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The vast majority of Syrian refugees in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun governorates are scattered in urban and rural areas, living outside of camp settings. In these host communities, they rent and share accommodation and access essential services, including education and health care. FO-Irbid conducts registration of new cases and renewals of Asylum Seeker Certificates, provides counselling, manages Help Desks, and works with partners to provide protection services and shelter assistance. UNHCR also manages, in cooperation with the Government of Jordan's Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD), two camps that were established at the beginning of the crisis: King Abdallah Park and Cyber City.

### KEY FACTS



### Population of concern

(As of 23 August 2015)

Irbid: **141,171**

Jerash: **10,500**

Ajloun: **9,092**

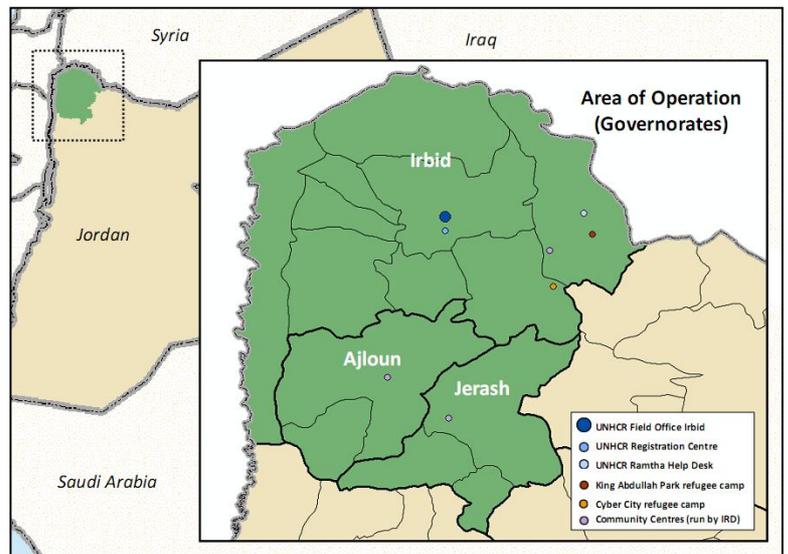
*Camp populations*

King Abdallah Park: **670**

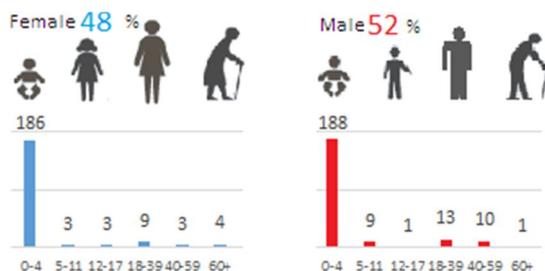
Cyber City: **283**

### UNHCR Presence at FO-Irbid

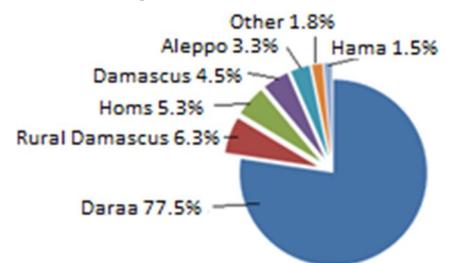
Staff: **23** UNHCR (4 international, 19 national), **31** UNOPS



### August Registrations - Age/Gender Breakdown



### Total Registrations - Place of Origin



**7,559,212 USD**

Total distributed in 2015 in monthly financial assistance to vulnerable refugees in Irbid AoR

**32,146**

Refugees in Irbid AoR who received monthly cash assistance in July

**13,237**

Vulnerable refugees in AoR on the waiting list for monthly cash assistance (as of 31 August), pending additional funding

## HIGHLIGHTS

### UNHCR Boosts Hospitals and Health Facilities with USD 3.3 million in Neonatal and Pediatric Equipment; US Ambassador Marks Handover and Discusses with Irbid CSC



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Ambassador Alice G. Wells of the United States, joined by UNHCR Representative Andrew Harper and the Director of Hospitals Directorate for the Ministry of Health Dr. Ali Al Saed, toured the neonatal ward at the Princess Rahma Hospital in Irbid on 12 August. The United States has financed 3.3 million USD in equipment upgrades to health care facilities across Jordan, including 21 hospitals, 35 primary health care centres, and three public health laboratories. Following the handover ceremony, the Ambassador visited the Princess Basma Center in Irbid for an event with the Irbid Community Support Committee. The Ambassador discussed with the committee members the current realities for Syrian refugees and Jordanian host communities. The refugee and local community representatives discussed both their challenges and success stories related to promoting social cohesion and peaceful coexistence.



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### DAFI Scholarship Recipient from King Abdallah Park Camp Achieves Remarkable Results in First Year of Medical Studies in Jordan

In July 2012, Ehab [*name changed*] was forced to quit his studies at the University of Damascus, where he had finished two years in medicine. Two of his brothers also had to interrupt their higher studies as the family fled the fighting to Jordan. Despite the difficult conditions, UNHCR's Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) Scholarship has made it financially possible for Ehab to continue his medical studies within Jordan, since the fall of 2014. He is the only student from the camp who is able to study at the university. During school sessions, he travels four to five days per week to lectures, taking a taxi and a bus each way between the camp and the university. Studying is not easy, especially in the desert's extreme heat and cold, but so far he has achieved remarkable results at the Jordan University for Science and Technology in Ramtha. Ehab's equally motivated siblings have so far not been able to continue their studies, due to financial constraints, and so his whole family encourages him as he studies. His father, who speaks fluent German and English, awaits the day when his whole family will be able to live in more normal circumstances and all of his children will be able to complete their higher education.

### King Abdallah Park and Cyber City Youth Meet for First Football Match

UNHCR facilitated a football match at Cyber City on 24 August for the youth of Cyber City and King Abdallah Park. The activity was organized by partner Save the Children International to celebrate the youth's talents. Lieutenant Colonel Jamal Shariaah, Head of the Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate in both camps, awarded the trophy to the winning team.



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## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR's implementing partners in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun include:

[Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development-Legal Aid \(ARDD-LA\)](#) | [International Relief and Development \(IRD\)](#) | [International Medical Corps](#) | [Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development \(JOHUD\)](#) | [Jordan Health Aid Society \(JHAS\)](#) | [Noor Al Hussein Foundation \(NHF\)](#)

In addition, UNHCR works with and coordinates the activities of several other operating partners on the ground. In the urban setting, Field Office-Irbid holds monthly Operational Coordination Meetings for all partners operating in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun, as well as biweekly Referral Coordination Meetings for field-level caseworkers. For King Abdallah Park and Cyber City Camps, Field Office-Irbid holds biweekly protection coordination meetings as well as biweekly general coordination meetings. Together with coordination from Amman and the use of online tools, these efforts increase cooperation and awareness among partners, minimize duplication in projects, improve knowledge sharing, and help actors to address gaps more efficiently.

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Jordan Regional Refugee Response Inter-agency Information Sharing Portal: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>