



IOM staff work daily in Al-Qaim camp to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees. 8,805 refugees have settled at the camp which is located close to the border with Syria. **Photo supplied by IOM Iraq, © IOM 2013.**

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REGIONAL RESPONSE

IOM's Regional Response is focused on the following activities:



Provision of Emergency Shelter Materials



Distribution of Non-Food Items (NFIs)



Needs Assessments/ Needs Analysis



Emergency Healthcare and Referrals



Transportation: Transport assistance for refugees; Resettlement assistance for refugees; Repatriation of stranded and vulnerable migrants

HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ **Iraq:** IOM conducted a rapid needs assessment for **200** Syrian refugee families (approx. **1,000** individuals) in Kirkuk and IOM distributed Non-Food Items (NFIs) to **20** families (approx. **100** individuals) in Basra.
- ⇒ **Jordan:** In the past week, IOM facilitated transportation of **11,242** Syrian refugees from border areas to Za'atri camp.

Iraq Operations



Monitoring Needs/Conditions at Al-Qaim Refugee Camp. Living conditions in Al-Qaim camp (registered population of **8,805** refugees) continue to be difficult. IOM staff, who conduct daily visits to the camp, report a deterioration in health conditions with a rise in scabies infections as well as lice infections. In addition, teams report that there is an urgent need for food items, in particular, 60 tons of bread flour. There are food and shelter shortages as the camp is operating at near full capacity. Humanitarian partners are concerned that recent clashes in Albu Khamal, less than 14 km away from the camp, will result in a surge of new arrivals in the coming weeks.

Rapid Needs Assessment in Kirkuk. IOM teams in Kirkuk conducted a rapid needs assessment of **200** Syrian refugee families who have arrived since mid-December 2012. Most of these **200** families had crossed into Iraq and registered for assistance at Domiz camp however they left the camp due to the poor living conditions and prospect of employment in Kirkuk. Within the town of Kirkuk, the security situation is unstable and refugees find shelter where they can in improvised shelters, houses under construction, or in some cases with host families. Findings of the needs assessment indicate that refugees are in need of food, NFIs, healthcare, and legal assistance. Some refugees are engaged in daily subsistence work that includes: construction, car maintenance, and metal work.

Distribution of Non-Food Items in Basra. IOM identified and distributed NFI kits to **20** vulnerable Syrian refugee families who had relocated from Domiz camp to Basra in search of improved living conditions and employment. As of 12 February 2013, IOM has distributed **6,112** NFI kits to over **27,759** Syrian refugees and **46** kits to **250** Iraqi returnees in Iraq.

Turkey Operations



Following the field mission to Gaziantep and Kilis on 30 – 31 January 2013, IOM met with representatives from the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) to continue to discuss potential areas of cooperation where IOM could complement the Government's response. Government sources report that the total number of Syrians across the borders of Hatay and Kilis provinces increased and is estimated to be **45,000** people. Kilis container camp, located 11km from the Syrian border, currently hosts **13,469** Syrian refugees.

Jordan Operations



Emergency Transportation of Refugees. In the past week, IOM facilitated the transportation of **11,242** Syrian refugees from border areas to Za'atri camp. From 29 July 2012 to 12 February 2013, IOM has facilitated the transportation of **146,799** Syrians from border areas to Za'atri camp. The refugees arrive with what they can carry and many report that they are tired and cold. Once Syrian refugees cross the border, they are received by IOM teams at four locations.

Emergency Health Assistance upon arrival in Jordan. IOM continues to conduct pre-departure medical assessments after refugees have crossed into Jordan and before proceeding to Za'atri camp. During screenings over the past week, IOM identified **82** refugees with medical conditions who were referred to health actors for treatment upon arrival at Za'atri camp.

TB Diagnosis and Prevention Activities. Since March 2012, IOM has screened **119,382** Syrian refugees for tuberculosis (TB) and provided **52,477** Syrian refugees with TB awareness-raising activities in the camp, transit centers, and host communities in Jordan. IOM is the primary provider of TB prevention and diagnostic activities for Syrian refugees in Jordan. IOM has confirmed **42** TB cases to date, and is providing follow-up treatment for **39** cases. All patients that test positive for TB are referred to Al Noor Sanatorium, 10 km from Za'atri camp where they are provided with a treatment plan based on the Jordanian National Tuberculosis Programme. After patients are discharged from hospital, IOM health teams provide follow-up and direct observation of treatment. IOM works closely with health partners operating clinics within the camp who refer all suspected cases to IOM for diagnostic investigation and referral.

Security situation. The security situation within Al-Qaim camp has further deteriorated during the reporting period as demonstrations were reported on a daily basis. Residents are protesting against poor living conditions including lack of access to water and intermittent electricity supply. On Sunday 10 February, a storehouse located in the northern sector of the camp, was attacked while aid workers were distributing relief items.

Donor engagement. A twenty-member EU delegation visited a number of important sites related to IOM Jordan's Syria Emergency Response Program on 12 February 2013. The delegation visited Za'atri camp, Mafraq Transit Center, a border management center, and a border crossing on the Jordanian/Syrian border.

brief Syrian refugees who are provided with transportation assistance to reach Za'atri camp from the Syrian/Jordanian border. **Below** - A Syrian woman and her son take shelter within a partly constructed house in Kirkuk, Iraq. **Photos supplied by IOM missions in Jordan and Iraq, © IOM 2013**



Above - IOM staff interview Syrian refugees from in Kirkuk as part of a rapid needs assessment of 200 families. **Middle** - IOM staff



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