

IOM Regional Response to the Syria Crisis

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This report is produced by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on its humanitarian response for the crisis in Syria. The summary covers events and activities until 27 December. For activities implemented in Syria, please consult the full situation report.



Distribution of winter NFIs by IOM Lebanon, December 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Jordan:** IOM is currently operating 24-hour emergency transportation of refugees as they have begun arriving during the day time.
- **Lebanon:** To date, IOM distributed a total of **11,699** rechargeable lamps, **141** Diapers bags, **1,667** house cleaning kits, **15,776** shelter support items, **5,140** hygiene kits and **35,437** winterization items to **47,889** Syrian refugees and **21,972** Lebanese returnees.
- **Iraq:** To date, IOM has distributed a total of **3,600** NFI packages to **15,888** Syrian refugees residing in camps; **450** standard NFI kits to Syrian refugees residing in host communities in Al Qaim and Rawa towns in Anbar; and **46** NFI packages to **265** Iraqi returnees.
- **Turkey:** To date, IOM has distributed a total of **9,741** blankets and **25** containers showers and WC's in the five camps of Akcakale, Karkamis, Ceylanpinar, Islahiyyi and Yayladagi, benefiting approximately **40,000** Syrians in camps. Additionally, a total of **25** container showers were established in two camps hosting **26,170** persons.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

JORDAN There are currently **112,379** registered Syrian refugees in Jordan.¹ The Jordanian government estimates that over **200,000** Syrians have entered the country since March 2011.

In the last week, the movement of Syrian refugees crossing the border into Jordan decreased as **3,927** Syrian refugees arrived in this week compared to the **5,126** that arrived during the previous reporting period.

LEBANON Over **164,000** Syrian refugees receive protection and assistance from the Government of Lebanon, UN and NGO partners. Of this number, **123,224** have been registered by UNHCR and **43,596** are awaiting registration.²

The Al Marj municipality in the Bekaa Valley opened a transit reception centre this week to assist unregistered refugees and new arrivals in need of assistance. The initiative is funded by Saudi Islamic Relief, to shelter newly arrived families until a more permanent accommodation can be found.

IRAQ There are currently **66,809** registered Syrian refugees in Iraq.³ This figure includes **53,875** Syrian refugees residing in the Kurdistan Region (KRG), over 75% of whom are in Dohuk. According to the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD), the total number of Syrian families registered in Dohuk as of 23 December is **6,476** families (27,171 individuals), in addition to **18,787** single individuals (living inside and outside of Domiz Camp). IOM estimates that a total of **26,000** individuals are living in Domiz camp. The Directorate of Health in Dohuk has begun fumigating the camp with 295 tents completed as of this week.

According to UNHCR, the total number of Syrians in Anbar is **8,946**. Some Syrian families are beginning to return back to Syria from Al Qaim camp due to the hard conditions, such as poor health services, recurring electricity cuts, and food shortages. There is also an urgent need for diapers for young children and sanitary products for women. Cold weather and rain have affected many families and prompted them to ask for winter blankets and clothes. Over the past few weeks, reports of over **125** cases of Hepatitis have been reported in both camps, and until now there has been a shortage of access to healthcare. A new clinic is being built in camp 2 and a vaccination campaign against measles is currently being undertaken by Al-Qaim Health Directorate.

Local authorities in Ninewa report that the camp will not be able to accept refugees before the end of this year and are concerned about the potential influx of Syrians to Ninewa. The local government requested from UNHCR an expansion of the camp by 100 tents for a total capacity of 200 tents.

Iraqi returnees continue to arrive, mainly through Al Waleed and Rabia'a border points. Since July 2012, it is estimated that the total number of Iraqi returnees stands at **58,213**. The majority of Iraqi returnees residing in the KRG are not originally from KR governorates but due to unstable security situations, they are unable to return to their homes.

Many returnee families are reluctant to register with the MoMD, and registration can be a long process where cash assistance does not arrive immediately.

¹ <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

TURKEY

According to the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), the total number of Syrians accommodated in 14 camps, in seven provinces has increased to **144,755** persons including those who are undertaking medical treatment in hospitals and their companions.⁴

During the reporting period, Turkish authorities reported **1,629** new arrivals have been admitted from the borders and **199** Syrians have voluntarily returned to Syria.

Winterization of the camps is ongoing and officials informed that there are items still needed, including, winter tents, clothing, winter shoes, and blankets.

For the new container site being constructed in Harran in Şanlıurfa province, officials requested heaters, beds, and blankets. The new site is expected to be ready by the end of December 2012.

COUNTRY OPERATIONS**Jordan Operations****Emergency Transportation of Refugees**

In the past week, IOM facilitated the transport of **3,927** Syrian nationals from border areas to Za'atri camp. Since 29 July, IOM facilitated the transport of **72,677** Syrians from border areas to Za'atri Camp.

As part of the transportation services, the IOM operations team provides preregistration and reception services to newly arriving refugees and the IOM medical team conducts initial health screenings, including referrals to health care providers at the camp as needed.

Health Services

Since 29 July, IOM assisted **818** individuals with medical conditions requiring immediate referral or treatment at the camp's health clinics as part of the transportation assistance services.

Since March 2012, IOM screened **54,063** Syrians for tuberculosis (TB) and provided **42,355** Syrians with TB awareness-raising activities in the camp, transit centres, and host communities in Jordan. IOM's medical team confirmed **30** TB cases and is providing follow-up treatment for **15** cases. In addition, IOM is currently investigating suspected TB cases and screening people who were in contact with the confirmed cases.⁶

Lebanon Operations**Provision of Emergency Non-Food Items (NFIs)**

During this reporting period, IOM distributed **1,216** blankets, **1,065** quilts, **350** floor tarpaulin and **300** roof tarpaulin benefiting **390** Lebanese returnee families and **260** Syrian refugee families in Akroum, Bireh, Tlejl, Tal Abbas, Wadi El

Refugees provided transport assistance in the past week	
Date ⁵	No. of People
20 th Dec	740
21 th Dec	61
22 th Dec	346
23 rd Dec	761
24 th Dec	737
25 th Dec	635
26 th Dec	647
7-day Total	3,927

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Dates reflect evacuation statistics collected the day of and night before the date stated.

⁶ 15 cases and their contacts are followed by IOM medical team under the leadership of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Ministry of Health (MoH) through the national TB program (NTP) procedures, guidance, rules and regulations and in coordination with the United Nations Country Team (UNCT). Dr. Khaled Abu Rumman (NTP Manager and Director of Chest Diseases Directorate) leads the national program in coordination with the TB directorates in Irbid and Mafraq and the Anoor Sanatorium.

Jamous and Wadi Khaled, all in Akkar Governorate, North Lebanon.



Distribution of quilts for Syrian refugees in Bireh, Akkar



Distribution of quilts in Tal Abbas, Akkar

From 4 April 2012 to 26 December 2012, IOM has distributed **11,699** rechargeable lamps, **1,667** house cleaning kits, **15,776** shelter support items, **5,140** hygiene kits and **35,437** winterization items to a total of **47,889** Syrian refugees and **21,972** Lebanese returnees.

Type of Kit/Item	Number of direct beneficiaries	Syrian Refugees	Lebanese Returnees
Hygiene Kits	5,140	3,546	1,594
Winterization items	35,437	23,034	12,403
House Cleaning Kits	1,667	1,667	0
Household Shelter Support Items	15,776	8,277	7,499
Rechargeable Lamps	11,700	11,244	456
Diaper Bags	141	121	20
TOTAL	69,861	47,889	21,972

Iraq Operations

IOM's team in Anbar conducted a series of meetings in Al Qaim with stakeholders, including representatives from UNHCR, MoMD, the manager of the local health center, and the director of the camp school. IOM staff also met with Syrian families and reported the following findings:

- The UNHCR representative in the camp reported a need for vocational training courses for Syrians in Al Qaim and there is a lack of medical staff in the camp. Furthermore, there is a need to establish a more flexible and efficient mechanism for referring complicated medical cases (those requiring surgery) to the hospitals in Al Ramadi. UNHCR also reported the need for insecticides and pesticides in the camp due to the presence of rats and snakes.

- The director of the camp health center confirmed the needs reported by UNHCR and also indicated a need for a dental clinic.
- Students are able to attend school in the camp without hindrance, although the school director reported an additional need for literacy classes among the camp population.
- The Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD) representative reported a need for clothing distributions for all age groups, particularly underwear.
- Among the more than 15 families interviewed by IOM in camp 1, urgent needs include:
 - o Higher quantity and quality of water;
 - o Markets in the camps as Syrians are not allowed to travel outside of the camps;
 - o Clothing, underwear, baby milk, and napkins;
 - o Livelihood support: refugees asked for advocacy support in obtaining permission to work outside the camps; they also expressed a desire for vocational training opportunities.

Provision of Emergency Non-Food Items (NFIs)

IOM has distributed **450** standard NFI kits to Syrian refugees living outside the camps in both Al Qaim and Rawa towns in Anbar. NFIs included:

NFI package composition per family	
Item	Qty.
Blanket	5
Cool box	1
Plastic sheet 4x5 meters	1
Carpet 3x4 meters	1
Rechargeable light	1
Soap (piece)	10
Cleaning Powder 5 kg	1
Kerosene Heater	1
Mattresses 200x80x10	5
Pillow	5

Last week field teams completed IOM's contribution to the inter-agency winterization plan for Domiz Camp with the distribution of **261** winter NFI kits. To date, IOM has distributed **2,610** winter NFI kits in Domiz and **450** winter NFI kits in Anbar. The kits include a blanket, carpet, kerosene heater, plastic cabinet, rechargeable light, cooler, washing powder, and soap.

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IOM distribution of winter items in Domiz camp



IOM at Domiz Camp



Turkey Operations

Provision of Emergency Non-Food Items (NFIs)

To date, IOM has distributed a total of **10,000** bed linens, **12,000** pillows, **2,500** mattresses, **2,000** kitchen sets, **1000** beds, **100** tents, **9,741** blankets and **25** container showers and WCs in the five camps of Akcakale, Karkamis, Ceylanpinar, Islahiye and Yayladagi, benefiting approximately **40,000** Syrians. Additionally, a total of **25** container showers were established in two camps hosting **26,170** persons.

Container Provision, Turkey (9 June – 26 December)

Location	Type of Item	No.
Ceylanpinar Camp	Shower	10
Karkamis Camp	Shower	7
	WC	8
Total		25

IOM NFI Provision, Turkey (9 June – 26 December)

Location	Type of Item	No.
Akcakale Camp	Bed Linens	5,000
	Mattresses	2,500
	Pillows	7,000
Ceylanpinar Camp	Beds	460
	Bed Linens	5,000
	Container Showers	10
	Kitchen sets	750
	Pillows	5,000
Gaziantep Warehouse	Kitchen sets	1,000
	Tents	100
	Blankets	3,885
Islahiye Camp	Kitchen sets	250
Yayladagi Camp	Beds	540
Karkamis Camp	Container Shower and WCs	15
	Blankets	3,114
Altinozu Camp	Blankets	2,742
Total		37,366

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