71

* 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.

Next Situation Report: 25 October 2012 (the next situation report will cover the period from 12 to 25 October in full)

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