

KEY FIGURES

217,530

Total number of blankets for the 2014/2015 winter plan, including :

109,130 delivered in the past 96 hours in response to Huda winter storm

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Deaths in the camps attributed to the Huda storm

29,270

Refugee households (all nationalities) who have received UNHCR winterization cash assistance

10,000

Plastic sheets dispatched in Zaatari camp

2,892

Cemented floors for T-shelters for better insulation. 100 shelters were fixed throughout Huda Storm

Four months

Duration of the winterization response (Nov. 14/ Feb. 15)

USD 16.5 m

Winterization response budget

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HUDA WINTER STORM UPDATE

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Elderly refugee woman carrying blankets. © UNHCR Field Team

ZAATARI REFUGEE CAMP

- Temperatures were low but with a clear blue sky. No major security incidents were reported, with the exception of a fire in a caravan which destroyed both the structure and its contents. No injuries were reported. The family moved with relatives and received assistance.
- Most activities besides essential services remained suspended and schools were still closed. The UNHCR service area and reception area resumed activities, as well as assessments in the districts, with a multi-functional team. Due to the weather conditions, the Sharia Court Judge was not in the camp but will ensure later this week its usual two day presence.
- All 12 Save the Children shelters remain open with three receiving community members. The number of refugees hosted in these shelters is still fluctuating, with 81 individuals late afternoon.
- No major medical incidents were reported. Health services continued to operate in the JHAS clinics, Arab Medical Relief (AMR) Syrian Clinic, Moroccan Field Hospital, and in the Saudi Clinic. The number of consultations was high, which was attributed to the improved weather conditions. The main illness was upper respiratory tract infections due largely to the poor weather. Maternity services at the UNFPA-JHAS Clinic continued, with 13 deliveries having taken place on-site and with a further three maternity cases referred to Mafraq Women and Children's Hospital.
- Some outages continued around the camp due to excessive loads, with IDECO teams on site to address these throughout the day. Electricity was cut for four hours due to a fault on the line outside of the camp.

ZAATARI REFUGEE CAMP (continued)

- The WFP-supported supermarkets were very busy, with 8 tons of fresh food and vegetables sold by 3pm, compared to the 10 tons usually sold over a two-day period. Supermarkets continue to offer extended shopping as needed. WFP bread distribution was completed.
- De-watering coordination continued between ACTED and JEN. ACTED worked with four trucks; with 10 trucks JEN completed approximately 50 trips to discharge water in one day.
- IMDAD continued operating 35 trucks for de-sludging with UNICEF staff continuing assessments and prioritizing areas within the camp. Despite several setbacks ACTED managed to continue water distribution supplying a reduced amount of approximately 2,700 m3 and operating with a reduced number of trucks and extended working hours. Some de-watering and de-sludging trucks experienced difficulties and temporarily remaining immobilized, notably because of the deep mud.
- ACTED, IRD, NRC, OXFAM and UNHCR continue to feed information to REACH for mapping of conditions of roads, shelters and flooding.
- IRD and community networks have been following up on individual cases and refer community members among other activities. Despite challenges with the muddy conditions, IRD commenced the normal cycle of kitchen gas distribution in four districts, with just under 500 gas cylinders delivered.

AZRAQ REFUGEE CAMP

- The weather was more clement on Sunday with no rain in the camp but still with very cold temperatures. Overall, the situation in the camp was normal but refugee activities were limited due to the cold weather.
- 229 gas cylinders were refilled by NRC, while the distribution of the blankets donated by the Ruler of Dubai, UAE, continued. 1,474 blankets were distributed bringing the total of blankets distributed since Thursday 8 January to 15,996.
- NRC fixed 69 shelters, mainly damaged by leakages. UNHCR relocated three families. Meanwhile, World Vision fixed 15 latrines.
- IMC kept the clinic open overnight in Village 6, during which they attended to some 1,000 cases, to treat mainly upper respiratory infections tract.

URBAN AREAS

- Mafraq was very cold and rainy. Temperatures in Ajloun, Irbid and Jerash were warmer than previous days.
- The distribution of blankets started in Aqaba and was completed in Ma'an. It continued in Sahab (Amman), Jordan Valley, Zarqa, Hashimi Al Shamali, Ras Al Ein and Ruwaished with the support of IRD, INTERSOS, Action Aid, DAY and Community-Based Organizations such as Princess Basma Centres in various locations and the Red Crescent Society in Aqaba and Ajloun. In total, the total since the beginning of the emergency response to 30,364 out of a target of 79,350 blankets to be distributed. In addition, blankets were delivered to Karak and Tafileh.
- The Irbid registration centre was open, with 21 refugees attending. This number is lower than the usual daily figures (between 60 and 120 inquiries). While the Helpdesk in Mafraq was open, registration appointments had to be postponed. The registration centre in Khaldiya was also closed. No refugees were brought to Raba Al Sarhan.
- UNHCR Helpline mobilised one duty cell phone for emergency calls during the snowstorm. All registered families were informed by SMS on the emergency number. 736 calls were received between Wednesday and Sunday. There were a significant number of calls from Zaatari camp on shelter problems as well as calls from various locations concerning health issues, which were counselled and referred accordingly.

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