



A Syrian refugee child fills a bucket of water outside one of the 48 new wash blocks just completed by Oxfam in Zaatari Camp, Jordan.

The blocks include wash basins for laundry, showers, toilets, hand washing sinks and special toilets for disabled people.

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1. General Humanitarian Situation

The total figure for registered refugees is now 1,404,018 (203,753 pending) for a total of 1,607,771 persons of concern. This includes 11,455 Syrians registered in North Africa.

- **Jordan:** There are 389,459 registered refugees and 83,172 people pending registration, for a total of 472,631 persons of concern to UNHCR. The Jordanian government estimates 540,947 Syrian refugees in country.
- In the past few days Syrians are again crossing into Jordan in some cases in large numbers.
- A massive hygiene promotion campaign is starting this week in Zaatari camp to try to curb the number of cases of diarrhoea and the increased public health risks.
- **Lebanon:** There are now 437,604 registered refugees, and 73,814 people awaiting registration, for a total of 511,418 persons of concern to UNHCR. The Lebanese Government estimates 1,000,000 Syrians in Lebanon.

2. Programme Activities

Jordan

- **Voice:** Started training the new 5 women citizen journalists (3 are in Amman, 1 in Irbid, and 1 in Zarqa) and their stories are starting to be posted on the blog.
- Awareness raising sessions began with the women's group formed in Zarqa.
- Work concluded with the women's group in Zaatari in phase 5.
- **Za'atri Social Mobilisation:** Worked with community to move tents and caravans so septic trucks have access to WASH blocks
- Assisted the Health/Hygiene Campaign targeting bloody diarrhea cases in the camp. (Coordination with ACTED, UNHCR, JEN, and Community Health Volunteers)
- Decommissioned 4 or 12 shower unit, and marked Oxfam latrines for decommissioning
- Distributed maintenance kits and assisted the PHE team with maintenance trainings
- **Public Health Engineering:** Decommissioning of the lightweight emergency latrines and showers in Za'atari, as the WASH blocks are operational.
- Site visit to the border crossing locations where Oxfam will provide WASH facilities. One location had large numbers of arriving refugees, who did not have access to water as the single 2000 L tank was empty. Oxfam has mobilized resources to provide additional water storage at the site. The Army will continue to truck in the water; the additional storage will hopefully simplify logistics enough to keep water available for refugees on arrival in Jordan.

- Agreement with THW to handover 1 m3 septic tanks, which had been part of the Oxfam light latrines, for use as semi-private septic tanks in the old area of the camp. This will be an improvement over the ad hoc pits that refugees are building themselves, and allow for desludging. Superstructures will be used as privacy screens for disabled users who have received commode chairs.
- The WASH blocks are requiring frequent unclogging, as children persist in throwing mud and stones into the latrines. Oxfam is communicating that WASH committees must take on maintenance and oversight of their facilities, and Oxfam will not continue to unclog the pipes ourselves in the coming weeks. Likewise, any stolen taps will not be replaced by Oxfam, only broken items will be repaired
- **Host community:** On June 2, a team went to informal settlements in Balka to confirm the locations and population. Findings: 21 out of 550 families are remaining which indicates a major move out of the governorate and means we have been too late to assist them in these sites – however without Government Registration this was never possible in the given time frame.
- There was a rapid assessment of Informal settlements in East Amman (Tnaib, Um Albassaten), + chlorine test confirms feasibility of water filter distribution;
- The vulnerability scoring of beneficiaries was finalised and a test-run was conducted to assess its validity. Results indicate that our scoring system is strong and captures most vulnerable beneficiaries.
- 40 household verification visits were conducted according to vulnerability scores (threshold over 10 and more with medical condition and injuries), some re-scoring may be needed but overall visits are congruent with our scores.
- Procurement of 205 hygiene kits for informal settlements under process, finalised for 890 kits for affected communities in standard accommodation

Lebanon

- **Novib:** Partner Najdeh completed the distribution of vouchers in Beirut to 68 families (222 people) in Beirut, and will now move distributions to the south and Beqaa.
- Partner PARD distributed vouchers to 48 families (242 people) in Beirut, and conducted 31 water tests in gatherings in the South.
- **OGB Rent support:** The support for rent continues with partners in Qalamoun and Tripoli. Last week, in Qalamoun the first round of rent was given to 271 new households. Rob Dolan, a representative from DFID visited the distribution and his feedback was "It was great to see the distribution and meet with people benefitting from Oxfam's intervention as well as the Oxfam and JAK staff. It seemed like a well-run, well-staffed operation, which provided people with pertinent information."
- **Food and hygiene:** The first set of vouchers has been given to partners, who are identifying traders and will start distributing them to beneficiaries shortly in Tripoli +5, South and Beqaa. Potential other partners are being identified to expand our geographical areas of intervention, in particular in Beqaa.
- **WASH:** The WASH team will start activities in tented settlements in Tripoli +5 area. The newly identified WASH team of the local partner was orientated about the WASH programme and ways of working.
- Rapid WASH assessment was conducted in Palestinian camp and gatherings together with Oxfam Novib team and PARD implementing partner team in Sikkeh, Saida, south of the country.
- Attended UNICEF WASH partners meeting in Zahle. During the meeting geographical areas were allocated to each partner to implement WASH projects in tented settlements.
- A household registration format is being developed for WASH projects in Beqaa and Tripoli.

3. Beneficiary numbers

*Last week a total of **17,300** people were reached in Jordan and Lebanon. Cumulatively, **93,224** people have been reached in Lebanon and Jordan since 1 January 2013.*

Country/Affiliate	Total reached last week (to 19 May)	Of which __ were NEW last week	Cumulative total (since 1 Jan 2013)
Jordan			
Oxfam GB	15,210		26,490
Lebanon			
Oxfam Novib	464	464	39,390
Oxfam GB	1,626	1,616	26,453
Oxfam Italia	-	-	891
Lebanon Sub-total	2,090	2,090	66,734
SYRIA CRISIS TOTAL	17,300	2,090	93,224

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