

SITUATION REPORT

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Top left: Beneficiaries of a vocational training program practice newly acquired skills in Domiz camp; these young women are training to become hair stylists. **Top right:** an instructor provides a practical demonstration to apprentice seamstresses; through the program IOM will provide 520 Syrian refugees in Duhok and Erbil with the opportunity to build their self-reliance through acquiring new, marketable skills. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq)

HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ **Jordan:** During the current reporting period, IOM facilitated the transportation of **9,281** Syrian refugees to Za'atri camp and Emirates Jordanian Camp (EJC).
- ⇒ **Iraq:** IOM has completed skills profiles for **246** Syrian refugees (**148** in Domiz camp, **63** in Duhok and **53** in Erbil); in total **520** young Syrian refugees will receive training and assistance to improve their livelihood options.

IOM COUNTRY OPERATIONS

Iraq Operations

Vulnerability Assessments: Since March 2013, IOM has completed vulnerability assessments of **711** Syrian refugee families and **166** Iraqi returnee families in Erbil, Anbar and Nenawa. Through the assessments, the most vulnerable families are identified and these families will receive NFIs through a distribution scheduled for the end of May. IOM teams are working with local authorities to select the distribution sites. To communicate NFI distribution, IOM works through direct contact with eligible families and when the household does not have a phone, IOM work closely with community leaders to communicate key information regarding the distributions.

Building resilience for out-of-camp Syrian Refugee Communities in Duhok and Erbil: IOM is implementing a UN-HCR-funded capacity building programs to assist Syrian refugees in Duhok and Erbil. Information is gathered from economic mapping of communities with significant numbers of refugees, and an individual skills and needs assessment for each beneficiary. The information is used during counselling sessions to inform beneficiaries and to assist them to choose the appropriate option for skills development.

Iraq Operations cont.

This program is designed to allow refugees to develop sources of income which will enable them to obtain a degree of financial independence. For many, this is the first opportunity to earn wages/income since they fled Syria and abandoned businesses and jobs. Thus far, IOM has completed skills profiling for **246** Syrian refugees (**148** in Domiz camp, **63** in Duhok and **53** in Erbil) to map out the general skills profile of refugees in these areas and to mark the individual skill sets of the beneficiaries who are identified for vocational training or those who are eligible for financial support to set up small businesses.

Since February 2013, **6** beneficiaries are being trained to operate/manage grocery shops and internet cafes. In total **20** beneficiaries will receive on-the-job training after which they will receive a start-up business kit. **100** refugees who demonstrate an interest in starting their own business will be provided with training in business management and the first **12** beneficiaries are already attending training courses in Domiz Camp. IOM is working with partners based in Domiz to identify facilities (rooms, caravans etc.) that beneficiaries can use as the premises to set-up their small businesses.

Out of **200** planned beneficiaries of vocational training, **86** refugees (**70** in Domiz camp and **16** in Erbil) are registered for vocational training. These beneficiaries are in the process of selecting areas for training based on personal interest, advice provided by experts and on an assessment of the local market economy. Most refugees are requesting training in computer and book-keeping skills as they have completed secondary, and in some cases tertiary education and they are looking for skilled jobs in the construction and hospitality sectors. Both sectors are growing in the Kurdish region. Vocational training in computer technology will begin in mid-May.

Facilitating Training and Capacity Building of Refugees: IOM, in partnership with UNHCR, constructed the Community Access Technology (CTA) Centre in Domiz camp in December 2012. IOM is managing the CTA by organizing and administering trainings, awareness- raising sessions and events. From January to March, IOM conducted trainings on fire prevention, first aid, and business management (as part of the Vocational Training Program). IOM has also assisted partners to conduct training of teachers (UNICEF), training of field staff on health issues (MSF), awareness-raising on gender-based violence (IRC) and life-skills training (UNFPA). In addition to running awareness-raising and capacity building workshops, the centre offers free internet access to refugees for ten hours a day (**655** refugees have made use of this service).



Top: Beneficiaries, that opted to become hair stylists, attend a training course organized by IOM in Dahouk. **Above:** residents of Domiz camp can go online in the Community Access Technology Center administrated by IOM. © IOM 2013 (Photo: IOM Iraq)

Jordan Operations



Emergency Transportation of Refugees: During the current reporting period, IOM facilitated the transportation of **9,093** Syrian refugees to Za'atri camp and **188** Syrian refugees to Emirates Jordanian Camp (EJC). To date, IOM has facilitated the transportation of **291,281** Syrians from border areas (Thnebe) to Za'atri camp and EJC camp.



Emergency Health Assistance upon Arrival in Jordan:

During the reporting period, **123** 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 **2,684** individuals for further treatment upon arrival at the camp.

Immunizations of New Arrivals:

On 16 April, IOM's medical team started an immunization campaign against measles and polio, in addition to providing Vitamin A supplements in Za'atri camp. As of 30 April, IOM has vaccinated **26,510** Syrian refugees; **4,463** were vaccinated against polio, **17,779** against measles and **4,268** were provided with Vitamin A supplements.

Tuberculosis (TB) Diagnosis and Prevention Activities:

During the past week, IOM's medical team in Za'atri camp confirmed one new TB case and is providing follow-up treatment for the case. Since March 2012, IOM has treated **50** cases of TB, screened **261,722** Syrians for TB and provided TB awareness-raising activities to **75,034** Syrians in the camp, transit centres, and host communities in Jordan.

Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM):

IOM's main role in the EJC camp is to provide orientation and reception services to new arrivals, establish on-site governance and community participation mechanisms, and provide technical support to the UAE Red Crescent in camp coordination and camp management. IOM continues to provide transportation and reception services to refugees in Za'atri camp.



Top: IOM staff and volunteers provide tea and water to new arrivals to Za'atri camp as many refugees arrive tired and thirsty after days of travelling. **Above:** The IOM reception area becomes a refuge from the sun for refugees waiting to occupy tents inside Za'atri camp.

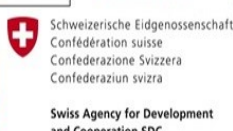
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