

# 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 25 January 2013. For activities implemented in Syria, please consult the full situation report.



Left - Relocation of refugees from border areas to Za'atri Camp; Right – inside a recently renovated shelter in Damascus. ©IOM 2013

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Jordan:** In the past week, IOM facilitated the transportation of **14,967** Syrian refugees from border areas to Za'atri camp.
- **Lebanon:** IOM will start a new project to register and profile Lebanese returnees to cover gaps and unmet basic needs. Project activities include the distribution of NFIs and the improvement of living conditions through the provision of household shelter support items required for the alleviation of health/safety problems.

## IOM COUNTRY OPERATIONS

### 1. Jordan Operations

**Emergency Transportation of Refugees** - In the past week, IOM facilitated the transportation of **14,967** Syrian refugees from border areas to Za'atri camp. From 29 July 2012 to 15 January 2013, IOM has facilitated the transportation of **104,621** Syrians.

**Emergency Health Assistance** – During the pre-departure medical assessments, IOM identified **54** refugees who were referred to health actors for treatment upon arrival at Za'atri camp.

**Strengthening Inter-Agency and Inter-Government Cooperation** - On Wednesday 17 January 2013, IOM organized a high-level donor field trip with the participation of representatives from the Embassies of Australia, Canada, China, Cyprus, France, Italy, Kazakhstan, South

Arrivals to Za'atri Camp (16 – 22 January 2013)

Date (2013)	Refugees provided with assistance from the border	Number of individuals referred to health clinics upon arrival
16 January	1,426	8
17 January	1,766	15
18 January	2,079	7
19 January	1,391	4
20 January	3,528	12
21 January	2,859	5
22 January	1,918	3
<b>7-day Total</b>	<b>14,967</b>	<b>54</b>

Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the USA, as well as representatives from WFP and UNHCR. The field trip included a visit to Thnebe border crossing, to the Mafraq transit centre, and to Za'atri camp.

## 2. Lebanon Operations

**Profiling vulnerable Returnee Caseloads** – IOM will begin a Returnees Profiling and Registration Project. The project aims to improve the knowledge on the extent and patterns of displaced populations and their exposure to protection risks through the collection of demographics and socio-economic indicators.

## 3. Iraq Operations

**Profiling Iraqi Returnees and Syrian Refugees in Iraq** - IOM has recently published the findings of an assessment of rapid assistance and response activities from August to October 2012. Field teams interviewed key informants (border authorities, camp managers, Iraqi Ministry of Displacement and Migration (MoMD) officials, and local council representatives) as well as a sample of families from each affected population. The findings of the report highlight the need for additional funding to support host communities with winterization items and shelter, as well as to provide livelihood support for vulnerable returnee and refugee households. Some of the key findings include:

- **Syrian refugees** who were asked to rank their reasons for fleeing Syria listed: displacement by force or threat; general fear of the situation; ethnic, religious, or political discrimination. **Iraqi returnees** listed the following reasons: general fear of the situation; direct threat on life; ethnic, religious or political persecution; and forced eviction.
- From the assessed households, **11%** of refugee households as opposed to **25%** of returnee households were classified as Female Headed Households.
- An estimated **80%** of Iraqi returnees have not received the cash assistance for which returnees are eligible and almost **70%** of returnees require livelihood support in order to integrate successfully.
- Report findings indicate that **71%** of Syrian refugees as opposed to **94%** of Iraqi returnees reported to live in durable shelters.

## 4. Turkey Operations

**Repatriation of refugees** - IOM is working to assist a Moldovan family, which recently fled the violence in Syria, to return to Moldova. The family is being provided with shelter, food and transportation prior to their departure from Turkey.

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