

**Emergency:** Syria Humanitarian Crisis

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## 1. Syria Programme Manager's Analysis

*Oxfam's assessment in Lebanon confirmed the refugees' priorities such as shelter and food. Following the exercise the Oxfam team is now working on concept notes and proposals to fulfil a cash programme. UNHCR site planners are searching for suitable transit camp locations with Oxfam support and will require the Government's approval. Activities in Jordan are expanding following the flow of new arrivals with an average of 1,708 per night. New arrivals are mostly from Dara'a, Arbin, Mahajeh and Sheikh Miskien. UNICEF and Oxfam are planning to expand the module capacity to host 20,000 people in Za'atari camp. Work is continuing to accommodate new arrivals, including graveling and ground works. The site planning team are working on identifying and beginning works on a contingency site (a third location in Jordan) as the number of arrivals continues unabated.*

*Oxfam met the Jordanian Minister of Planning who highlighted the country's support to the Syrian refugees and keeping the borders open but expects stronger support from the international community and the need for INGOs to coordinate within the UN system.*

## 2. General Humanitarian Situation<sup>1</sup>

*The total number of registered refugees and individuals awaiting registration is 792,118 as of 7 February. This includes 6,338 Syrian refugees registered in North Africa.*

- **Jordan:** January saw an influx of 48,300 refugees into Jordan. Since February 1st the average daily influx has been around 1,600 and the current registered population of Za'atari camp is estimated at 105,113. 27% of the camp population are between 18 and 35 years old. Oxfam has been responding to this "emergency within an emergency" with the provision of additional portable latrines and water kiosks. Pending confirmation from UNICEF this will continue for a further month.
- As per UNICEF request, Oxfam will expand the sanitation response in Zaatari from 5,000 planned to 19,800 and possible further up to 27,300 people. This will see Oxfam taking the lead on installing temporary facilities in 'Phase 5' until the Ministry installs permanent buildings.
- **Lebanon:** Approximately 265,300 Syrian refugees receive assistance from UNHCR and NGOs. More than 174,000 refugees are now registered with UNHCR, with more than 90,000 scheduled to be registered. Current distribution of the registered population is as follows: North Lebanon: 84,482. Bekaa: 66,601. Beirut and South Lebanon: 23,379.
- UNHCR is now registering around 2,000 refugees daily through four registration centres. New registration centres are due to open in Beqaa and Tyre in February. In Beirut waiting periods are the longest and so evening and weekend registration times will be introduced.
- Ahead of the UNRWA cash distribution this month for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA encouraged NGOs to disseminate the message for all Palestinian refugees to ensure they are registered with UNRWA in order to receive the distribution. UNRWA has reported they have seen a significant increase in the number of registrations over the last week. This demonstrates a combination of continuing consistent rate of arrivals as well as possibly the pledge of a distribution encouraging previously unregistered refugees to come forward and register thus enabling UNRWA to have a much more accurate understanding of the total number of Syria Crisis refugees in Lebanon. Around 29,000 refugees have registered with UNRWA although it is expected – due to some cross border movement – around 23-25,000 will receive the cash assistance this month.
- Shelter remains top priority as refugees continue to arrive. In the host communities affordable and appropriate housing is scarce and in the Palestinian camps and gatherings overcrowding is the main issue where several families are increasingly having to share houses. UNHCR is now reporting that Syrian families are paying approximately \$200-300 per month for an apartment shared by three to four families.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on UNHCR (and partners) responses in the region, please visit <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php> for information on Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and Turkey

### 3. Humanitarian Community

- **Jordan:** Attending camp coordination, camp WASH coordination and hygiene promotion working group meetings
- Met with ACTED and JEN to in field testing hygiene promotion IEC material
- Attended a field visit review with UNICEFs Global Advisor on Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion activities in the camp. Also present were PH representatives from ACTED, JEN, RI and UNHCR. We discussed challenges and possible solution.
- **Lebanon:** Following the request by UNHCR for Oxfam to be the WASH partner for the 2 transit sites ('camps'), the WASH Advisor met with UNHCR WASH representative and UNHCR site planner. The final decision by the Government of Lebanon is expected soon when and where the transit sites will be / commence.
- Oxfam was invited to attend a closed technical working group on NFI distribution held by UNRWA. Attended by ICRC, Islamic Relief, DRC, TDI (invited but did not attend NRC, Naba'a, Save, Caritas), the discussion was to outline the new UNRWA system for registration, processing and distributions for Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS), to standardise kits being distributed and to better coordinate distributions in the camps.

### 4. Programme Activities

#### Jordan

- Hardware (PHE) Around 80 additional portable toilets were installed this week taking the total in service to approximately 130. 20 more are expected in the coming days for a total of 170.
- A demo sample of the new Oxfam 'light' latrine was constructed and a price is being agreed in order to scale up on site. At present all materials are on site for 48 more such latrines which should be installed this week. UNICEF should approve a further 200.
- The permanent WASH blocks are speeding up following completion of block work on the 2 sample units. Over 100 workers now on site and still scaling up. This week 5 slabs were poured with 3 more expected imminently. In total 24 building are marked out and in progress out of the total of 48.
- Following the tender, the order was placed for solar lighting for the WASH block buildings.
- A demo sample of the new Oxfam Water Kiosk was on site this week for testing and feedback, which was good. A further 19 are due to arrive and be installed over the next 2 days. Drainage will be provided through simple soakage pits by excavator.
- Software (PHP) Continued community socialization and introducing Oxfam programming to the community in Module 4
- Continued disability mapping in Module 4 for WASH needs
- Continued monitoring of new shelters and population numbers of Module 4
- Conducted latrine siting in areas where new arrives have set up tents, for the additional populations in the module.
- Conducted 5 Focus group discussions to identify community attitude for the Kitchen Blocks
- Conducted a transect walks through module 4 for water and sanitation concerns.
- Continued to interviewed key informants on new temporary latrine designs, and possible options for temporary showers as well
- The VOICE project held a focus group with the men in Za'atri camp to give them feedback on Hassan's Twitter Takeover and they presented to the team new ideas and activities that they have prepared.
- A focus group meeting was held with the new women's group in Za'atri camp. The team introduced them to the project, listened to their concerns and any suggestions for the advancement of the group. The creating of a new focus group in the camp gives the project a wider reach and more opportunities to move forward with women in the camp.
- A blog was written by Zeina (a refugee in the camp) about daily life inside Za'atri which will be published by Oxfam-GB.

#### Lebanon<sup>2</sup>

- **Oxfam GB:** The 2 partners distributing winterisation kits to the Palestinian camps have now achieved distributions of bedding items to 1,625 families in 3 of the 4 camps. This week distributions were done in Burj El Shemali (335 families), Burj Barajneh (600), and Beddawi (570). The final distribution to 145 families in Burj El Shemali and the distribution in Nahr El bared camp (600 families) will be achieved in the coming week.

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<sup>2</sup> All activities currently taking place in Lebanon are being implemented through partners

- WASH, EFSL, Gender/Protection advisers spent the week in Tripoli to conduct a needs assessment of several Tripoli suburbs where needs had been highlighted but no NGOs were providing assistance.

## 5. Beneficiary numbers

*This week a total of **13,680** people were reached in Lebanon and Jordan. Cumulatively, **24,439** people have been reached in both countries since 1 January 2013.*

Country/Affiliate	Beneficiaries Reached last week (to 10 Feb)	Cumulative beneficiaries (since 1 Jan)
<b>Jordan</b>		
Oxfam GB	<b>6,155</b>	<b>6,155</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>		
Oxfam Novib	-	9,500
Oxfam GB	7,525	8,125
Oxfam Italy	-	659
<b>Lebanon Sub-Total</b>	<b>7,525</b>	<b>18,284</b>
<b>SYRIA CRISIS TOTAL</b>	<b>13,680</b>	<b>24,439</b>

*Please note, where exact numbers aren't known, an average family size of 5 is used to calculate the total number of beneficiaries in both Jordan and Lebanon*

## Photo of the Week



**Caption:** Construction is underway on wash blocks in Zaatari Camp in Jordan. Credit: Christian Snaod/Oxfam