



**Top left** - Newly arrived Syrians waiting to register in Domiz camp, Iraq. **Bottom Left** - Syrian refugees in Za'atri camp, Jordan. In the past week, the movement of Syrian refugees crossing the border into Jordan decreased. **Right** - A Lebanese returnee receiving a winter kit from IOM staff. On 27-28 March, IOM distributed winter kits and shelter support items to **90** Lebanese returnee families © IOM 2013

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ **Jordan:** In the past week, IOM facilitated the transportation of **8,363** Syrian refugees. Since July 2012, IOM has provided transport assistance to **229,657** Syrian refugees.
- ⇒ **Lebanon:** On 27-28 March, IOM distributed **612** winter kits and **468** shelter support items to **90** Lebanese returnee families (**450** individuals).
- ⇒ **Iraq:** Between 19-25 March, IOM conducted a rapid needs assessment of **10** Syrian families currently living in Karbala city.
- ⇒ **Turkey:** From 22 to 26 March, **12** stranded migrants from Ethiopia (**1**), Belarus (**4**) and Moldova (**7**) completed rapid screening, registration and fitness-to-travel checks and were assisted for repatriation back to their countries of origin.

### 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
-  Livelihood support

## IOM COUNTRY OPERATIONS

### Jordan Operations



**Emergency Transportation of Refugees:** The movement of Syrian refugees crossing the border into Jordan decreased as **8,363** Syrian refugees arrived during the past week, compared to the **11,584** Syrian refugees who arrived during the previous reporting period. To date, IOM has facilitated the transportation of **229,657** Syrians from border areas to Za'atri Camp. IOM's Emergency Response team has been working in full operational capacity and continues to provide emergency transportation services to arriving refugees under difficult and, at times, dangerous conditions in coordination and cooperation with partner agencies and local authorities.



Above - Syrian refugees at IOM reception area in Za'atri camp © IOM 2013

**Emergency Health Assistance upon arrival in Jordan:** During the reporting period, **91** individuals with medical conditions, requiring immediate referral or treatment at Za'atri camp health clinics, were assisted by IOM. Since 29 July, IOM has assisted **1,941** individuals for further treatment upon arrival at the camp.

**TB Diagnosis and Prevention Activities:** During the past week, IOM's medical team in Za'atri camp confirmed **41** tuberculosis (TB) cases and is providing follow-up treatment for these cases. In addition, IOM is currently investigating **41** suspected TB cases and screening people who have been in contact with the confirmed cases. Since March 2012, IOM has screened **199,980** Syrians for TB and provided **67,588** Syrians with TB

awareness-raising activities in the camp, transit centres, and host communities in Jordan.

**General Situation in Za'atri camp:** Although the number of Syrian refugees crossing the Jordanian border decreased during the past week, concerns related to the water supply system in Za'atri camp and in host communities still remain.

### Iraq Operations



**Rapid needs assessment in Karbala city:** From 19 to 25 March, IOM conducted a rapid needs assessment of **10** Syrian families currently living in Karbala city. There are currently around **13** Syrian families (**58** individuals) in Karbala. A majority of the families arrived in Iraq mid-2012 through the Alwaledd crossing point. They entered Iraq with a tourist visa and headed to Karbala to seek asylum due to the security situation in Syria.

#### Key findings include:

- The Syrian families in Karbala are living either in hotels (paid by religious bodies), mosques or within the host community;
- Regularization of the status of the Syrian refugee families is taking a long time partially due to their entry into Iraq with a tourist visa;
- Syrian refugees find it difficult to access health and education services;
- The families reported access to health services as a priority as many of them are in need of medical assistance, including medicine for chronic diseases. They also reported the need for clothes and non-food items (NFIs);
- The families mentioned that they are receiving some financial support from religious societies, however, it is insufficient to cover their needs.



Above - IOM staff talk with a Syrian refugee family in Karbala city © IOM 2013

## (Iraq cont.)

**Vulnerability assessments:** on 25 March, IOM teams started vulnerability assessments of Syrian families in Kirkuk in coordination with UNHCR, and of Iraqi returnees and Syrian refugees in Nenawa, in coordination with Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoDM) and Sunni endowment (a governmental institute that manages the affairs of Mosques). These assessments will determine which beneficiaries are eligible to receive NFI assistance.

**First Aid Training for Syrian refugees:** IOM completed first aid trainings for **27** Syrians (**8** men and **19** women) on 26 March. The trainees were selected from different areas of Domiz camp and will help in providing first aid and act as first responders in the event of an emergency. The training began on 10 March and lasted for 15 days. The lectures were given by experts from the Directorate of Health in Dahuk.

## Lebanon Operations

**Transportation assistance:** During the current reporting period, **186** Syrian refugees were provided with transport assistance to transit through Lebanon for resettlement. IOM is preparing to provide transit assistance to **152** refugees by the end of March and **589** refugees who are scheduled to leave Syria in April for resettlement.



Above - Distribution of winter kits to Lebanese returnees © IOM 2013

**NFI Distribution:** On 27-28 March, IOM distributed **612** winter kits and **468** shelter support items to **90** Lebanese returnee families (**450** individuals) in central and west Bekaa, and Hermel. IOM is coordinating with NGOs and municipalities for another NFI distribution in early April to Saida, Tyre and Bint Jbeil districts.

## Turkey Operations

**Repatriation assistance for Stranded Migrants:** From 22 to 26 March, **12** stranded migrants from Ethiopia (**1**), Belarus (**4**) and Moldova (**7**) completed rapid screening, registration and fitness-to-travel checks and were assisted to repatriate back to their countries of origin. IOM provided the migrants with accommodation, food, medical assistance and travel arrangements. IOM Turkey is currently following up with IOM Damascus to assist a Vietnamese stranded migrant. Since the beginning of 2013, IOM Turkey has assisted in the repatriation of **20** stranded migrants arriving from Syria and a total of **64** stranded migrants since the beginning of the crisis in Syria.



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