

Syria Crisis Bi-Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report Jordan

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Reporting Period: 22 February – 06 March 2013

Highlights

- UNICEF Jordan has received only 9% of the US\$ 57 million urgently required until June 2013 to continue providing assistance to Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- Over 120,000 Syrian refugees have crossed into Jordan since the beginning of 2013.
- Some 29,669 Syrian children are now enrolled in UNICEF-supported Jordanian public schools in host communities across the country.
- Since the start of the year, 9,481 children have been vaccinated against measles under the UNICEF/MoH campaign, conducted by the French Field Hospital in Za'atari.

Situation overview and humanitarian needs

Registered Refugee Population (Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 7 Mar 2013)			
Total number of registered refugees and individuals awaiting registration		324,543	
Registered Refugees	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	271,855	127,772	144,083
Children Affected (Under 18)	154,957	76,119	78,838
Children Under Five	51,652	24,467	27,186
Children 6 to 23 months	19,030	9,515	9,515
Pregnant women	6,484	N/A	6,484

Over 120,000 Syrian refugees have crossed into Jordan since 1 January 2013, bringing the total number of Syrians now registered or awaiting registration with UNHCR to 324,543. The Government of Jordan estimates that there are approximately 415,000 Syrians in the country – a figure higher than the 300,000 initially projected to be reached by the end of June. More than half of all Syrian refugees are children under 18.

Programme response

WASH: UNICEF is facing a US\$ 19.8 million shortfall in funding for the operation of its WASH interventions from now until June 2013. This does not include the WASH needs of refugees to be housed in a new camp -currently in the planning stages. In relation to this, UNICEF has produced a concept note for the provision of WASH services for 42,000 refugees in a proposed new camp near Azraq, indicating a cost of US\$ 8 million to establish and run WASH services till end-June 2013.

To help complete the basic WASH facilities for Za'atari camp at full capacity of 110,000 refugees, UNICEF/THW have completed the construction of 32 WASH blocks (224 latrines and 192 showers) in module 5 of Za'atari camp, with another 18 WASH blocks scheduled to be completed in the next 10 days. Under the same effort, UNICEF/Oxfam GB are constructing 48 WASH blocks in module 4 of the camp, which will be completed by mid-April. Still to bring service levels to camp full capacity, UNICEF/Ministry of Public Works are installing 110 prefab WASH blocks in modules 6, 7, phase 5 and the old areas of the camp, for completion by end-March. Upon completion, the WASH blocks now under construction will have 1,322 toilets and 1,266 showers. There are currently 1,789 operational latrines (with a capacity to serve some 89,450 refugees at a 1:50 ratio), 1,021 showers and 733 water points in Za'atari camp. This includes 517 rented portable toilets, which provide a temporary solution while additional permanent facilities are constructed.

Meanwhile to date, the total number of refugees benefitting from winterized WASH units is 48,250 (all modules), including through the recent completion by UNICEF/THW of rehabilitation and winterization of 81 out of the existing 90 WASH units in modules 1A and 1B. The remaining 9 units will be completed in the coming weeks. In the past week, UNICEF/ACTED have meanwhile supplied a daily average of 2,874,000 litres of water and removed 1,044 m3 of waste water and 979 m3 of solid waste from Za'atari. UNICEF/ACTED has increased its hygiene promotion team to 58. These 58 hygiene

promoters visit up to 1,500 tents/caravans per day, reaching over 5,000 refugees with hygiene messages. UNICEF/JEN have completed the formation of WASH committees in module 2 and have started the formation of committees in modules 3 and 5.

In host communities, UNICEF/Relief International (RI) have recruited and trained 26 hygiene promoters (including 11 Syrians) to work in host communities in Northern Jordan. In an effort to increase intervention for refugees in host communities, UNICEF/RI are procuring 8,000 adult hygiene kits, which will benefit 16,000 Syrians in Mafrqa and Ramtha.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF 2013 Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water	216,000	174,500*	80%	290,000	174,500*	60%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and other hygiene items	155,000	16,115	10%	270,000	118,242	43%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets and sanitation services	180,000	146,500**	81%	180,000	146,500**	81%
Population having access to hygiene promotion messages	200,000	87,778	43%	270,000	87,778	32%
Children with access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in their learning environment and in child friendly spaces	30,800	5,000	16%	30,800	5,000	16%
Comments/Background						
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Note: UNICEF targets in the table above account for both current and anticipated needs, using targets accounting for projected future influx of refugees. Results are for 2013.						

Child Protection: A total of 9,122 children and adolescents (54% boys and 46% girls) have accessed the UNICEF/Mercy Corps playgrounds and audio-visual space in Za'atari since the beginning of the year. The audio-visual space was opened last week and has been attended by over 3,100 children thus far. It offers children's cartoons and films twice a day every day except Saturday. Meanwhile, due to the overall deterioration of security in the camp, Mercy Corps staff have been forced to evacuate children on numerous occasions. In response, UNICEF has trained staff on how to mobilize and safely evacuate children, while Mercy Corps has coordinated with camp management on establishing an evacuation site for children. UNICEF/Mercy Corps are starting the recruitment process for playground minders for the new playgrounds in Za'atari, with the aim of recruiting individuals with experience in working with children, such as teachers.

UNICEF partner Save the Children International (SCI) has reached over 5,800 children through psychosocial activities in 18 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Za'atari since the beginning of the year. In the same period, UNICEF partner IMC has provided case management services to 1,520 vulnerable children and their family members in the camp, in addition to 144 support group sessions for 612 adolescents. Furthermore, IMC has trained 32 volunteers to support the daily work of the two Adolescent Friendly Spaces (AFS) in Za'atari.

UNICEF/IRC have worked with 51 newly arrived unaccompanied children in Za'atari. Of these, 25 have been reunified with their parents, relatives or other family in the camp. A further 21 have been reunified with parents, relatives or other family friends outside the camp, through relatives coming from or living in host communities.

UNICEF/UNHCR have trained 23 panellists and case workers to establish a Best Interests Determination Panel (BID), which provides a strict process with procedural safeguards for serious decision making on protection and care of children at risk (including unaccompanied and separated children). The first BID panel will take place in Za'atari on 6 March. UNICEF is working closely with UNHCR and the Government of Jordan to establish a system for the formalization of alternative care arrangements through the Jordanian court system, which provides legal safeguards and support to foster parents and children. This system will be used both for cases when children and families have arranged to stay together without external support and for formal placement of children under the care

of foster parents or mentors. The formalization of these arrangements and the screening of existing informal foster parents and prospective formal foster parents will be managed through the UNHCR BID Panel, with close involvement from UNICEF. This panel will also enable prior screening and authorization of 'standby foster parents,' who can provide short term care for unaccompanied children while longer-term care options are identified.

In host communities, UNICEF implementing partner IMC has conducted 93 home visits to unaccompanied children living in communities, to help understand the living situation of the children and assess the level of support they need with regards to psychosocial support, basic needs, family tracing and reunification as well as protection services. In addition, IMC has conducted 80 support group sessions for 430 persons, mainly in the north of Jordan. UNICEF/Save the Children Jordan continue to implement the child protection project "Safe you, safe me" in areas throughout Jordan, particularly those where violence and exploitation are high. Sessions target children and parents separately and include topics such as the definition of violence, alternative ways of discipline and the harmful effect of violence on children. The project aims to open up a discussion between parents and children, with children themselves suggesting alternative methods of discipline. Over 1,000 children and 600 parents have been reached by the project to date.

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	UNICEF 2013 Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with access psychosocial support services	88,128	19,366	22%	TBC	**	**
Separated and unaccompanied children identified and registered through inter-agency system	All identified cases	45*	N/A	TBC	**	**
Separated and unaccompanied children receiving family based or appropriate alternate care	Case by case basis	10**	N/A	TBC	**	**
Comments/Background *These figures were previously aggregated in one indicator and have separated to reflect the number of children registered versus the number of children receiving family-based or appropriate alternate care. ** JCO is reviewing reporting against this indicator due to programmatic constraints related to implementation, and an update is expected in the next cumulative sitrep. Note: UNICEF targets in the table above account for both current and anticipated needs, using targets accounting for projected future influx of refugees. Results are for 2013.						

Education: UNICEF is progressing with the construction of the second school in Za'atari. The school is expected to open by mid-March. Over 4,400 students are now enrolled at the UNICEF/Ministry of Education (MoE) school in Za'atari. UNICEF/MoE/MoPIC visited the school in Za'atari on 4 March, to identify any immediate needs and define the required actions, particularly the ones pertaining to staff recruitment. Save the Children Jordan (SCJ) staff visited classrooms in Za'atari to raise awareness among students on SCJ's role and offer help and support where needed.

Administrative and teaching staff at the UNICEF/MoE school in Za'atari met with parents last week to introduce parents to the school and discuss the establishment of a Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA is intended to be a forum in which parents, teachers, administrators and other concerned adults can discuss ways to promote quality education, encourage community involvement and work towards creating a healthy and safe environment for all students. The first PTA meeting took place on 28 February, with 90 parents in attendance. WFP, with coordination from UNICEF, is meanwhile planning to start the distribution of school snacks (date bars) in Za'atari school next week.

In host communities, the total number of Syrian students registered in MoE schools has reached 29,669 students (92% in primary school). Of these, 88% are registered in Amman, Irbid, Zarqa and Mafrq. Three new double shifted schools have been established in Ramtha (2) and Irbid (1). This brings the total number of double shifted schools in Ramtha, Irbid, Amman and Mafrq to 14 schools, hosting over 4,300 Syrian students. This number is expected to rise, in line with the sustained and high influx of refugees to Jordan. UNICEF/MoE has also prepared a psychosocial support training plan for teachers and administrative staff at 13 double-shifted schools. A one-day training for 26 principals and deputy principals will be conducted the first week of March. Another 13 workshops, each lasting 6 days, will be held in the coming weeks for some 284 teachers and counsellors.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF 2013 Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target As per RRP	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	40,000*	34,069	85%	40,000*	34,069	85%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	10,000	5,200	52%	14,500	0	0%
Children and adolescents benefitting from non-formal and informal educational services	19,400	1,388	7%	32,700	1,388	4%
Comments/Background *Target includes children enrolled in formal schools and pre-schools only (in both Za'atari camp and host communities). Note: UNICEF targets in the table above account for both current and anticipated needs, using targets accounting for projected future influx of refugees. Results are for 2013.						

Health: The vaccination of children under 15 against measles and polio continues through the French Hospital in Za'atari, with vaccines provided by UNICEF/MoH. The French Hospital vaccinated 1,540 children against measles in Za'atari last week – the highest number to be vaccinated in one week since the start of the campaign. 9,481 children have been vaccinated against measles since the beginning of the year. In total, 20,323 children have been reached since the start of the campaign in 2012. UNICEF, in collaboration with WHO/UNHCR/MOH/Medecins du Monde and the Moroccan Field Hospital, held a training session on the management of Upper Acute Respiratory Infections for 16 health providers in Za'atari last week.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF 2013 Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children (boys and girls) vaccinated against measles*	77,760	9,481	12%
Children <2 yrs (boys and girls) fully covered with routine Immunization antigens	70,300	**	N/A
Children (boys and girls) 6-59 months receiving Vitamin A supplementation	77,760	3,601	4%
Comments/Background *Covers children under 15 years of age in Za'atari camp and children under 5 in host communities. **Undergoing verification/pending from MoH. Note: UNICEF targets in the table above account for both current and anticipated needs, using targets accounting for projected future influx of refugees. Results are for 2013.			

Nutrition: UNICEF/Save the Children Jordan (SCJ) continues the implementation of the infant and young child feeding programme (IYCF) in Za'atari. Last week (21 - 27 February 2013), 510 mothers and 305 children under five visited the two IYCF caravans currently in operation in the camp. A total of 39 lactating mothers attended one-to-one counselling sessions on breastfeeding. In addition, 995 children under five and lactating mothers received nutritional snacks.

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	UNICEF 2013 Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results	% of Target Achieved
# of pregnant and lactating mothers reached with infant and young child feeding promotion and counselling	17,340	3,357	19%	75,000	3,357	4%
# of infants and lactating mothers receiving supplementary feeding support	6,200	6,807	110%	75,000	6,807	9%
Comments/Background Note: UNICEF targets in the table above account for both current and anticipated needs, using targets accounting for projected future influx of refugees. Results are for 2013.						

Communications for Development (C4D)

UNICEF produced awareness messages printed on bracelets and distributed them to adults and children. These messages will raise awareness and encourage children to go to school and wash their hands; and for parents to listen and talk to their children.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships

The inter-agency child protection and gender-based violence sub working group (CP/GBV WG) has released the findings of its assessment in Za'atari camp. The assessment highlights important child protection and GBV related issues in the camp, supporting implementing agencies in targeting their

interventions to best meet the needs of women and children in the camp. The assessment collected information on access to services/ information, exploitation of women and children, unaccompanied and separated children, children associated with armed forces/groups, GBV including domestic violence, sexual violence and early and forced marriages, safety concerns and disability issues.

Key recommendations concern camp management and the WASH, Health and CP/GBV sectors. Recommendations included the strengthening of coordination between actors and the need to ensure sufficient lighting in the camp, especially WASH facilities, to address issues of violence, harassment and sexual violence. The recommendations also focused on the need to improve the identification of vulnerable cases (women and children) as well as the targeted assistance and support offered to children engaged in child labour and their families.

Supply and Logistics

In this reporting period, 64 School-in-a-Box kits were distributed to the UNICEF/MoE school in Za'atari camp, covering the needs of some 2,600 students. UNICEF also received the first batch of school furniture, consisting of 300 student desks which will be placed in the second school currently under construction in the camp. In addition, UNICEF received 100 double latrine modules as a donation from Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), with support from the Government of Norway.

Regional

Funding

Funding Status In millions of USD		Child Protection	Education	Health & Nutrition	WASH	NFIs	Safety & Security	Ops. Mgmt	Total
Syria	Required	8.82	20.05	15.88	22.50		1.19		68.44
	Funded	2.41	3.07	0.50	7.34	-	0.59		14.92
Jordan	Required	11.19	17.76	3.69	24.35				57.00
	Funded	0.37	0.08	0.37	2.09				2.91**
Lebanon	Required	7.77	13.83	1.06	10.81	1.72			35.19
	Funded	2.54	6.50	0.60	3.39	0.67			13.72
Iraq	Required	1.45	2.41	1.45	9.30			5.40	20.00
	Funded	0.69	0.43	0.00	2.77			0.40	4.30
Turkey	Required	6.00	6.50						12.50
	Funded	1.31	0.00						1.31
Egypt	Required	0.26	0.35	0.09					0.70
	Funded								0.00
MENA RO	Required								2.00
	Funded								5.00*
Total	Required	35.49	60.90	22.17	66.96	1.72	1.19	5.40	195.83
	Funded	7.33	10.08	1.47	15.59	0.67	0.59	0.40	42.15
	Gap	28.16	50.82	20.70	51.37	1.05	0.60	5.00	153.68

Figures as of 4 March 2013

*Being allocated: US\$ 5.00 m in the process of being transferred to Country Offices or across the sub-region.

** This total amount does not include ECHO and Japan's latest contributions to UNICEF Jordan (programmable amounts of respectively EUR 1.86m and USD 5.57m).

Next Situation Report: **21 March 2013.**

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