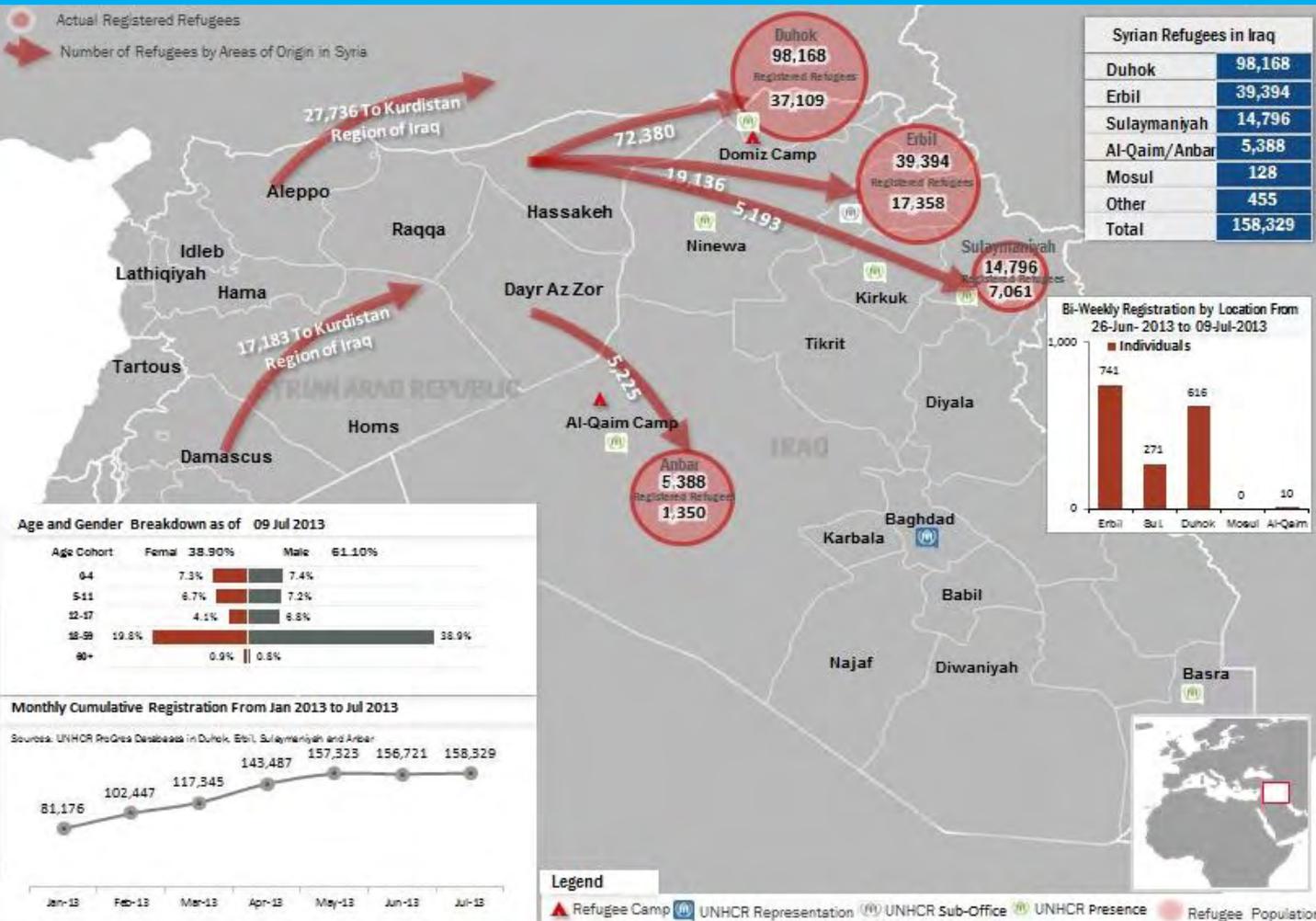


# Syria Situation

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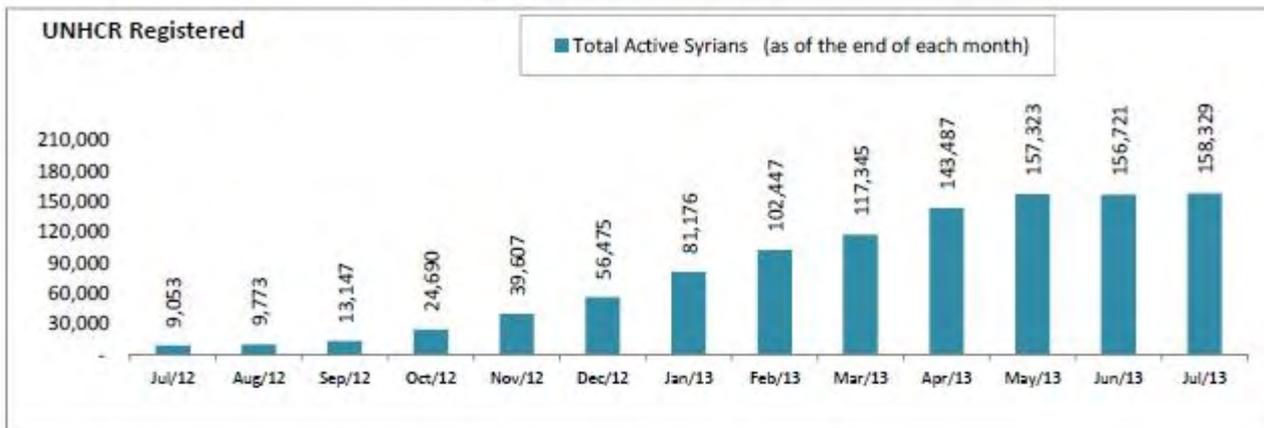
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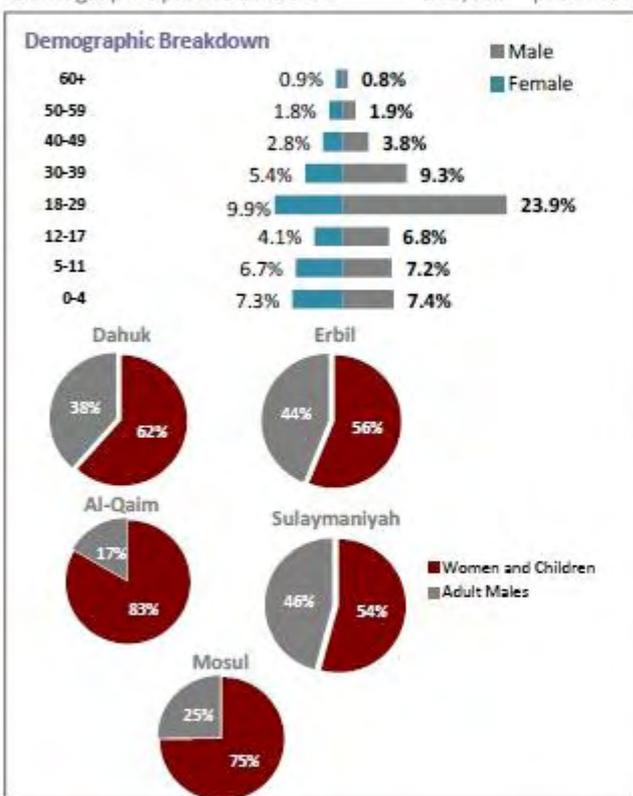
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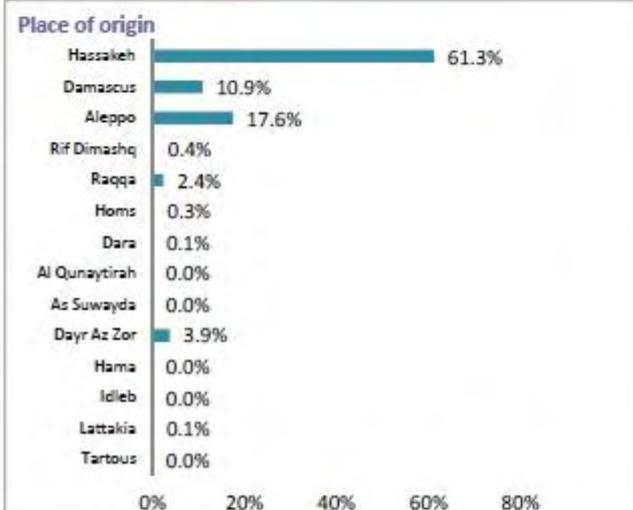


Location of the Registration



Governorate	Persons	Households	% Total
Dahuk*	98,168	37,109	62.0%
Erbil	39,394	17,358	24.9%
Sulaymaniah	14,796	7,061	9.3%
Anbar	5,388	1,350	3.4%
Mosul	128	39	0.1%
Other	455	236	0.3%
<b>Total Iraq</b>	<b>158,329</b>	<b>63,153</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Includes Syrians registered in Domiz Camp



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## 1. Syrian response in Iraq: highlights

- The **border crossing of Peshkapor in the KR remains closed (since May 19<sup>th</sup>)**, with the exception of a few humanitarian and family reunification cases (approximately 150-200 individuals per day).
- **Spontaneous returns to Syria stands at 12,807** individuals returning through Darabun crossing point
- The SRSG for Children in Armed Conflict, Leila Zerrougui, visited Iraq and Domiz Camp
- All refugees in Al Qa'im Camps 1 & 2 were **transferred to Al Obaidy (Camp 3)** on June 27, 2013.
- A **UNHCR mission to Al Qa'im took place on June 27**. Participants in the mission were the Regional Refugee Coordinator, Deputy Representative and other senior UNHCR staff.

## 2. Sector updates

### 2.1 Reception, Registration and Protection

#### Al Qa'im

The number of Syrian refugees in Al Obaidy Camp is 2,055 individuals, out of 2,408 individuals who were residing in Al-Qa'im camps 1 & 2. The remaining 353 individuals, evidently, found their way out of the Camp without notifying UNHCR or partners. The registration centre in Al Qa'im is striving to contact these individuals.

Return movement: The system in place for return implies that the authorities are responsible for ensuring that all non-camp refugees are interviewed by UNHCR protection staff and that their asylum seeker certificates are deactivated and copies of the return permissions are provided to the UNHCR protection team.

#### Kurdistan Region

Despite the border closure at Peshkapor, Syrian refugees continue to approach UNHCR offices in KR with 2,064 persons comprising of 251 families (1,316 individuals) and 748 singles recorded by UNHCR during the reporting period. Some of them might have come to KR prior to 19 of May, others have arrived either through family reunification or illegally, paying smugglers and/or illegally crossing through the river Pesh Kapor. Based on information UNHCR obtained from refugees who had crossed the border, those who entered legally do register immediately with the authorities and also come for UNHCR registration and those who came illegally take their time and register with UNHCR in Domiz or Erbil at a later stage.

Residency cards are still being issued by the KR authorities in Domiz/Dohuk.

A significant decrease continues in the number of new arrivals. According to interviews conducted by UNHCR, the decrease can be attributed to: (a) the closure of KR border with Syria, which continued to be the case during reporting period. Only family reunion is allowed with a family member in the KR to confirm the newly arriving family members at the border point by providing relevant ID checks; (b) students continue to await to complete their final exams, (c) Domiz camp in KR, so far the main camp for Syrians, is overcrowded and no proper shelter is available upon arrival, while living in urban communities is expensive.

On 28 May, the KRG announced the re-opening of the border with Syria for Syrians who spontaneously wish to return home. Syrians who had not previously registered with UNHCR who wish to return to Syria seek UNHCR registration, as it is prerequisite for being allowed to cross the border. The number of returns stands at 12,807.

A mission took place by the UNHCR Logistics Officer (Erbil) alongside IOM to the village of Darabun where people returning to Syria are registered by the authorities and UNHCR partner (Harikar). The reception facility at the border is being upgraded.

#### Domiz Camp

**Child Protection:** The Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) for Children in Armed Conflict visited Domiz Camp on Wednesday 3 July. As part of her visit, Ms. Leila Zerrougui met with the Governor of Dohuk, DMC, key partners and visited the camp. A meeting on child protection was conducted

with Save the Children during which child protection issues at the camp, gaps and challenges were raised and discussed. During the reporting period, Save the Children provided training for the agencies and NGO dealing with child protection.

Regular program activities continued including: sports, drawing, music and stories for the children; 582 children were registered at the UNICEF CFS, 432 children (211 males) visited the CFS. 322 youth visited the YFS, including 71 females 14-18 years old. Three new children registered at the Child Protection unit.



**Photo: Children playing at CFS ©UNHCR/GG**

## **2.2 Security**

### **Al Qa'im**

The security situation in Anbar province remains unstable with underlying internal conflict, risk of terrorism and spill over of the Syrian crisis. Access to Al Qa'im, notably for UN international staff, remains difficult though missions can now be carried out by helicopter. One fire incident was reported in Al Obaidy camp, leaving only material damage. The most significant incident during this period was the destruction by explosives of 3 high voltage power line masts in Al Obaidy, there were no casualties but the incident caused severe disruption in power supplies to the surrounding areas.

### **Domiz**

The overall security situation in the Kurdish governorates of Iraq remains stable with occasional reports of criminal activity which have not impacted program delivery. Two fire incidents of tents burning in Domiz Camp were reported during the covered period, appearing to be of accidental origin and leaving only material damage.

## **2.3 Assistance Update**

### **Shelter / infrastructure**

#### **Al Qa'im**

Additional required works are being assessed as a result of the move to Al Obaidy Camp; details will be available in the next report.

#### **Domiz**

***Relocation of singles from the mosque:*** As reported in previous updates, the mosque, which was aimed to serve both camp and host populations, has been occupied by singles for a considerable time. There have been several appeals both from the camp and host population to vacate and rehabilitate the mosque. Recently, with the upcoming month of Ramadan, the religious council of Dohuk committed to rehabilitation of the mosque. During the reporting week DMC, in cooperation with UNHCR, organized and carried out relocation of some 100 singles residing in the mosque to the singles area in the camp. DMC cleared land

behind the singles area and UNHCR assisted with the installation of tents. In total by the end of the reporting period 13 tents have been installed to accommodate around 100 singles. DMC provided seven water tanks and more are to come as well as electricity connection and installation of latrines.

**NRC shading project:** NRC will provide 800 households with shading and install some 20 community shades. Identification and selection of 800 households is being coordinated with Protection/Community Services, targeting families with elderly persons above 65 years old, families with children under 6 months old, persons living with disabilities, persons having serious medical conditions, as well as those in irregular tents. With regard to community shades, locations and modalities of using the community shades are being coordinated with DMC and IRC to ensure that consensus is reached with the surrounding community. It is planned that the community shades could be converted to warm rooms for the winter to facilitate community activities. Currently no seating arrangement is envisaged for the community shading.

**Transit 7 relocations:** 55 families whose shelters are preventing water, road and electricity works were relocated. DMC was informed to proceed with infrastructures services.

**Reception Centre:** 7 families with 30 individuals and 3 singles entered the R.C during previews week.  
5 families with 22 individuals and 13 singles left the R.C during previews week.  
10 families with 54 individuals and 3 singles are currently living in R.C.

**Refugee Housing Unit pilot testing:** During a regional Shelter Workshop in Amman on 30 June-01 July, UNHCR FO Dohuk was informed that Domiz Camp has been selected as one of the three locations (together with camp in Dollo Ado/Ethiopia and Lebanon) to be a site for testing Refugee Housing Units (RHU). Domiz camp will receive 13 RHUs to be provided to targeted beneficiaries for a six month testing exercise. Currently, FO Dohuk is reviewing the SOPs, and other guidelines and works on identifying the beneficiaries for the RHUs.



**Photo: DMC has made improvements for the communal kitchen in Reception Center: casting the floor and installing tables and stands for gas cookers. © UNHCR/GG**

**Darashakran (new camp), Erbil Governorate:** Road construction by KRG authorities is underway. Site preparation for community shelters, including administration areas, is ongoing by UNHCR implementing partners. Water supply development is in progress by UNICEF, through its implementing partners, and Erbil Department of Water.

## **Water and Sanitation**

**Al Qa'im**

Water resources did not reach some sections in Al Obaidy Camp. UNHCR and partners are addressing the problem.

### **Domiz**

As a means of addressing the issue of uneven distribution/access of water, DMC proposed to repossess/withdraw tank(s) from the households who have more than one tank. The move was not received well by the community and they have expressed their anger and refused to surrender the tanks. UNHCR immediately engaged DMC to consult the community and amicably resolve the water issue without the repossession of the distributed tanks. UNHCR suggested that DMC should look into a more systematic water distribution in the whole camp and that measures should be put in place to control usage of water at the disadvantage of others. DMC has put on hold the move of repossessing/withdrawing the water tanks. Water tanking into the camp increased to 20 per day, with plans to contract more tankers. DMC informed UNHCR at the end of the week, that they have secured funding to produce 2,000 water tanks to distribute to families without tanks.

### ***WASH WG meeting points (03 July):***

#### **1. Water Issues:**

- UNICEF distributed a table with camp water issues, proposed solutions and priorities for agencies to review and feedback.
- Need for community participation in water management was also emphasized and IRC reported the mobilization of 126 members for the Camp Care and Maintenance. These are soon to be trained so they can be effectively utilized.
- DMC is working on the procurement of 2,000 family water tanks for distribution.
- DMC has requested 4 additional wells/boreholes to increase water supply to the camp. Time frame depends on KRG response.

#### **2. Sanitation:**

- Gaps in the de-sludging of septic tanks and the management plan is being reviewed with the WASH WG.
- The current capacity of 5 trucks has been increased with an additional 3 to 8. Currently 2 trucks are provided by DMC and 3 by UNHCR through Qandil. UNHCR has decided to increase the capacity of de-sludging trucks, even though the de-sludging plan is still pending. UNHCR and Qandil are working on the revised resource requirements and 3 additional trucks should be in place in three months' time.
- A disposal working schedule and capacity utilization data is required and should be shared with relevant stakeholders; the issue will be taken to the Sanitation Technical Working Group

## **Non Food Items**

### **Al Qa'im**

UNHCR approved the release of baby diapers where over 18,000 pieces will be distributed.

*Photo: Baby Diapers Distribution @ UNHCR/Waleed*

### **Domiz**

The DMC, UNHCR and other partners continue to distribute NFIs to new arrivals in the camp.



## **Food**

### **Al Qa'im**

The July distribution was completed. Children attending summer classes received extra parcels. Community donations continue to be provided including produce, dairy products, and canned foods. Distribution of Bread continued with an average of three pieces of bread per person per day. UNHCR received complaints over the continuous decrease in the provision of bread. The refugees' complain was referred to MoDM.

### **Domiz**

WFP Cycle-7 food voucher distribution targeting 55,000 - 60,000 individuals (\$31 USD per individual) is scheduled to start on 07 July 2013.

## **Health**

### **Al Qa'im**

Under UNHCR supervision, the united Iraqi medical society for relief and development, in collaboration with Al Qa'im hospital, arranged the first aid training course in Al Obaidy camp for 30 male and female Syrian refugees, which started on 5 July and for one month.

Outpatient consultations in Al Obaidy/Al Qa'im camp during the last two weeks reached 837 patients. The main causes of consultations continue to be respiratory infections, diarrhea and skin diseases.



### **Domiz**

During the reporting period, a total of 2,267 patients visited the health clinic, with a daily average of more than 400 patients. Of them 214 (9.6%) suffer from diarrhea while 708 (31.9%) suffer from Upper Respiratory Tract Infection. In addition, 187 gynecological/obstetric cases, 49 diabetic patients, 37 hypertension-cardiovascular disease and 25 asthma-chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients received required health services. A total of 120 patients were referred to Duhok Hospitals for further tests and assistance.

Out of a total of 326 under five years old children screened, only 2 (0.6%) malnourished children were detected and all of them received required management.

Antenatal care services provided to 107 pregnant women inside the camp and 47 women/couple needs for contraceptive were met, while 13 lactating mother received required postnatal care.

A total of 769 new arrivals aged 6 months to 25 years were vaccinated against measles (22 received Measles vaccine and 747 MMR vaccines).

A total of 162 children were vaccinated with routine vaccines as per the applied national schedule, in addition to 91 adult who received Hepatitis B vaccine; 3 pregnant women and 149 women in child bearing age (15-49 years) received Tetanus Toxoid.

In collaboration with UNICEF and Islamic Relief NGO, a health education team continued visiting tent to tent to promote appropriate hygiene practices among families; during the reporting period more than 804 tents/families were visited and hygiene/health related messages were disseminated among them. In addition, an MSF team consisting of 30 community health educator continues their work with tent to tent visits to provide health messages.

### **Urban Refugees**

During a visit to the PARC CSA team in Zakho district, a meeting for 27 men and women of new Syrians was arranged. The meeting focused on general and personal health. The PARC team disseminated UNHCR and PARC leaflets among the participants.

UNHCR is providing legal aid to a total of 23 Syrians held in Zerka prison in Dohuk. This week one detention case was settled and closed.

UNHCR provided cash assistance for three new Syrian EVIs, two residing in Domiz camp and one inside Dohuk city centre.

The PARC mobile team (composed of 1 CSA, 1 lawyer and a protection assistant) carried out two visits to the site of PoCs in Shekhan district and inside Duhok city, during these visits the team arranged group meetings with males and females focused on access to basic services and during the visits 15 vulnerable cases were identified and referred to relevant local authorities to receive targeted assistance.

## Education

### **Al Qa'im** NTR

#### **Domiz**

The meeting of Education Working group focused on:

Summer school activities at Qamshlo and Kar Schools, which are including art, music and sport activities and being provided by specialists from DoE. The summer school capacity is 2,000 children, while so far 1,000 children are attending.

Two new schools are being planned: Peace Wind Japan will construct a 12 classroom school in phase 6, and UNICEF will construct another one in transit 6; both projects are under discussion. DMC is also working with a private donor to possibly construct a school in Transit 7.

A Secondary school will be ready by September with three classrooms as the first phase of construction, in step 2; four additional classrooms will be constructed, the school will cover 500 students after completion, UNESCO will provide trainings for teachers.

Information was provided to NRC about youth education issues at the camp and in urban areas, NRC purpose is to stimulate discussions on gaps in the education delivery for youth, to promote education as one of the core components within humanitarian response, and to highlight how education for youth can serve as a means of protection and enabling recovery.

## Livelihoods

### **Al Qa'im**

UNHCR relays the importance of income generation and encourages creating job opportunities. Recently some of the refugees expressed concern that Al Obaidy Camp is a larger camp and it is difficult to walk by to receive the food parcels and other shares of distributions. One refugee brought a motor-truck (Tuk Tuk), and is providing delivery services to refugees. He confirms if UNHCR can authorize this service, he can facilitate it. The project is already underway to provide this important transport service to refugees in Al Obaidy, and UNHCR is considering replication of this project from Domiz camp, where a similar one has been underway since early 2013.

*Photo: Tuk-tuk transport service in Al Obaidy @ UNHCR*



## **3. Coordination**

### **Al Qa'im**

UNHCR held several meetings with local authorities and military to review plans for securing the future use of Camps 1 & 2 for transit areas in the event the border is re-opened.

The Chief Fire brigade visited Al Obaidy Camp and met with UNHCR. UNHCR requested the fire brigade support as a result of a recent fire in a tent. The Chief offered to provide training on the use of fire extinguishers. UNHCR welcomed the offer and requested the training for both refugees and staff; the training has been conducted by the Fire brigade.

*Photo: Fire Training @ UNHCR/Waleed*



A mission including the Regional Refugee Coordinator, Panos Moutziz, the Deputy Representative for the Iraq Operation, Abdul Karim Ghoul, and other UNHCR team members visited Al Qa'im on June 27, 2013 and attended several meetings. The delegation met with the Mayor and the ISF Focal Point where discussions on the refugee situation in Al Qa'im took place and UNHCR delegation expressed their appreciation for the support of the local authorities and the military to UNHCR objectives in Al Qa'im. A meeting with the border authorities also took place to discuss the border situation, which preceded by a visit to the border where the Regional Refugee Coordinator and other delegation members spoke with Syrians on the Syrian side of the gate who are unable to access Iraqi territory. The delegation asked the Syrians about their living situation and their needs. The delegation also met with refugees in Al Obaidy Camp to listen to their needs and requirements. In the Kurdistan Region, the mission visited Domiz Camp where he spoke with refugees settled there and met with the Mayor of Khabat and toured the new camp location, Dara Shakran.



*Photo: RRC speaking to Syrians at the border@ UNHCR/Hikmat*

#### 4. Acronyms and abbreviations

CFS	Child Friendly Space
DDM	Department of Displacement and Migration
DMC	Development and Modification Centre
DoH	Department of Health
HOFO	Head of Field Office
HOSO	Head of Sub Office
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
KR	Kurdistan Region of Iraq
MOMD	Ministry of Migration and Displacement
PARC	Protection Assistance Reintegration Centre
PHC	Primary Health Centre