

SITUATION REPORT

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Young refugee children in the IOM reception center at Za'atri Camp while their parents register for assistance. © IOM 2013 (Photo: Muhan-nad Nassar)

HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ **Jordan:** During the reporting period IOM distributed hygiene kits and shoes to **2,981** newly arrived refugees in Za'atri camp.
- ⇒ **Iraq:** From 4 June, IOM distributed **54** NFI kits to **54** extremely vulnerable Syrian households living in Erbil governorate.
- ⇒ **Lebanon:** On 8 June, IOM completed shelter and NFI assessments in **five** locations in the Saida region of southern Lebanon.

IOM COUNTRY OPERATIONS

Jordan Operations

Emergency Transportation of Refugees: The number of Syrian refugees crossing into Jordan decreased to **2,981** refugees compared to **4,944** refugees who arrived in the previous week - an average of **425** refugees transported per day. During the current reporting period, IOM facilitated the transportation of **2,920** Syrian refugees to Za'atri camp and **61** Syrian refugees to Emirates Jordanian Camp (EJC). To date, IOM has facilitated the transportation of **315,095** Syrians from border areas (Thnebe) to Za'atri and EJC camps.

NFI Distribution: From 3 to 10 June, IOM distributed basic hygiene kits and shoes to newly arrived refugees in Za'atri camp. A total of **2,981** Syrian refugees benefited from the distribution.

Emergency Health Assistance upon Arrival in Jordan: During the reporting period, IOM assisted **52** individuals with medical conditions, requiring immediate referral or treatment at Za'atri Camp health clinics. Since 29 July, IOM has assisted **3,012** individuals for further treatment upon arrival at the camp.

Jordan Operations Cont.

Tuberculosis (TB) Diagnosis and Prevention Activities: An IOM team works daily within the camp to investigate suspected TB cases and to provide follow-up and direct observation of treatment. During the past week, IOM's medical team in Za'atri camp confirmed **four** new TB cases and is providing follow-up treatment for these cases. Since March 2012, IOM has treated **56** cases of TB, screened **286,471** Syrians for TB and provided TB awareness-raising activities to **85,835** Syrians in the camp, transit centres, and host communities in Jordan.



IOM has expanded its health activities in Jordan to include the immunization of newly arrived refugees. © IOM 2013

Immunizations of New Arrivals: IOM has expanded its health activities in Jordan to include the immunization of newly arrived refugees in an effort to mitigate the potential of an outbreak of a polio or measles epidemic. On 16 April, IOM's medical team started an immunization campaign against measles and polio, in addition to providing Vitamin A supplements in Za'atri camp. As of 11 June, IOM has vaccinated **41,904** Syrian refugees: **9,611** were vaccinated against polio, **32,293** against measles, and provided **8,966** refugees with Vitamin A supplements.

Migration management workshop: On 6 June, IOM organized a two-day workshop on Migration Management for **26** participants from the Ministry of Interior (MOI) which included a panel discussion on the current crisis in Syria and impact on Jordan. The workshop brought together trainers and speakers who represented senior government officials, academic scholars, and international humanitarian organizations working in Jordan.

Iraq Operations

NFI Distribution to Syrian families: IOM has been continuing the distribution of NFIs to Syrian refugee households living outside the camps in coordination with the Bureau of Migration and Displacement. On 4 June, IOM distributed **54** NFI kits to **54** extremely vulnerable Syrian households (**308** individuals) living in Banslawia in Erbil governorate. The households were identified through the vulnerability assessments conducted by IOM in Erbil in April 2013. The kits distributed to each household contained **57** items including mattresses, pillows, hygiene items, house cleaning items, rechargeable fans and lights, a gas cooker and jerry cans. IOM plans to distribute an additional **413** Kits in Anbar governorate (in three locations: Anna, Rawa and Al Qaim city) for Syrian refugees living outside the camps) in the course of this week.



A Syrian refugee receives an NFI kit in Erbil. Since the start of the crisis IOM has provided NFIs to 28,815 beneficiaries. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq)

"Before this support from IOM, my family slept on the carpet and lacked simple necessities. Now, we sleep on mattresses and take comfort in these basic items. My family and I are very appreciative of IOM's help." - Testimony from a Syrian beneficiary from last week's NFI distributions in Sulaymaniyah.

Vulnerability Assessments: During the reporting period, IOM conducted vulnerability assessments of **15** Syrian refugee families in Baghdad. These assessments will identify the most vulnerable families who are eligible to receive NFI assistance. Key findings include:

- All interviewed families are female-headed households;

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- The families are registered with UNHCR;
- The families are living in rented houses and report low living standards;
- The families report no fixed source of income and are lacking basic non-food items.

On 12 May, during vulnerability assessments, IOM interviewed Ahmed* who fled Syria with his wife and six children and now lives in Domiz camp. Before leaving Syria, Ahmed worked at a plant nursery for seven years. Despite his experience he had been unable to find any work in Iraq. With no ability to generate income, Ahmed was unable to support his family, or provide adequate care for his paralyzed and mentally handicapped son. IOM conducted a



follow-up interview with Ahmed on 9 June. IOM staff in Duhok were able to assist Ahmed in finding work in a flower nursery in Duhok city. Ahmed works every day except Fridays, commuting by bus from Domiz camp to the nursery. Ahmed commented that the owner of the nursery is very helpful and that his work sometimes includes repairing houses as well as maintaining the gardens. His situation is no longer as desperate, he works hard and

is currently living a more comfortable life with his family. (*Name has been changed)

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Left – Ahmed at work at the nursery. **Above** – Since he was employed, Ahmad is now able to provide more for his family, including his two sons (pictured above). © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq)

Lebanon Operations



Transit and Resettlement Assistance: During the reporting period IOM provided assistance to **150** refugees who were accepted for resettlement, to transit through Lebanon. The caseload included **78** female and **72** male passengers (**31** of whom were children). IOM provided the refugees with medical escorts for those who require regular monitoring as they have chronic diseases such as severe hypertension, diabetes, heart palpitations. The refugees were from Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, and Afghanistan and for most it has taken 6-9 years since they initially applied for resettlement to the date where they were resettled by IOM.

On 10 June, three Iraqi families spoke with staff and mentioned that they were relieved to finally be leaving Syria as life had been difficult and they had been unable to find work so they were relying on their savings from Iraq or on the pensions paid to retired family members.

IOM Lebanon began providing transit assistance to refugees being resettled out of Syria from February this year after flights were stopped from Damascus in December 2012. The Protection Branch of the General Directorate of General Security escort IOM convoys from the Syrian-Lebanese border to Rafic Hariri International Airport to ensure that they travel to the airport safely. Since February 2013, IOM has provided transit assistance to **2,478** refugees leaving Syria.



IOM staff assist a refugee who is being resettled to the United States from Rafic Hariri International Airport, Lebanon. © IOM 2013.

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Emergency Health Care: IOM has completed the assessment of Caratina and Zahle Tuberculosis centres which are 2 of the 8 TB centres in Lebanon. By the end of the week, IOM will have assessed 4 centres in terms of staffing, equipment, capacity, and funding. IOM in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH), have planned to complete assessments of the centres by July.

After consultation with MoH, IOM will begin to provide resources to the centres most in need in order to better equip the staff to screen, treat, and raise awareness on TB. According to MoH, 68 active infections have been recorded amongst Syrian refugees since the start of the crisis. IOM health teams will work closely with primary health care clinics to raise awareness amongst refugee communities in Lebanon. Awareness raising sessions will cover methods to prevent transmission, how to identify symptoms, and the importance of personal hygiene.

During an IOM assessment mission to southern Lebanon over 7-8 June, IOM staff noted with concern that refugees are living in crowded housing and in close confines with limited access to health care. The assessment findings are worrying as TB infections can be reactivated if the immune system is depressed so improving levels of nutrition, personal hygiene, and awareness on TB transmission are key gaps which need to be addressed.

Profiling of Lebanese Returnees: IOM met with the High Relief Commission (HRC), presided over by the Prime Minister, and finalized the work plan for the Returnee Profiling Exercise which involves profiling the needs of 29,000 (out of 130,000) Lebanese returnees from Syria. IOM Information Management experts are being deployed from the region to initiate the second phase of this project which involves designing questionnaires, programming the database, and building the capacity of government officials to collect information through training workshops. The project will assist the Government and partners to meet the needs of this vulnerable group of migrants who have fallen through the assistance gap since returning to Lebanon.

Non-Food Item and Shelter Assessment to Southern Lebanon: During reporting week, IOM completed site visits to five locations in the Saida region of Southern Lebanon. Key findings include: urgent need for shelter (allocation, rehabilitation, rental assistance), transport assistance to reach registration centres, support to access primary health care, personal hygiene awareness, NFI distribution, and assistance to establish livelihood projects. IOM is working with the local municipalities in Sarafand and Saida to identify abandoned schools/buildings which can be renovated in order to relocate Syrian refugees living in buildings without adequate sanitation facilities and which are structurally unsound and pose health and safety risks to the residents. IOM's emergency team also identified suppliers in the south and are planning on procuring over 2,500 NFIs to begin distribution by the end of next week.

Turkey Operations



Field Mission to Adiyaman Camp: On 13 June, IOM staff will meet with local authorities to continue discussions in order to finalize plans for the transportation services. Adiyaman camp is in Adiyaman province and hosts around 10,000 Syrian nationals and is currently functioning at full capacity. IOM staff will be deployed to the camp to implement the activity in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) and local authorities. Transport of Syrian nationals will be organized from the camp to health and social services, and from border areas to the camp when needed.

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