



Figure 1: Refugees receiving blankets in Karak Governorate (Winterization Project)

The area of responsibility of FO Amman covers 8 of the 12 governorates in Jordan. The largest concentration of refugees is found in the Amman governorate (217,054). Zarqa has the second largest refugee population (49,796) while the remaining urban refugees (54,621) are living in Madaba, Balqa and fourth Southern Governorates Karak, Tafileh, Ma'an and Aqaba.

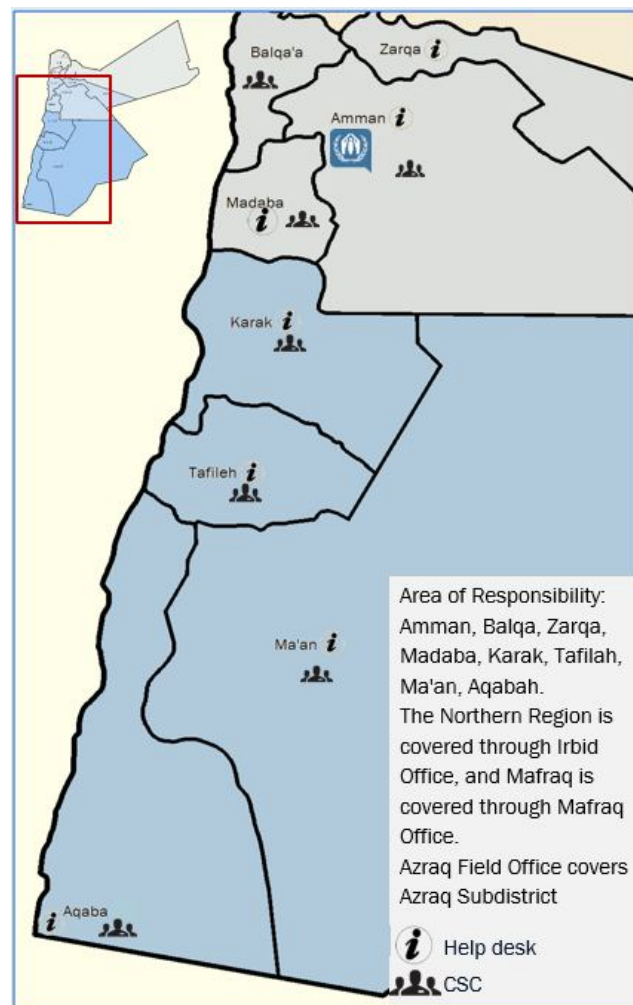
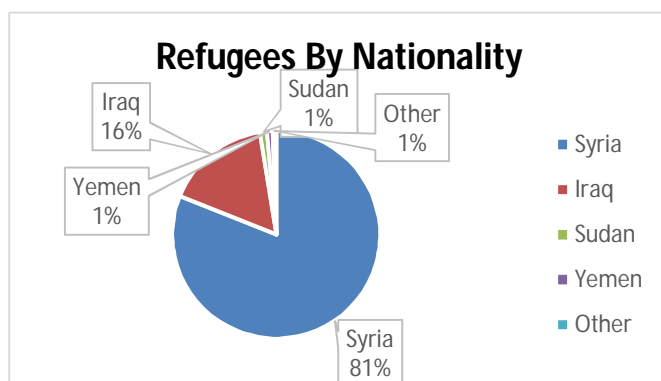
It operates 8 regular Helpdesks across these governorates, serving 4,700 persons on average every month, reaching out to refugees in their place of residence. The office is also directly working with refugee communities - in a community based protection spirit - through a network of 17 Community Support Committees achieving multiple protection outcomes through community engagement.

Population of concern

A total of **337,119** individuals

By country of origin

Country	Total
Syria	279,484 (83%)
Iraq	50,571 (15%)
Sudan	2,992 (1.5%)
Yemen	2,508 (1%)
Other	1,564 (1%)
Total	275,066



HIGHLIGHTS

4,735

Families received counselling services

59

Number Of Urgent Home Visits done

110

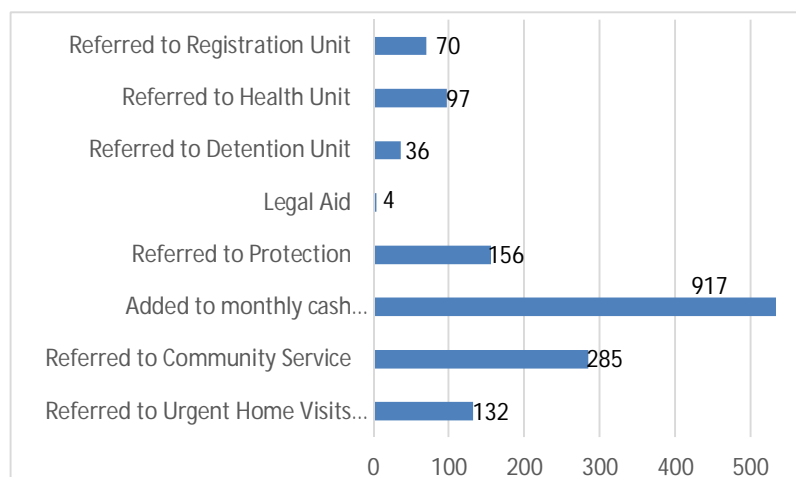
Families received urgent cash assistance

32,400

Families are receiving monthly cash assistance

Reception (ad-hoc counselling at FOA)

The month of December witnessed a consequential decrease in the number of cases that visited Khalda registration centre. Numbers decreased from 6082 in November to 4735 during the month of December – mainly due to weather conditions, coupled with outreach efforts and cash assistance being provided by Cash transfer for winterization purposes (decreasing numbers of persons approaching for cash-related issues). The chart shows number of families referred to different units :



UNHCR Winterization Project:

FO Amman launched a winterization project by distributing thermal blankets to the most vulnerable refugees of all nationalities identified through Home Visits (VAF) and Community-based committees and to the local community throughout the governorates under FO Amman's remit. The distribution for the remaining areas will be completed in January 2016. By that time, a total of 30,000 blankets, of which 30% to vulnerable Jordanian families, will have been distributed.

Blanket Distribution - FO AMMAN (Syrians) - December					
Location (Governorate)	Number of Blankets		Total number of blankets	Date Of Distribution	Remarks
	Syrian Refugees	Jordanians			
Karak	1500	750	2250	30 Dec	1 st round completed
Tafilah	750	375	1125	31 Dec	1 st round completed

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

Child Protection (CP) / Gender Based Violence (GBV)

- The team was able to identify and interview 156 CP/GBV cases at Khalda registration centre during December 2015. The main profiles were early marriage, separated children and child labor cases. Several highly sensitive cases were followed with FPD and partners
- The table below shows the numbers of cases scheduled for an in-depth interview at UNHCR and referrals sent by UNHCR to offices and partners during the reporting period:

Scheduled for an in-depth interview	Referred to JRF	Referred to IMC	Referred to NHF	Referred to FPD	Referred to Irbid office	Referred to Mafrqa office
126 cases	23 cases	10 cases	5 cases	6 cases	2 cases	4 cases

- 126 in-depth CP and SGBV interviews took place during the reporting period of December 2015 of which 6 were interviewed on the spot while 120 were scheduled.

Protection Outreach

- 195 cases have been identified by the Protection outreach team at the helpdesks.
- 73 cases were identified at Khalda's office and 60 cases were counseled on protection issues.
- The protection team is holding protection awareness sessions in cooperation with DRC in their premises in Amman- Mahata, Karak- Thanieh and in Ma'an City.

ITS visits

- FO Amman protection outreach teams began, in December, a sweep of all ITS sites under FO Amman's coverage. Sites were visited south of Amman and in the Jordan Valley to conduct protection monitoring and to collect information on living conditions, intentions to move and to advise refugees on how to prepare for winter storms.
- During the winter months, it was noted that the Jordan Valley is the favored location for these semi-nomadic people who move to work on the farming crops depending on the season.

War wounded / hospital visits

- The outreach team observes patients in hospitals in search of injured refugees. The team always maintains contact with doctors and has focal points in every hospital. In addition, War wounded houses are visited on a monthly basis as means of deducing whether any case is in need of protection or has any legal barriers. 11 cases of adults and children have been interviewed and reported to appropriate units.

Field

- FOA organized 20 helpdesks during the month of December. A total of 1,606 families were counseled, 1,014 Syrian families and 19 non-Syrian families were given renewal and registration appointments.
- The first cycle of UHVs in December has been completed reaching a total of 58 families.
- Winterization distribution took place in Karak and Tafileh during the month of December and a total of 940 blankets were distributed.

Community-based Protection

- The community service team counseled 288 vulnerable cases at Khalda registration center. 110 vulnerable cases from Syria, Iraq and other nationalities received Urgent Cash Assistance after having received counseling by FOA. The beneficiaries included 36 Iraqis, 54 Syrians and 20 from other nationalities. UCA was provided on the basis of 100, 150 and 200 JOD.
- CSCs helped identify refugees in need of winterization assistance and were instrumental in organizing distributions in collaboration with Governor offices and UNHCR.

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