



Syria Crisis Response

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OVERVIEW of the reporting period



630 families assisted through the provision of NFI kits and supplementary kits.

NFI

4,300 non-food items distributed.



14,400 items distributed in supplementary kits in Domiz Camp.



Ongoing livelihood assistance in Dahuk, Domiz Camp, and Erbil.



Joint Field Assessment to address border movement and transportation needs.



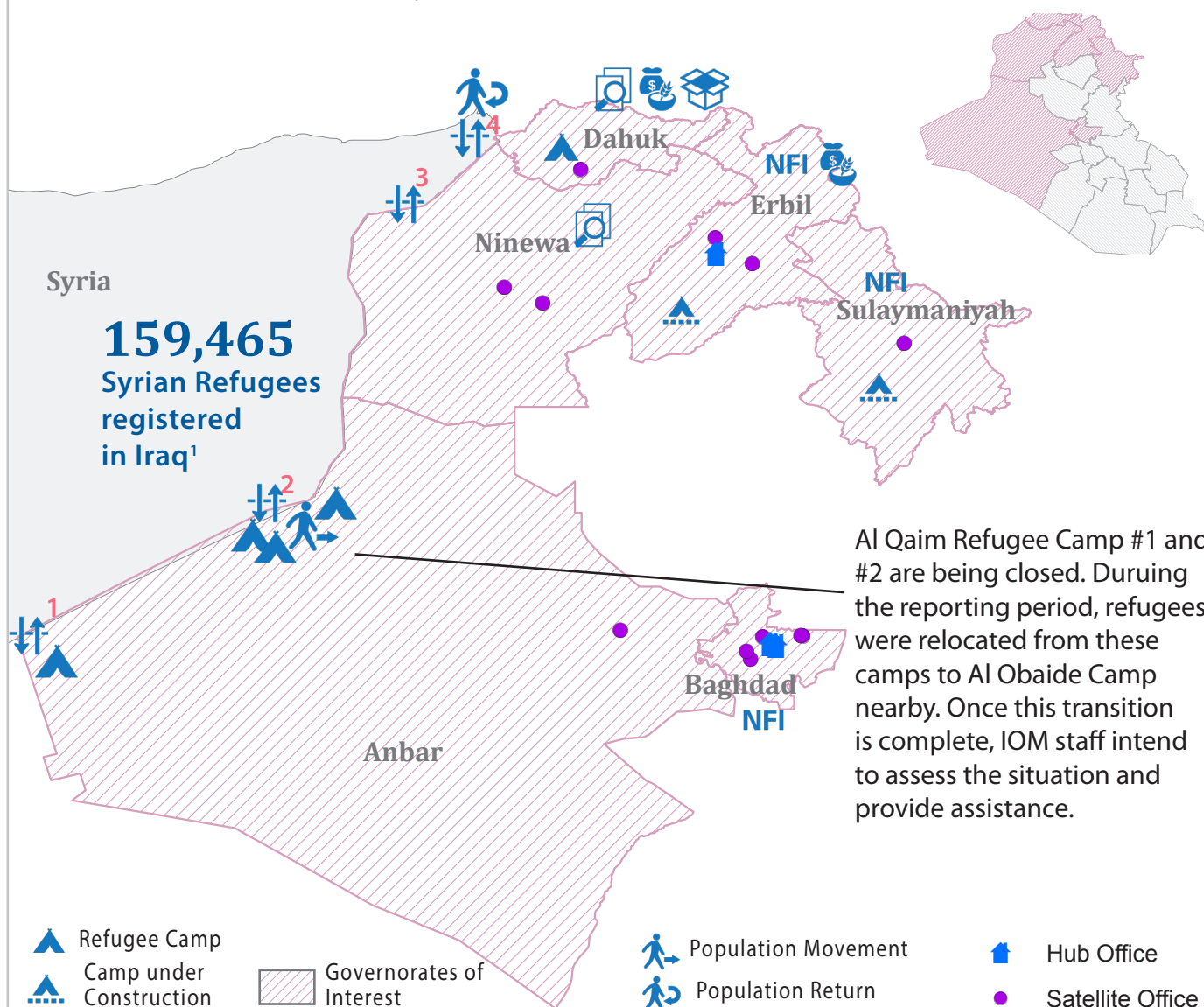
official border crossings:

Closed since 2 Mar **Crossing point 1:**
Al-Tanaf and Al-Waleed
(Open for Iraqi returnees)

Closed since 21 Oct **Crossing point 2:**
Albu-Kamal and Al-Qaim

Closed since 2 Mar **Crossing Point 3:**
Al-Yarubia and Al-Rabia

Open **Crossing Point 4:**
Faysh Khabur
(Open for Syrian returnees)



¹ 1 July 2013, UNHCR. More information and statistics available at <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees>.

PROGRAM UPDATES from the reporting period



Livelihood Assistance in Erbil

IOM's livelihood assistance, including trainings, kits, and grants, supports psychosocial well-being and promotes self-reliance for the most vulnerable Syrian refugees.

40 beneficiaries enrolled in Vocational Training.

8 additional business plans approved.

6 Syrian refugees enrolled in On-the-Job Training.

30 In-Kind Grants distributed to support the establishment of small businesses.



Distributions

50 Syrian refugee families and 50 Iraqi returnee families in Erbil

50 Syrian refugee families in Sulaymaniyah

30 Syrian refugee families and 50 Iraqi returnee families in Baghdad



In Domiz Camp, IOM is distributing supplementary kits to those who have either already received NFI items from IOM or for those who are going to receive NFIs from other agencies.

1 cooler
1 rechargeable fan
1 set of plastic containers
1 set of sanitary items
1 towel



1 supplementary
Kit

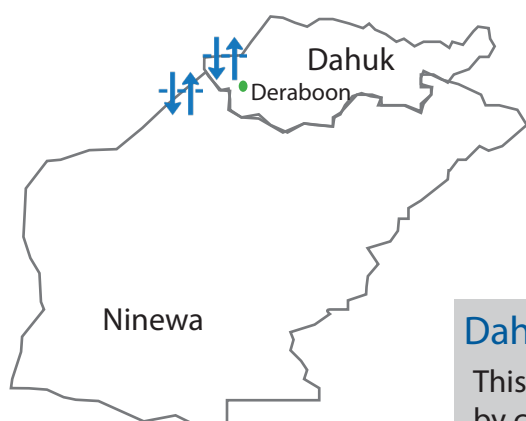
These kits are smaller than NFI kits, but aim to meet specific needs. For example, kits include weather-specific items and items not being distributed by other agencies.



Joint Field Assessment

on 27 June 2013

IOM and UNHCR staff, in order to better assess transportation assistance needs, visited Sehela, an illegal border crossing; Faysh Khabur, a legal border crossing; and Deraboon, a village close to both.



Ninewa: Sehela

Refugees must walk 2-3 km to cross the border. The border has been closed since 19 May. The infrastructure is very basic.

Dahuk: Faysh Khabur

This border is only open for Syrian returnees. The infrastructure is fairly adequate. There is a bank, customs, boats to move across the river, etc.

Dahuk: Deraboon

This village is 10 minutes by car from Faysh Khabur and 20 minutes by car from Sehela. There is a UNHCR de-registration center for Syrian refugees who wish to return to Syria. Reportedly, an average of 300 individuals per day are registering.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES



NFI Distributions

Syrian refugees and Iraqi returnees from Syria will receive 151 kits in Najaf, Ninewa, and Kerbala.



Supplementary Kit Distributions

Ongoing distributions will take place in Domiz Camp until the end of July.

Stitching Together a New Life

Qimat Khalil Abdo, along with her husband and two children, fled Syria in March 2012 in search of safety in Iraq. They settled in Domiz camp in Dahuk. Her husband's wage as an electrician was not enough to support the family and their future looked uncertain.

Qimat is now earning a wage, following a month-long sewing course provided by IOM in May 2013. IOM livelihood support continues to alleviate dependency on aid and improves self-reliance for refugee households/communities.



Qimat started off making clothes for her children and, as her confidence and ability grew she began making clothes for other people in the camp. This has provided much needed extra income for the family and a valuable service to the camp's residents.

IOM's sewing course presented the opportunity for Qimat, along with 19 other people in the camp, to acquire the skills and knowledge needed for a professional, paid vocation providing a sustainable income to help support their families.

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