



Displaced Syrian Children in Jordan

UNICEF's response in Jordan has moved to acute emergency mode to meet the urgent humanitarian needs in the newly established Za'atari camp for Syrian refugees. UNICEF is also stepping up to provide life-saving water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), child protection, education and health interventions across the country.

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- UNICEF and Save the Children International began recreational, psychosocial and informal education activities for 0- to 18-year-olds at the first two Child Friendly Space in Za'atari camp on 31 July.
- Two tents for child-friendly spaces have been erected and are fully operational in Za'atari and another three will be completed tonight and expected to be operational by Saturday. A total of 16 child-friendly spaces will be set up to serve 2,500 children and adolescents.
- UNICEF and Mercy Corps have installed a playground area at Cyber City. One Playground is completed in Za'atari, and another is under construction.
- To support the water supply in host communities, Mercy Corps and UNICEF have begun tests to check the production capacity and water quality of two public wells in Ramtha. Equipment for water network repairs and leak detection has also been identified and the procurement process has begun.
- The construction of permanent toilets has started with three blocks of 5 toilets and 5 showers each expected to be completed by tomorrow. This will cover the needs of 3,250 people. Additional permanent toilets are under construction.
- UNICEF and THW have fenced the WASH facilities and water points at Za'atari camp to ensure safety for children.
- UNICEF and UNHCR are procuring 12 water and sewage trucks to support Ramtha and Mafraq's water authority and municipality.

The number of Syrians arriving in Jordan has increased dramatically in the past weeks with more than 6,000 having crossed illegally since last Wednesday 28th July. Children are at extreme risk in this situation and immediate action is required.

Nearly 39,000 displaced Syrians are registered with UNHCR in Jordan. More than half of displaced Syrians registered with UNHCR are children.

As the situation unfolds, Syrian children across Jordan continue to be at risk of interrupted schooling, limited access to basic services, and psychosocial distress caused by witnessing violence and being displaced.

UNICEF is appealing for \$17.8 million to support its emergency response in Jordan, of which \$10.76 million is still required. This includes \$3 million urgently required for the Za'atari site.

RESPONSE AND NEEDS IN JORDAN

Coordination

UNICEF is the lead agency for the Education, Child Protection and Gender Based Violence and Water-Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sectors.

WASH

RRP target: 53,000 people including 3,000 children under 2 years

UNICEF is partnering with ACTED, Mercy Corps and THW, and has stepped up to meet the immediate WASH needs in Za'atari camp, installing mobile toilets and showers, as well as mobilizing emergency supplies to meet the WASH needs of up to 25,000 refugees. Also, for Za'atari UNICEF and THW have fenced the WASH facilities and water points at Za'atari camp to ensure safety for children. UNICEF has procured sanitation tools (brooms and bins) for 1,000 families at Za'atari camp and a total of 7000 baby hygiene kits have been procured and are being distributed.

Simultaneously, UNICEF continues to respond to the urgent WASH needs in transit facilities in Ramtha that are hosting Syrians entering the country illegally (by virtue of leaving Syria illegally). Solid waste management and hygiene promotion activities. Distribution of baby hygiene kits for children under two years are also provided as well as basic family water kits for 1,000 people and sanitation material for 5000 people has begun in transit sites. UNICEF and ACTED provided 20 cleaners to the Za'atari camp. More cleaners will be arriving in the coming days.

UNICEF is, in cooperation with Mercy Corps, equipping and operating three wells including water-networks, rehabilitating three water boosting stations, and upgrading water networks in two selected areas in Mafrqa to increase water supply in host communities. Some 450,000 vulnerable Syrians and Jordanians will benefit from these interventions, which also include awareness raising on water conservation.

Child Protection

RRP target: 12,000 children and families

Urgent action to support children and families in Za'atari camp is underway. UNICEF will monitor child protection and provide 16 child friendly spaces in cooperation with Save the Children International of which 2 have been completed and another 3 will be completed tonight. CFS will serve up to 2,500 children. One playground is completed and another in progress. UNICEF is also providing psychosocial support within the camp as well as ensuring interim care for unaccompanied children.

UNICEF is providing vulnerable Syrian children in transit facilities and host communities with child protection services, along

with psychosocial support, including identification of required specialized support and referral options. To date, UNICEF has provided psychosocial and protection assistance to some 6,500 Syrian children and family members in Jordan. Awareness raising activities are also taking place at the community level. Key local partners are receiving training on psychosocial support and child protection. Issues that have been identified include child labour, early marriage, and exposure to gender-based violence and other forms of violence. UNICEF works with IMC, the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, JOHUD/ZENID, and Save the Children Jordan.

Education

RRP target: 27,300 children and parents

UNICEF has successfully advocated with the Jordanian Ministry of Education (MoE) for Syrian children's free access to the public education system. UNICEF is assisting the MoE with the cost of tuition, textbooks, teacher salaries, and rental of school facilities in targeted areas. The MoE reports over 7,300 Syrian children are currently enrolled in public schools in Jordan. UNICEF with Save the Children Jordan has provided information about school enrolment and case management to some 8,800 children and family members.

In collaboration with the MoE, UNICEF is providing school-based remedial education classes and recreational activities during the summer school holidays, targeting 5,500 vulnerable Syrian and Jordanian children in 15 directorates. Syrian children in targeted areas are also benefitting from informal, remedial, and non-formal education services. Vulnerable Syrian and Jordanian children are being provided with school supplies including 7,000 school bags, which are in the process of being distributed. UNICEF works with a number of partners including East Amman Charity, Family Guidance, and Yarmouk Baqa Club all of which are community-based, and Save the Children International.

UNICEF is working with MoE to ensure children in Za'atari also have access to education in schools in Mafrqa or within Za'atari camp. An assessment of education facilities absorption capacity around Za'atari was conducted.

Health

RRP target: 11,000 children and caregivers

Information sessions promoting better parenting practices being provided by UNICEF and partner organisations in Ma'an and Ramtha. These sessions, which empower Syrian parents with skills in providing improved health care, nutrition and education to their children, have been extended to some 400 parents. UNICEF is discussing with counterparts provisions of vaccines and child and mother related medical supplies. UNICEF, with other UN agencies, is preparing to conduct a joint nutrition assessment for Syrian mothers and children under 5 years.

Funding requirements in US\$ for UNICEF Jordan

Target by sector	Budgeted	Received Amount	% Funded	SHORTFALL
Education	5,200,000	5,200,000	100%	0
Child Protection	2,600,000	772,305	30%	1,827,695
Health and Nutrition	400,000	150,000	38%	350,000
Water, Hygiene & sanitation	9,600,000	919,765	10%	7,680,235
Total	17,800,000	7,042,070	40%	10,757,930