

IOM Regional Response to the Syria Crisis

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This report is produced by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on its humanitarian response for the crisis in Syria. The summary covers events and activities until 1 February 2013. For activities implemented in Syria, please consult the full situation report.



Syrian refugees register for assistance at Za'atri Camp. From 22 to 29 January, IOM transported 20,292 refugees from the border to Za'atri Camp in Jordan. Jordan © IOM 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Iraq:** IOM begins the distribution of **200** NFI kits to benefit an estimated **1,000** vulnerable Syrian refugees.
- **Jordan:** In the past week, IOM facilitated the transportation of **20,292** Syrian refugees from border areas to Za'atri camp.
- **Lebanon:** The Lebanese Government announced that refugees in Syria, who are accepted for resettlement, can transit through Beirut if they are flying out of Rafic Harir International Airport.

IOM COUNTRY OPERATIONS

1. Lebanon Operations

Profiling vulnerable Returnee Caseloads.

In line with the Regional Response Plan for Syria (RRP4) revised in December 2012, IOM Lebanon plans to cover gaps and unmet basic needs in a manner that benefits vulnerable Lebanese returnees who fled Syria to seek refuge back in Lebanon in the Bekaa Valley and the south of Lebanon. This will be carried out through the distribution of NFIs and the improvement of living conditions by providing household shelter support items required for the alleviation of health/safety problems.

Transit services. On 29 January, IOM provided emergency repatriation assistance to **80** female Filipino nationals and one Vietnamese female fleeing Syria. In the past five months, IOM has provided assistance to **393** Third - Country Nationals fleeing Syria, who have transited through Lebanon.

The Lebanese General Directorate of General Security, affiliated to the Ministry of Interior, approved that all refugees residing in Syria and accepted for resettlement to a third country can transit through/in Lebanon if they are travelling out of Rafic Harir International Airport. The first movement out of Beirut is scheduled for 20 February for 26 people. After 24 February, IOM will assist up to 70 people per day.

2. Turkey Operations

Assistance to vulnerable returnees. IOM provided assistance to a Moldovan family (**6** individuals), who recently fled the violence in Syria to return to Moldova. The family was provided with shelter, food and transportation and left Turkey on 22 January.

3. Jordan Operations

Emergency Transportation of Refugees. In the past week, IOM facilitated the transportation of **20,292** Syrian refugees from border areas to Za'atri camp. From 29 July 2012 to 29 January 2013, IOM has facilitated the transportation of **125,015** Syrians from border areas to Za'atri Camp.

Emergency Health Assistance. During the pre-departure medical assessments, IOM identified 1,041 refugees with medical conditions who were referred to health actors for treatment upon arrival at Za'atri camp. During medical screening, IOM staff referred a patient with suspected Typhoid to health partners who are treating the individual.

Constructing additional shelter within Za'atri Camp. Due to the shortage of shelter and the surge in new arrivals in the past week, IOM is planning to extend the reception area which will be surrounded by tents where refugees can shelter from the cold whilst waiting to complete the registration process. IOM will finance and construct the extension of the reception area.

4. Iraq Operations

Distribution of Non-Food Items (NFIs). On 29 January, IOM began a distribution of **200** NFI kits to vulnerable Syrian refugees living within Al Qaim Camp (registered population 8,904) and in the surrounding areas (estimated refugee population of 1,000). The kits include: blankets, carpets, kerosene heaters, plastic storage cabinets, rechargeable lights, coolers, jerry cans, mattresses, pillows, and plastic sheets. Supplementary items are given to families that have more than five members. As of 29 January, IOM has distributed **5,912** NFI kits to **26,677** Syrian refugees in Iraq and **46** NFI kits to **265** Iraqi returnees from Syria.

FUNDING UPDATE

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In January 2013, IOM appealed for USD 35 million for the period from January to June 2013 to support the repatriation of stranded migrants and provide emergency aid to the internally displaced and other conflict-affected people in Syria and neighboring countries.

IOM is part of the humanitarian country teams in Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. The IOM appeal contains Syria-specific activities discussed and consolidated with participating agencies in the Syria Humanitarian Response Plan (SHRP) - the SHRP doesn't list IOM's funding needs - as well as activities proposed in the inter-agency Regional Response Plan (RRP) for neighboring countries. To date, pledges and contributions against this January appeal amount to USD 2.3 million.

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