

Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report
Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey
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JORDAN

Highlights

- UNICEF identified new sites for UNICEF schools in Za'atari camp and schooling is scheduled to commence on 1 October.
- UNICEF in cooperation with Save the Children International established 18 Child Friendly Spaces, which serve more than 1,000 children per day.
- UNICEF-supported measles, polio, and vitamin-A supplementation campaign reached around 6,100 children from six months to 15 years of age in Za'atari camp, since its launch on 11 September. Weekly routine immunizations are also ongoing.
- UNICEF is delivering over 1,000,000 litres of water per day to Za'atari camp.
- To date, 267 residents of Za'atari camp recruited as cleaners and supervisors under a Cash-for-Work scheme.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 27 September 2012)			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	53,299	27,715	25,584
Children Affected (Under 18)	27,715	14,391	13,325
Children Under Five	10,127	5,330	4,797

Around 94,500 Syrians are registered or awaiting registration with UNHCR. More than half of all Syrian refugees in Jordan are children under 18. The bailing system continues on an exceptional basis, with only 1,214 individuals bailed out since the opening of Za'atari camp. The Government of Jordan estimates more than 200,000 Syrians are in the country. According to UNHCR, around 32,000 Syrians were moved to Za'atari camp, and the number in transit centres has dropped to 1,434, due to bailouts and relocation to Za'atari.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF continues to lead daily WASH coordination meetings and bi-weekly WASH sector meetings (next meeting: 3 October), as well as weekly child protection sub-group meetings at Za'atari (Thursdays), bi-weekly child protection (Tuesdays), gender-based violence coordination meetings (Tuesday), and bi-monthly education coordination meetings (next meeting: 1 October). UNICEF also participates in twice-weekly area coordination meetings at Za'atari (Tuesdays and Thursdays), daily health coordination meetings, and bi-weekly taskforce meetings (Thursdays).

Programme response:

WASH: Camp cleaning has been scaled up with increased community involvement, labour and additional solid waste facilities on site. Thus far, UNICEF partner ACTED has recruited 267 camp residents as cleaners and supervisors under a Cash-for-Work scheme. These teams work in two shifts of six hours each, covering 70 per cent of the camp area.

Awareness-raising activities on water preservation, personal hygiene and preventive measures to eliminate the risk of waterborne diseases are ongoing, with hygiene promoters carrying out over 100 daily sessions, reaching an average of 735 people per day. UNICEF alongside INTERSOS/UNHCR worked with community representatives to setup a specialized community sub-committee to support WASH and environment-related activities. Community concerns include the urgent need for more gravel to place around tents, better access to roads, vandalism, and the quality of WASH installations.

During the week, UNICEF completed four new WASH units, bringing the total number of fixed and functional WASH units to 79 (of which 43 are for female use). This amounts to 395 fixed showers and 411 latrines. An additional 40 showers and 40 latrines are expected to be completed by the end of September, after which all remaining mobile latrines and showers will be phased out.

UNICEF delivers over 1,000,000 litres of water per day to the camp and no water shortages are reported. Daily water quality testing continues to confirm that the drinking water provided is safe. Mercy Corps and UNICEF plan to drill two boreholes inside the camp perimeter to directly meet camp demands. UNICEF partner German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) is working alongside the community to develop a more reliable schedule for daily water delivery and nightly water distribution, to ensure the camp is supplied with water at all times.

UNICEF/THW/Team Connect are evacuating some 190-230 m3 of waste water and sewage daily. THW continues daily operation and maintenance in all WASH centres and standpoints. Around 42-49 metric tonnes of solid waste per day were disposed of into the municipal dumping ground this week, requiring an increase in truck rotations. The lack of a second access road and protests at the camp entrance remain major constraints for WASH operations in the camp.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	174,000	61,330*	35%	250,000	61,330*	24%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap* and functional hand-washing facilities	174,000	61,330*	35%	250,000	61,330*	24%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets	174,000	61,330*	35%	250,000	61,330*	24%
Population having access to hygiene promotion messages	87,000**	19,319	22%	250,000***	19,319	8%
Children in schools benefiting from improved WASH facilities	40,000	0	0	40,000	0	0

UNICEF Operational Partners: ACTED, THW, Mercy Corps

*These figures reflect the number of people who have been accommodated at transit facilities and Za'atari camp, as UNICEF is the sole WASH provider.

**Covered through person to person/group sessions.

***155,000 will be covered through person to person/group sessions and 95,000 through media coverage.

Child Protection: UNICEF in cooperation with Save the Children International has established 18 Child Friendly Spaces staffed by 48 animators (plus one community volunteer per Child Friendly Space), which serve over 1,000 children per day. UNICEF also established a safe area within the UNHCR refugee reception area to identify and provide interim care for unaccompanied minors shortly after their arrival at Za'atari camp. This work is currently carried out by six social workers.

UNICEF carried out a six-day training session for 25 partner organization staff on the implementation of psychosocial programming in emergencies. UNICEF partner International Medical Corps (IMC) will coach Case Managers in response to child protection cases. A total of 12 Case Managers from local Community-Based Organization (CBOs) and NGOs will be equipped with the skills to deal with cases of violence, abuse and neglect.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning etc.***	32,000	13,622	42%	7,000	***	***
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing and receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care	320*	437**	136%	800*	***	***

UNICEF Operational Partners: Noor al-Hussein Foundation; International Medical Corps; Zenid ; Terre des Hommes–Lausanne; Jordan Red Crescent; Mercy Corps; Save the Children International; Family Guidance and Awareness Centre.

*Including child protection cases

**Identified only

*** Data not available

Education: UNICEF started the ground work for the establishment of temporary learning spaces in Za'atari camp. The premises are being fenced and gravelled and installation of tents will start in the coming days. These spaces will initially serve 2,200 children in two shifts with a plan to scale up to reach nearly 5,000 children. With UNICEF support, the MoE has recruited over 120 teachers and administrative staff through its temporary teacher roster. The orientation session took place on 25 September and teacher training will follow in the coming weeks.

The MoE has agreed that all Syrian refugee children in urban settings may attend Jordanian schools this year and will be exempt from fees. To date, some 17,000 Syrian children have registered in schools, of which 13,000 are attending school, while some 4,000 children are on waiting lists due to capacity constraints in public schools. In support of overcrowded public schools in host communities, UNICEF has delivered 15 prefabricated classrooms in Ramtha and installation is underway.

Some 570 school aged children in transit sites in Ramtha (Cyber City and King Abdullah Park) have started attending public schools in Ramtha with the support of UNICEF and the MoE. UNICEF is supporting the operation of two double-shifted schools for these children to attend. Over 40 newly recruited teachers have been appointed and trained by the MoE to serve these schools. UNICEF Jordan urgently needs US\$ 16 million to cover the cost of education for up to 46,200 children in both urban settings and Za'atari camp. Immediate needs for the first 5,000 children in Za'atari camp total some US\$ 6.5 million.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target As per RRP	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target As per RRP	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	40,000****	18,574***	46%	42,000****	18,574**	44%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	10,000	5,200*	52%	14,500	5,200**	36%
UNICEF Operational Partners: Ministry of Education/ Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation, Save the Children International, Save the Children Jordan, East Amman Charity, YarmouqBaq'a Club and Questscope.						

*4,700 Syrians, 500 Jordanians

** This data may be incomplete as we are still working to establish figures from the working group

***This includes all Syrian children registered for schooling.

****Target includes children enrolled in formal schools and pre-schools only (in both Za'atari camp and host communities)

Health and Nutrition: With UNICEF in the lead, UN agencies and the Jordanian Government will begin a nutrition assessment for Syrian children and lactating mothers across Jordan on 26 September. Some 6,100 children from six months to 15 years have received vaccinations under the measles, polio and Vitamin A supplementation campaign, which was launched on 11 September in Za'atari camp. The campaign continues to provide vaccines to new-comers. The next phase of the campaign will be the vaccination of children in the host communities of Ramtha, Irbid and Mafraq, expected to begin on 29 September.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving measles vaccination*	88,750	6,100**	7%
Children < 1 receiving essential vaccines	50,000	6,100**	12%
Children < 5 receiving vitamin A supplements	50,000	6,100**	12%
UNICEF Operational Partners: NA			

*Covers children under 15 years of age in Za'atari camp and children under 5 in host communities.

**Za'atari camp only. Does not yet include children vaccinated on 10 September.

Communications for Development (C4D): UNICEF went from tent to tent to inform parents of its ongoing vaccination campaign in Za'atari. In collaboration with Save the Children Jordan, UNICEF is conducting awareness-raising among Syrian families on the importance of registering their children in schools. To date, some 2,000 Syrian refugee children have registered in schools.

Supply and Logistics: UNICEF has constructed two NFI distribution points in Za'atari, which will be used by UNICEF, its partners and other agencies to distribute supplies.

Human Resources:

	Number staff
Country Office staff (ft)	19 (3 International & 16 National)
Temporary staff (on mission from HQ/COs)	2
Surge (TAs and SSAs)	18
Standby partners	3
Volunteers	1

Under recruitment	13*
Standby partners: RedR Australia; Canadem; MSB	
*This number includes 2 identified candidates for missions, 2 identified for SBP, 6 candidates to be identified under TA, and 3 to identified as SBP (the total includes both international and local staff).	

LEBANON

Highlights

- 24 September marked the start of the new school year in Lebanon and enrolment is progressing well.
- To date, more than 3,000 refugee students are enrolled and attending schools, 40 per cent of them supported by UNICEF.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 27 September 2012)			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	56,225	26,426	29,799
Children Affected (Under 18)	28,675	14,619	14,056
Children Under Five	10,683	5,623	5,060

A total of 56,225 refugees are currently registered with UNHCR and the Lebanese High Relief Commission (HRC) and an additional 23,586 Syrians are awaiting registration. More than 50 per cent of the registered refugees are children under 18. It is estimated that there are over 100,000 refugees throughout the country and 6,575 Palestinians from Syria have recently arrived in Lebanon. As most refugees are living with host families in the poorest areas of the country, UNICEF emergency response also covers host communities.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF participated in a second coordination meeting with UNRWA, in which participants were updated on UNICEF's work and plans, such as rapid needs assessment and Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) in Wavel camp for recreational activities and distribution of supplies. This week, UNICEF will distribute recreational, Early Childhood Development (ECD) and adult and baby hygiene kits to Palestinian refugees from Syria. UNICEF will hold a follow up meeting with UNRWA next week to agree specific strategies and interventions for Back-to-School.

Programme response:

WASH: The newly formed WASH sector group will meet for the first time this week. The group will meet fortnightly and will be co-chaired by UNHCR and UNICEF in Chekka. WASH has until now been part of the Shelter sector meetings. In the coming week, the UNICEF WASH team will be monitoring the situation in the field.

Estimated #/% coverage (80%)	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	%age of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	54,000	Approximately 4,285* people daily	7.9%
UNICEF Current Operational Partners: ACF (Bekaa)			

*The number of people receiving water on a daily basis will change as the redeemable water voucher system has been implemented. This is why there is a decrease in the number from last sit rep. It is anticipated that the number will increase again when the system is fully operational.

Child Protection: Information by partner organizations and other agencies indicates increased concerns around Syrian refugee children's involvement in hazardous labour. UNICEF also received reports of increased numbers of street children in Beirut, many of them Syrian. The need for accelerating Gender-Based Violence (GBV) services is becoming increasingly clear, both for women and children. There are also concerns over the reported rise of early marriages among adolescent Syrian girls.

The Child Protection in Emergency Working Group met this week, co-led by the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) and UNICEF. MoSA confirmed that a network of 200 Social Development Centres

(SDCs) is available nationwide to provide services to refugees. Twenty five SDCs located in areas with highest concentration of Syrian refugees, mainly in the Bekaa, North Governorates and in Beirut, have been identified to serve as “hubs” for coordination, referral and provision of social services. UNICEF committed to supporting at least seven of those SDCs.

The first Child Protection coordination working group in the north will be held this week, co-chaired by UNHCR and UNICEF. UNICEF plans to meet with the Minister of Social Affairs to present its scale up plans, including the Back-to-School initiative and the work planned with SDCs.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning	18,500*	3,780**	20%
UNICEF Operational Partners: Save the Children, THD, War Child, Association Cuturelle du Hermel, Mercy Corps, Amel Association			

* This is the UNICEF RRP3 target under the UNHCR pre-set indicator related to “access to safe space and related activities/support”; the sector target for this indicator is 90% of the Syrian children aged 5-17 years, i.e. 32,700 children (current CFS age group) based on a Syrian population of 120,000; UNICEF's target is 50% based on the acknowledgement that UNICEF is not the only provider of these services in Lebanon.

** This is the number of children to be reached through the existing 20 CFSs. Note that the CFS programme started only in May 2012 and the number of CFS has grown incrementally since then. Also please note that the previous number reported (5,500) included children and their caregivers

Education: The new school year started on 24 September in Lebanon and enrolment is progressing well. To date, more than 3,000 refugee students are enrolled and attending schools, 40 per cent of them supported by UNICEF. While many school directors are working to integrate refugee children in the Lebanese education system, others are reluctant to engage and facilitate integration. UNICEF and partners are tackling the issues as they arise in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) at district and central level.

UNICEF's Back-to-School strategy was shared with the Education Working Group (EWG) members at the central coordination meeting at the MEHE and supported by the Director General. PCAs for the Back-to-School plan will be finalized in the coming days, covering all of Lebanon, in close collaboration with relevant ministries and building on the existing structures and mechanisms.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Number of refugee children (4-5 years old) access early education activities (school or community-based)	3,000	N/A for the moment		5000	N/A	N/A
Number of refugee children (6-14 years old) enrolled in primary education	8,100 pending registration+ 7,200 host community	1200	N/A	29700	N/A	N/A
Number of children (6-14 years old) attending alternative primary education	6,300	2,050	32.53	10,450	N/A	N/A
Number of public schools/ learning spaces providing an inclusive learning environment	125	10	12	186	N/A	N/A
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	6,300	2,050	32.53	N/A	N/A	N/A
Education specific coordination mechanisms are in place at national and field level	Yes			Yes		
UNICEF Operational Partners: Iqra' Association, Save the Children International, Amel Association						

Human Resources

Number staff	
Country Office staff	19 (3 internationals and 16 nationals)
Temporary staff	11 (3 internationals and 8 nationals)
Surge	None
Standby partners	6
Under recruitment	1 IP WASH and 2 drivers, one for the North and one for Bekaa
Standby partners: NRC, Irish Aid, RedR	
We currently have 3 consultants one for Supply and one for Communication and on Education	

IRAQ

Highlights

- There are 5,113 school-aged Syrian children in the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), with 3,150 residing in the Domiz camp (extrapolated from UNHCR figures).
- UNICEF will expand the capacity of the school in Domiz camp to receive more Syrian children by reorganizing the school and providing an additional 14 prefabricated classrooms.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 27 September 2012)	
	Total
Total Affected Population	29,441

There are currently 29,441 Syrian refugees registered in Iraq. Since the re-opening of the border on 18 September, some 680 Syrians have crossed the border into Al-Qaim, with over 3,000 Syrians still waiting to cross into Iraq.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF participated in a meeting with the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Minister of Education to discuss providing education for all refugee children in Domiz and in host communities.

Programme response:

WASH: In Domiz camp, pressure on latrines led to overflowing of sewage and in some cases to open defecation. Water is provided daily in transit areas but latrines and bathing spaces are below SPHERE standards. During the reporting period, 167 persons (including 32 children) were reached by the ongoing UNICEF-supported hygiene promotion campaign, bringing the total reached to date to 391 people. Following UNICEF advocacy, the Directorate of Health (DoH) is conducting a sanitation drive in Domiz, including fumigation of latrines and septic tanks.

While families in the camps and reception centres in Al-Qaim have access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices, families stranded on the Syrian side of the Al-Qaim border still lack adequate access to these services. UNICEF has so far constructed the following WASH facilities in the Al-Qaim camps: 187 latrines, 186 showers, 77 septic tanks, 100 drinking water points (six taps each), six (10,000 litre) tanks, three (45,000 litre) tanks, 46 wash basins and 7,150m of water networking. UNICEF also supported the training of 44 participants as hygiene promoters.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	15,000	3,138	21%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and functional hand-washing facilities	15,000	3,138	21%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets	15,000	3,138	21%
Children and women receive critical WASH-related information to prevent child illness, especially diarrhoea	2,850*	391	14%
UNICEF Operational Partners: Islamic Relief Worldwide – Iraqi Salvation and Humanitarian Organization, DoW. DoH			

Child Protection: There are currently around 6,120 children under 18 in the Domiz camp. A sizeable number of working children, including girls, is observed. The number of children attending the UNICEF-supported Child Friendly Space has gone up from 150 to 170. UNICEF supported a three-day training of Child Friendly Space staff and volunteers. Preparations are ongoing to open a second Child Friendly Space in the camp, and to conduct Mine Risk Education (MRE)/Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) awareness for children and adults by the Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Authority (IKMAA).

With the daily increase of arrivals to Al-Qaim camp, the Child Friendly Space will no longer be enough to receive all children. Cases of child labour are observed including cleaning jobs and installation of tents for contractors at low wages. UNICEF will continue to monitor the situation and take action

accordingly. To date, 491 children attended the UNICEF-supported Child Friendly Space. UNICEF partner Save the Children will train eight social workers and four project staff from a local NGO.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning	7,500	591*	8%
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing and receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care		11	
UNICEF Operational Partners: ACTED, Mental Health Unit (MHU), Child Protection Committee (CPC), Dohuk, General Directorate of Social Care and Development, Mine Action Group (MAG), and Handicap International (HI), Al-Safa society			

Education: The Education Working Group's planning figure was 600 Syrian children but according to UNHCR extrapolated figures, there are 5,113 children aged 5-17 in the KRG, with 3,150 residing in Domiz camp. Accordingly, UNICEF and partners agreed with the MoE to set up three schools of 24 classrooms, each classroom accommodating 25 children. The schools will run double shifts. At the MoE's request, UNICEF will complete the first unit by reorganizing the current school and providing an additional 14 prefabricated classrooms.

In Al-Qaim, UNICEF signed a PCA with the NGO Afkar to rehabilitate eight schools previously occupied by refugees. As part of the Back-to-School campaign, UNICEF provided stationary for 1,000 students, two additional tents of 72m2 and 67 black boards. Social training for teachers from among the Syrian refugees will start this week.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	5,900	1,200	20%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	1,500	-	-
UNICEF Operational Partners: DoE, AFKAR Society			

Health: In Northern Iraq, 68 cases of diarrhoea were detected among under-five children and referred to the UNICEF-supported Oral Rehydration Therapy corner this week. In the last two weeks, 144 diarrhoea cases were treated. UNICEF reached 49 children with Polio vaccine this week and 55 children under one were reached with the routine bi-weekly immunization session. UNICEF will conduct a measles immunization campaign for children 6 to 24 months of age, through the Dohuk DoH. In Al-Qaim, UNICEF plans a tetanus toxoid campaign for pregnant women in the coming week.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving measles vaccination	647	630*	97%
UNICEF Operational Partners: DoH			

* Correction in this figure from last week (as the previous number included the government intervention figures)

Nutrition: The monitoring of the nutrition status of children continued during the week, with 51 under-five children screened and no further cases of malnutrition detected. The cumulative number of children screened in the last two weeks is 234. The detected malnourished children from previous weeks are receiving supplementary feeding at the growth monitoring unit. The UNICEF-supported Rapid Nutrition Assessment in Western Iraq covered 580 under-five children and revealed moderate and severe acute malnutrition rates within the normal range. UNICEF is providing supplementary feeding and health education on breastfeeding at the Al-Qaim hospital.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition enrolled in Therapeutic Feeding programmes	14	11	78%
Children <5 with Moderate Acute Malnutrition in supplementary feeding programmes	33	27	81%
UNICEF Operational Partners:			

Human Resources:

	Number staff
Country Office staff	48 (18 international & 30 National)
Temporary staff	6

Surge	0
Standby partners	0
Under recruitment	18
Standby partners: None	

TURKEY

Highlights

- Since the start of clashes in the Syrian town of Tal Abyad, more than 1,550 people have crossed the border into Turkey.
- UNICEF finalized a strategy note on the Education Sector Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 27 September 2012)			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	87,774	46,520	41,254
Children Affected (Under 18)	43,009	21,944	21,066

There are currently 87,774 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey, an estimated 50-56 per cent of them children. Since the start of clashes in the Syrian town of Tal Abyad, more than 1,550 people have crossed the border into Turkey, 650 of them accommodated in the Akcakale camp while the rest are hosted with relatives. The reported number of Syrians in Turkey includes those receiving medical treatment in various hospitals. The borders are open for new arrivals.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF, through the UN Country Team, is closely following the situation of children and women waiting at the zero point of the border.

Programme response: UNICEF Turkey plans to reach some 22,500 Syrian children with key interventions in education and child protection. The supplies to support these activities have been procured and are being distributed in the camps by the Turkish Red Crescent. UNICEF will mobilize support to procure playfield and sport equipment for up to 50,000 children and youth.

UNICEF recently finalized a strategy note on the Education Sector Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis, which sets out UNICEF's strategic options in supporting the Turkish Government with responding to the educational needs of Syrian refugees in Turkey under different scenarios.

Regional Support and Funding

Syria Crisis Support Hub: The Support Hub at the UNICEF Middle East and North Africa Regional Office is supporting Syria and neighbouring countries with their supply and logistics operations. This week, the Hub is supporting UNICEF Jordan with the procurement and customs clearance of a shipment of measles vaccines arriving on 2 October, and a shipment of polio vaccines arriving in Jordan on 4 October.

Human Resources: Regional Human Resources have assisted Country Offices and the Regional Office in placing 44 staff in support of the Syrian Crisis.

Communication and Media: A significant focus of the past week has been developing a response with headquarters to Save the Children's report "Untold Atrocities: the story of Syria's children". Interviews have taken place with BBC Arabic, BBC Radio, Alaan TV, Radio Vatican, Middle East Radio, Financial Times and Al Jazeera Arabic on both the report and on the situation for Syrian children more generally. To streamline social media the MENA Facebook page is now linked to the YouTube and Twitter accounts. The Regional Office also provided a four-day induction in Amman for a new Senior Communication Assistant from the Syria country office.

Funding: The revised Syria Crisis Regional Response Plan (RRP) was launched on 27 September. UNICEF's revised requirements against the RRP stand at US\$ 79 million. In total, UNICEF requires US\$ 123.16 million for the needs within Syria and in the neighbouring countries. Across the sub-region, UNICEF has a funding gap of around US\$ 93.97 million. UNICEF has recently received a

contribution of GBP 3 million from the United Kingdom for Jordan and Lebanon. This week, the United Kingdom announced at the General Assembly an additional pledge of GBP 3 million for UNICEF. An agreement is also being signed with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for a contribution of US\$ 3.75 million for Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

Funding Status		Child Protection	Education	Health & Nutrition	WASH	NFIs	Coord. & Comm	Safety, Security ITC	Operational Costs	*Being Allocated	Total
In millions of US Dollars											
Syria	Required	7.75	10.00	4.75	8.50	10.50	1.40	1.19			\$44.09
	Funded	1.13	0.88	1.45	1.01	1.45		0.13	0.59	1.79	\$8.44
Jordan	Required	5.87	17.53	1.83	17.57						\$42.80
	Funded	1.41	6.24	0.21	4.26					1.57	\$13.70
Lebanon	Required	3.61	8.82	0.43	4.28						\$17.14
	Funded	0.88	1.36	0.18	2.19		0.02		0.08	0.07	\$4.78
Iraq	Required	0.60	1.17	0.78	5.47				2.89		\$10.91
	Funded										\$0.00
Turkey	Required	3.21	3.21								\$6.42
	Funded	0.20	0.10								\$0.30
MENA	Required	0.30	0.30		0.30		0.70	0.20			\$1.80
RO	Funded									1.97	\$1.97
Total	Required	21.34	41.03	7.79	36.12	10.50	2.10	1.39	2.89		\$123.16
	Funded	3.63	8.58	1.84	7.46	1.45	0.02	0.13	0.67	5.40	\$29.19
	Gap	17.71	32.46	5.96	28.66	0.00	0.50	0.10			\$93.97

* Being allocated refers to funds recently received and in the process of being allocated within the Country Office or across the sub region.

** Funding figures include a maximum recovery rate of 7%. The actual recovery rate on contributions will be calculated in accordance with UNICEF Executive Board Decision 2006/7 dated 9 June 2006.

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