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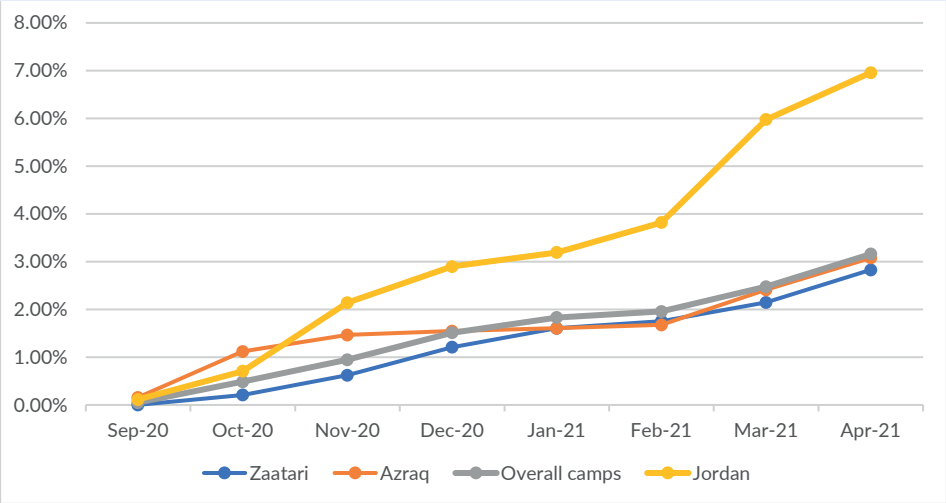
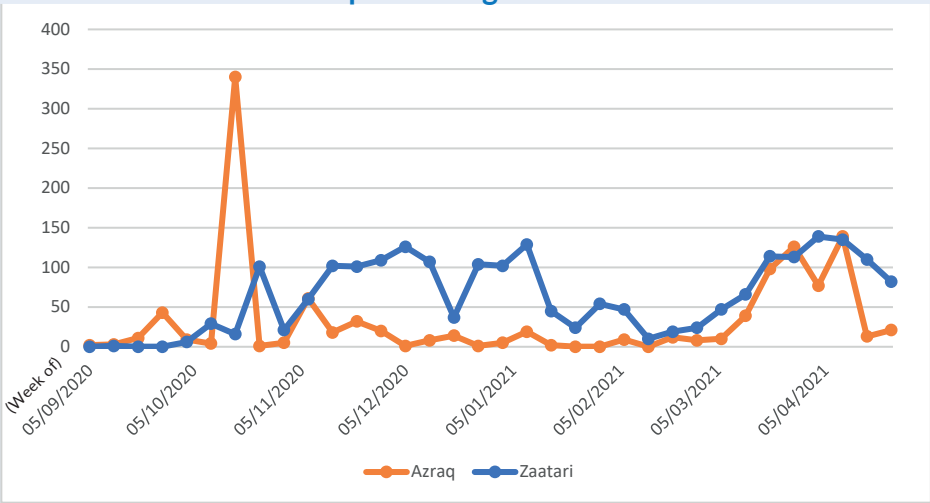
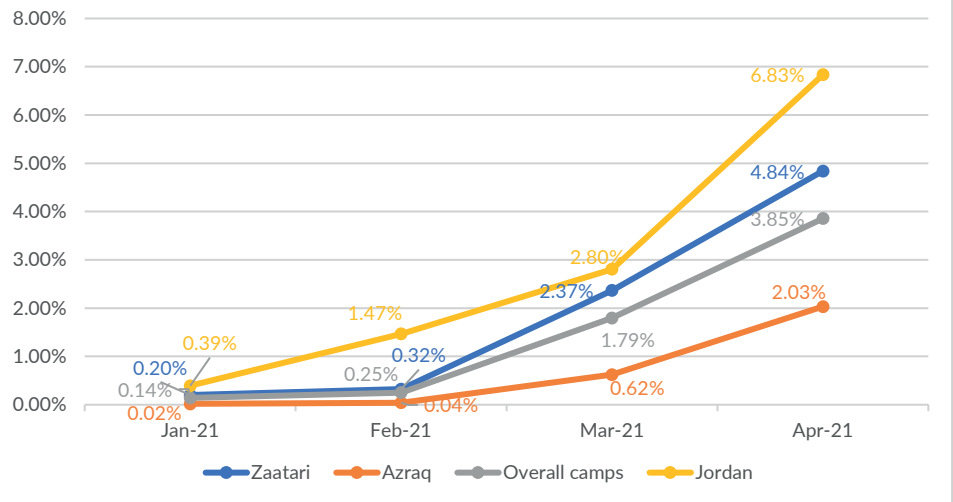
COVID-19 cases as % of population



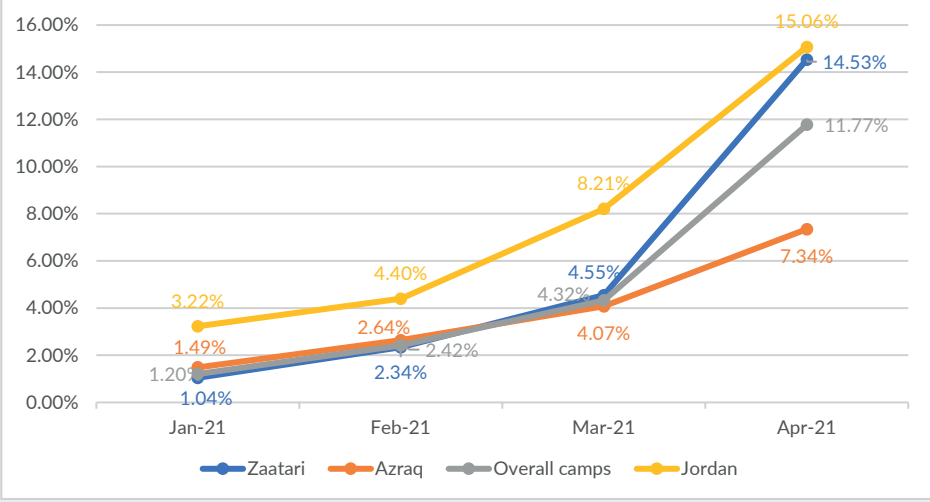
New COVID-19 cases among PoCs in camps per epidemiological week



COVID-19 vaccinations as % of population*



COVID-19 vaccine registrations as % of population*



** Vaccination and registration rates calculated as a percentage of total population, not population eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.*

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Total recorded cases	Total recovered cases	Total deaths	Total persons registered for COVID-19 vaccine	Total persons vaccinated
3,867	3,774	46	15,596	6,285

(numbers as of 15 May)

HIGHLIGHTS

- The **number of cases** among refugees remains well below the national average, with 3.2% of the refugee camp population having tested positive since the onset of the pandemic, compared to 7% of the total population in Jordan.
- The **recovery rate** of 97% among refugees in camps reflects the national recovery rate.
- Close to 13% of the refugee camp population have **registered** to receive the vaccine, compared to almost 17% of the total population in Jordan.
- Over 6,200 refugees, representing over 5% of the camp population, have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 **vaccine**, compared to 8% of the total population in Jordan.
- UNHCR supports the elderly and more vulnerable populations in refugee camps with the COVID-19 vaccine registration. The lower registration rate among Azraq residents can be explained by the overall younger population compared to Zaatari.
- Refugees living in **urban areas** of Jordan are also included in the national COVID-19 vaccination plan.
- In April, UNHCR monitoring showed an **increase** in vaccine uptake and registration among refugees in camps compared to previous months.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Two **in-camp vaccination centres** in Zaatari and one in Azraq camp
- Upgrading of quarantine facilities in camps
- Health screening procedures, surveillance and monitoring
- **PPE provision** for frontline workers/refugees
- Awareness raising about the COVID-19 vaccination program
- Remote services, **protection hotlines** and newly launched Help website platform
- Supporting refugee access to e-learning platforms
- Enhanced **community engagement** and communications via SMS text, social media and WhatsApp to refugee populations