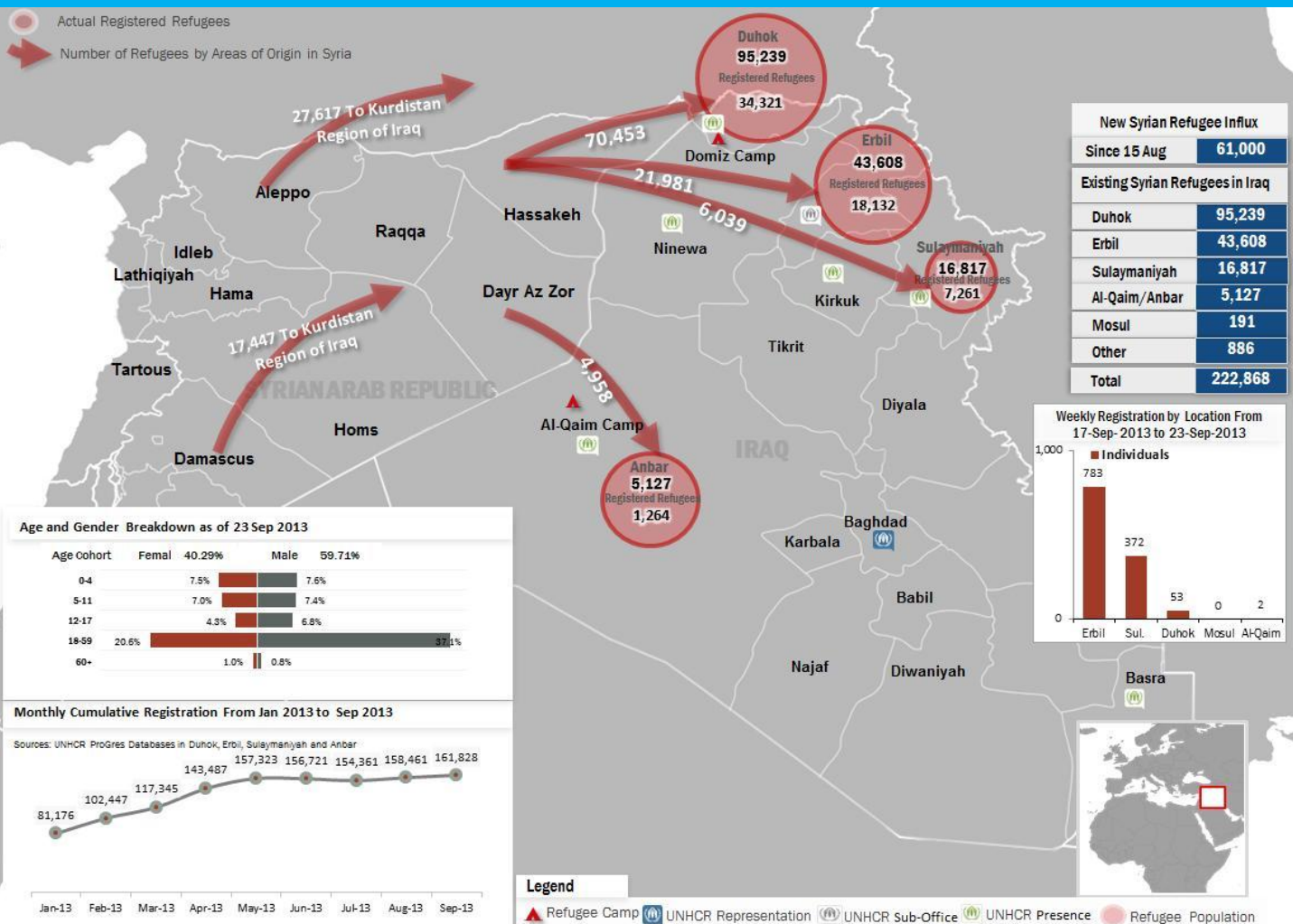


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UNHCR Iraq

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161,500

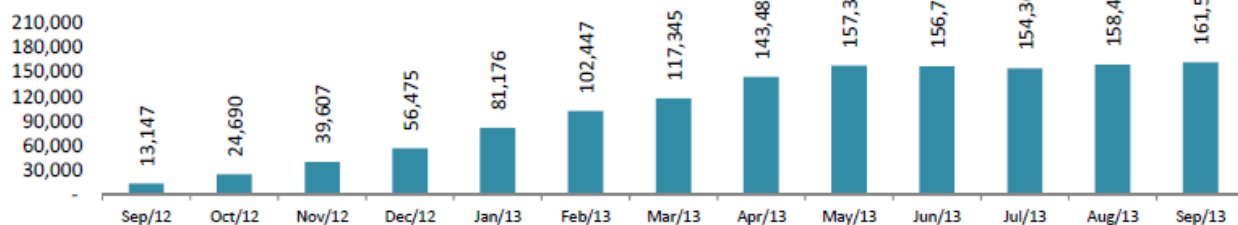
Households
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UNHCR Registration Trends for Syrians

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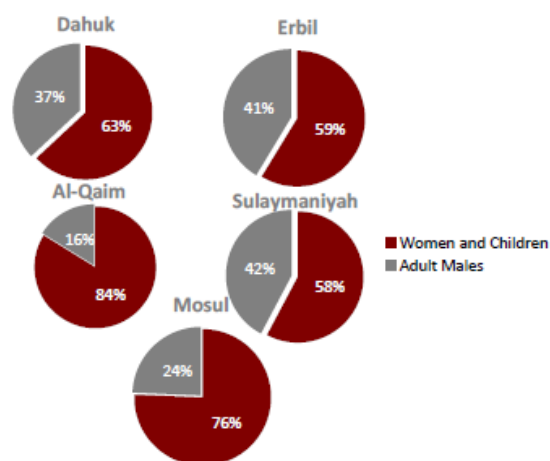
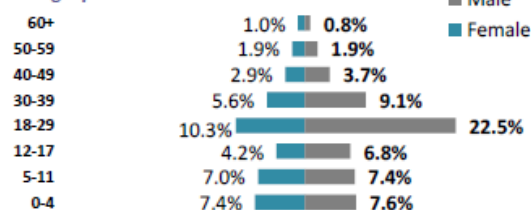
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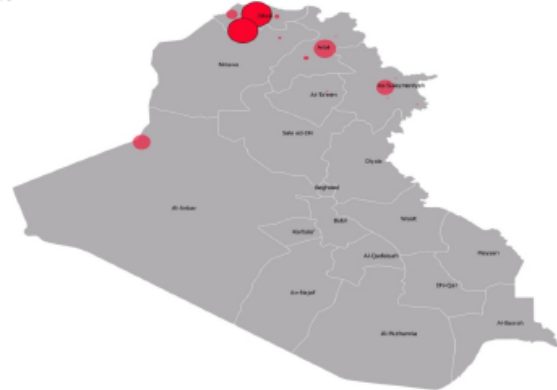


This profile is based on **161,500** proGres registered persons
and **61,000** estimated population crossed the border after 15 Aug 2013
The total is **222,500** individuals

Demographic Breakdown



Location of the Registration



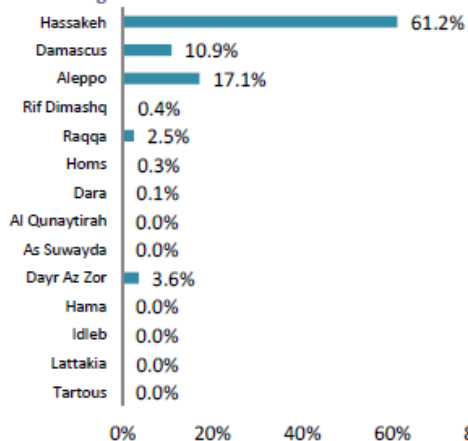
Governorate	Persons	Households	% Total
Dahuk*	95,942	34,614	43.1%
Erbil	42,838	17,844	19.3%
Sulaymaniah	16,557	7,187	7.4%
Anbar	5,126	1,265	2.3%
Mosul	191	54	0.1%
Other	846	315	0.4%
** Level 1 Registration	29,357	7,731	13.2%
*** Estimated waiting for Registration	31,643	8,333	14.2%
Total Iraq	222,500	77,343	100.0%

* Includes Syrians registered in Domiz Camp

** Only age and gender break down is captured

*** Estimated figures entered the country after 15-Aug 2013 and are waiting for registration

Place of origin



Camps	Persons	House holds
Domiz**	87,729	30,465
Al-Obaidi Camp	1,981	409
Kawergosk Camp	12,272	3,338
Baharka Camp	3,545	857
Qushtapa Camp	3,752	829
Arbat Camp	2,395	683
Akre	2,023	674
Bardarash	1,487	434
Qasrok	526	161
Zakho	790	218
Basirma Camp	2,567	537
Total	119,067	38,605

Prepared by Erbil Data Management Associate

** Note that this figure reflects the number of refugees registered in Domiz Camp. However, a substantial number of refugees relocated out of the camp. The camp population is estimated to be 45,000.

1. Highlights

- **Peshkapor and Sehela borders remain closed** since September 6th, (for elections on 22nd) with no indication as to when they will re-open
- There are now **222,500 Syrians in Iraq**
- **Four permanent camps** will be established in Erbil Governorate: Kawergosk, Dara Shakran, Basirma, and Qushtapa
- The **transfer of refugees to Darashakran** camp will begin on Sunday September 29th
- Government authorities began **providing residency permits in Kawergosk** camp
- The Dashboard, highlighting results from August is now available on the web portal

2. Border update

Al Qa'im

The Iraqi border point has remained closed since 6 September. Medical care continues to be provided to Syrians at the clinic on the Iraqi side of the border on a daily basis; once treated they return back to Syrian territory.

Kurdistan Region

The Peshkapor Crossing Point remains restricted except for few extremely vulnerable Syrians nationals who have been given access to enter the Kurdistan region on an exceptional basis.

Meanwhile, prior to the elections in the Kurdistan region, authorities decided to close the Sehela crossing point to ensure security during the election period. The border remains closed, without any clear indication on when it will reopen. Authorities at the border report that there are no more than 100 persons waiting on the other side, however there may be families staying in nearby villages waiting for the re-opening of the border.

Despite the closure of the border, DoH maintained required medicines and logistical support at the border point including an ambulance and transportation by vehicle for refugees unable to cross the border by foot, in coordination with the MSF team on the other side.

MSF mobile medical teams also continue to be on standby and ready to provide additional support across the border with two mobile health teams working to provide required emergency health services in cooperation with DoH teams.

3. Response by sector and location (transit/registrations areas and camps)

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

Al Qa'im

The number of Syrian refugees in Al Obaidy Camp is 410 cases (1960) individuals, a further 845 cases (3092) individuals are settled in non-camp settings in the town of Al Qa'im. September 22, UNHCR Al Qa'im Field Unit started the renewal of asylum seeker certificates for camp based refugees using the new certificate template .

A return movement of 87 Syrians was underway on 18 September with UNHCR, MoMD, IRW and the Iraqi military. While en route to the Syrian/Iraqi the movement was cancelled due to raised security threats related to improvised explosive devices (IEDs) being located along the roadside.



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Currently, there have been 1299 cases (6016) individuals who have returned to Syria from the Al Qa'im border. UNHCR continues to monitor the return movement by providing exit interviews to ensure refugees are making an informed decision before they cross back into Syria.

Child Protection: CFS and YFS activities have continued as usual, currently most activities engage the children in planning the day to give them the opportunity to select their favourite activities. The awareness sessions carried out by social workers focused on the medical conditions that the children may face due to the weather change and recent hepatitis infections.

Youth Technical Skills Training: The total number of youth who have participated is 148 (84 females & 64 males). The participants receive six hours of weekly theoretical and practical training on various vocations. This project has been extended to the end of October to give the trainees the chance to complete the training curriculum and enhance their skills.

Legal assistance continues for refugees including documentation for births, deaths, marriages, and divorces.



Youth Technical Skills Training @ SCI/Muhamad

Kurdistan Region

During the reporting period, UNHCR and its partners completed Level 1 registration for 795 newly-arrived Syrian refugees at the various sites and locations around the KRG, taking the total number of refugees registered since the influx began on 15 August to 30,152.

Protection monitoring activities were undertaken in all camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. In protection interviews, key reasons for leaving Syria were mainly linked to breakdown of social services, general insecurity, and some individual persecution claims in the area of origin.

Protection partners identified in the camps received protection training by UNHCR staff in Kawergosk and Basirma in the past week. Recipients showed great interest and participated in group work and question and answer sessions with enthusiasm. An additional training will be conducted for police and Assayash this week. In coordination with the OHCHR, UNHCR will be one of the presenters on protection issues at the upcoming regular trainings for police and military at the police academy in Erbil.

A two-day child Protection training focusing on the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) was by held during the reporting period by UNICEF, with the participation of UNHCR protection officers. So far, there has been no identification of reportable cases, however it is important to raise awareness of the MRM.

Moreover, a total of **274** cases comprising of **568** Syrians (all registered with UNHCR) have voluntarily returned to Syria during the week. During the reporting period a total of **1,216** Syrians that were not registered with UNHCR also returned back from the KR to Syria. This brings the total number of non-registered Syrians to Syria since May 2013 to **11,059 persons**.

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Camps

Government authorities advised that 6,000 residents of Kawergosk received their ID cards that had been confiscated at the border during the first days of the influx after 15 August. The distribution is being carried out by the Zhyia Organization, under the monitoring of UNHCR. should be finished in the next few days.

Government authorities also started the producing residency permits within the Kawergosk camp. Each permit is valid for a six month period with the possibility of extension. Individual residency permits will be issued for all persons over the age of 15. Those under the age of 15 will be included in the permits of the parents. However, residency permits will only be issued to those registered with UNHCR that have undergone Asayash screening.

New arrivals in Arbat transit camp continue to be registered under the format of level one registration. The protection team in Arbat initiated the Registration verification and SPN mapping exercise, which is pertinent in that many residents have left the camp and systems for level 2 registration are not yet operational. Thus far, approximately 270 tents have been visited in the camp with the assistance of the implementing partner, CDO/PARC's mobile teams. The Protection team is still pending SPN mapping reports from CDO/PARC's mobile teams in order to consolidate the findings of the exercise. However, due to missing SPN reports, so tents would need to be revisited.

During the reporting period, five families with a total of 19 individuals and three singles have been registered. As at 23 September 2013, a total number of 2,461 individuals have been registered in the Camp, among which are 412 Syrian families and 67 Syrian Roma families (totally 376 individuals of Syrian Roma origin), and 223 Syrian single persons. There are also newly arrived single persons who joined their families in the camp. In such case, they are registered under their respective families.

Transit sites

New arrivals by location and numbers:

Governorate	Location	Registered Population - persons, as at 23/9/13*	Estimated population awaiting registration – persons, as at 23/9/13
Erbil	Kawergosk Camp	12,399	0
	Bahrka Warehouse	3,545	0
	Qushtapa temporary site (formerly referred to as Kawa)	3,752	0
	Basirma temporary site	3,091	0
Sulaymaniyah	Arbat temporary facility	2,395	0
Dohuk	Akra Castle	2,023	0
	Badarash (youth centre & football field)	1, 605	0
	Qasrouk	552	0
	Zarkho	790	0
	People outside transit areas		30,800 (estimate)
	TOTAL	30,152	

* These figures include 1,611 individuals across the sites who were already registered with UNHCR prior to the influx.

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✓ Mass Information

Mass information is currently establishing mechanisms to ensure a long term provision of information to the in-camp refugee communities in KR. MI has started with the fast deployment of some 150 Syrian refugee volunteers in 4 camps in Erbil (Kawergosk, Baharka, Qushtapa and Basirma). The volunteers supported by informing the communities of the modalities and procedures the UNHCR level 1 registration. In addition, FAQs were prepared and cleared by KRG and the volunteers are disseminating the information on a tent-to-tent and road-to-road basis with the help of loudspeakers. UNHCR is working with ACTED and UPP for the deployment and monitoring of the volunteers.

The UNHCR MI team is also supporting the CS team in all camps by collecting EVI statistics and information, particularly the critical cases in need of urgent support (mainly health).

The team is working towards establishing the following mechanisms in the permanent camps

- Camp information centre, which will also be suitable for community activities;
- Public announcement system in the entire camp (megaphone networks); and,
- Dissemination of information through text messages on mobile phones (sms)

✓ Shelter / infrastructure

Al Qa'im

UNHCR Iraq Operation will send a site planner to Al Obaidy Camp on a mission to assess the camp before the beginning of the rainy season (winter) upon concerns received from refugees in this respect. The site planner is expected to arrive in early October.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

There will be four permanent camps in Erbil Governorate: Kawergosk, Dara Shakran, Basirma, and Qushtapa. The population from other sites will be transferred to Darashakran, beginning on Sunday September 29th, but they will however remain open as reception centers should an influx occur. The Governor of Erbil ensured that the Baharka warehouse will be renovated to this end.

The collection of storm water has been flagged as an issue in the Kawergosk camp. UNHCR is liaising with government authorities as well as UNICEF, ACTED and other agencies to resolve this issue. At the same time, grey water from bathroom and kitchens is reportedly collecting in a section of the camp being prepared for the setting up of the temporary school. UNHCR will also look at this issue. UNHCR's partner ACTED is looking at carrying out small scale maintenance in Kawergosk camp. ACTED is in the process of putting in place maintenance teams by next week. Meanwhile, UNHCR is concerned about an increasing fire hazard created by the use of kerosene cookers by refugees inside the warehouse. UNHCR, security officials and the Barzani Charity Foundation have all informed the refugees to avoid the use of kerosene cookers inside the warehouse, but to no avail.

Domiz Camp Reception Centre:

66 families with (293) individuals and 106 singles are currently living in the R.C, of which 50 families are Arabs. 72 families with (314) individuals and 127 singles entered the R.C since 12 of September and 6 families with (14) individuals and 121 singles left.

Transit 6:

- The site will be ready for relocation as of 23rd September, with sanitation, electricity facilities available
- Water will be trucked in by DMC until the water network is developed
- 203 families will be relocated starting 24th September (54 families currently in the Reception Centre; 90 from the area now designated for DMC Offices and Community Structures; and 59 from the assessed vulnerable cases)

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Transit 7:

- The new contractor will start work on the remaining section by 26th September and is expected to complete the work within one month

Phase 6:

- Water network is 90% complete
- Electricity is 75% complete
- The excavating, digging and building of septic tanks and fixing the toilets and showers did not start yet. KURDS has been approved by UNHCR to start works on sanitation facilities, tent slabs and kitchen units, by 30th September and complete by 30 November, two months before the site is ready for occupation

Ongoing projects in the camp by partners:

- Construction of Secondary school by IRC in transit 7, with enrolment capacity of 1000 (2 sessions/day) has been completed and awaiting for teachers to start
- UNICEF increased enrolment capacity at the primary school and enrolment will start soon.
- Child Friendly space by Save the Children in Transit 7 has been completed
- The 4,000 m² primary school with 24 classes being built by PWJ and UNICEF, next to R.C is 70% completed, it is expected to be completed by 31st of October.
- Construction of the health center in the 60 meter road in Transit 7 has started

In Gawilan camp, 470 tents were installed and refugees from Bardarash Youth Centre and Bardarash Stadium to be moved to this site within a week. Plastic sheeting has been requested for all tents. An additional 270 tents are required for Gawilan Transit; UNHCR will provide them. Refugees at Akre will remain there for the time being. The Government and KURDS have been identified to develop the main Gawilan camp.

In Qasrok, 220 tents were installed, however WASH infrastructure and facilities need to be completed before relocating the population from Qasrok Youth Centre.

In Arbat, construction of the road leading to the site of the permanent camp began on 7 September 2013 and remains ongoing. UNHCR site planner is expected to visit the site on 24 September to solve some issues related to the grading studies. It is hoped that the construction of the permanent camp will take place once the issue is resolved.

Transit sites

Approximately 500 tents were erected in the transit Camp in Arbat during the initial phase of the set up. However, many tents had since collapsed or been vandalized; most of the tents in section K collapsed. KURDS was reluctant to rebuild the collapsed tents, partly due to missing parts that were stolen and partly because empty tents would only invite further vandalism. To put an end to the problem of vandalism, UNHCR held a sensitization meeting with the refugee heads of sectors on 20 September 2013. The leaders were recently elected in the camp. Refugees admitted that some camp residents had been taking away parts of empty tents for their own use. Refugees leaders promised to sensitize residents of their own sectors, while UNHCR undertook to meet with the Roma communities.

At Bajid Kandala transit, installation of tents by the government began and relocations from the temporary sites in ZAKHO will start next week. The transit site has capacity for 1,200 Individuals. The Government have office structures on site with an appointed manager. In terms of services available, one well is already functioning and three more wells are in progress. Latrines and bath facilities are not yet installed. Other partners have been invited participate in the establishment of services especially WASH Facilities.

✓ *Water and Sanitation*

Al Qa'im

On 18th of September, , Save the Children (SCI) distributed Hygiene Kits for Disabled people and those with special needs in al Obaidy camps as well as people who have been



Hygiene Kits Distribution in Al Qaim @ SCI/Muhamad

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diagnosed with hepatitis; 69 hygiene kits distributed, and the process will be on going to target 29 more people in the coming days.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

In the Kawergosk camp, five tankers (25,000 litres each) are carrying out water distribution four times a day. The quality of water (chlorine/ ph levels) is being regularly tested by NRC. Currently water supply is 40 litres per day per capita (double the initial design). In addition, 17 storage units (230m3) are presently available at the camp. Two more will be set up in the more remote phases of the camp.

As at 23 September, a total of 116 latrines and 122 showers have been connected in Arbat camp. However, all latrines and showers are in need of repair. IRC hired refugee inspectors to evaluate the state of each latrine and shower and had made an assessment on their need for repair; the repairs have yet to be started. This issue has become pressing immediate follow up action by is required by the partners. Meanwhile, UNHCR WASH Officer engaged two NGOs, KENZ and Ufuq to donate ten plumber tool boxes to ten Syrian refugee qualified repair teams. The teams shall be selected by Erbil WASH team and training shall be offered where necessary. The qualified teams shall carry out reparation of latrines and showers in the camp. Upon completion of the reparation, they will be awarded with the tool boxes in return for their work. They can, then, start their own repairing business with the tools.

✓ Core Relief Items

Al Qa'im

Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) completed the distribution of kerosene to all refugees for the month of September 2013; 50 liters per family. Save the Children (SCI) resumed the distribution of remaining clothes where 201 male children received clothes and 129 female received cloths.

Kurdistan Region

Some 75 kitchen sets were dispatched by UNHCR during the reporting period. In addition, ICRC provided 400 NFI kits which were distributed in the Bardarash and Qasrok.



Clothes Distribution in Al Qaim @ SCI/Muhamad

Responding to the needs that came out from the 16-17th field mission visit by UNHCR, Qandil, UNHCR partner started on 23rd to distribute the NFIs required in the new location of Akre, Bardarash, Qasrok and Zakho. Items include, kitchen sets, water jerry cans, stoves.

Interviews conducted at the Basirma site show that the main complaint among the refugee population is the lack of core relief items distribution. UNHCR is liaising with its partner ACTED to address this issue.

✓ Food

Al Qa'im

The WFP distributed 1323 food parcel for refugees then the distribution process was interrupted due to shortage in the stock. The new shipment of food parcel which includes 8265 is expected to arrive Al Obaidy Camp on September 23, 2013 evening.

Kurdistan Region – WFP inputs

Camps



Food Distribution in Al Qaim @ WFP/Zyad

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468 monthly family rations were distributed in Arbat camp by WFP. 314 families with children aged between 6 - 12 have also received distributions from UNICEF.

Transit areas

Distribution of food parcels continued in Bardarash, Qasrok, and Akra during the reporting period.

✓ *Health*

Al Qa'im

Recently, Primary Health Centre (PHC) diagnosed five cases with hepatitis B and C. The cases were discovered through viral screening when they visited the dental clinic in Al Obaidy Camp. Screening for family members (individuals) reveals that they are not infected and vaccination started through the Al Qa'im Health Sector. Through Coordination with the UNICEF Health Facilitator, an awareness campaign was conducted on communicable diseases.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

WHO conducted a workshop in Dohuk on Early Warning Alert and Response Network (EWARN) during the reporting period, which focused on the following objectives:

1. Introducing EWARN in response to Syrian crises in the region
2. Strengthening and modifying the existed surveillance to collect data on Syrian refugees inside/outside camps
3. Building local capacity, health workers for early detection, prompt investigation and rapid response
4. Introducing Epi-Info for data collection, entry and analysis
5. Provision of regular feedback and technical guidance

EWARN EMRO team has an assessment for the camps in the three governorates (Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and Dohuk) in order to offer support and consultation to MoH of KRG during the Syrian crisis.

The health clinic at Domiz camp continues to operate by DoH and MSF and provide regular health services from 9 am to 6 pm with seven medical doctors, one gynecologist, one radiologist and two dentists working to provide required services. A total of 176 new arrivals/registering refugees aged 6 months to 25 years were vaccinated against measles (10 received Measles vaccine and 166 MMR vaccines). A total of 159 children were vaccinated with due routine vaccines as per the applied national scheduled, in addition to 43 adult received Hepatitis B vaccine; 5 pregnant women and 54 women in child bearing age (15-49 years) received Tetanus Toxoid. MSF team of 30 community health educator continues their work visiting tent to tent to provide health messages. In collaboration with IMC, a team of 14 volunteers started their work to identify any survivors of GBV that need medical care and treatment to be referred to health clinic to receive the required medical and health care and management. Mental health team continue to provide required services and a total of 40 new cases need of psychosocial support provided by MSF team in addition to follow-up of 27 old cases. In addition, DOH mental health team with the support of UPP, continued to provide required services and during the reporting period, conducting tent to tent visits to (25 families) (totally 103 persons were seen ,of them there were 68 children), with 27 cases referred to mental health unit. Also Psychological assessments and management of referred cases to mental health unite including different diagnoses (Anxiety disorders, Bed wetting, Autism, ...etc.). In addition, 43 individual sessions for new and follow up cases including individual sessions for 14 adult patients and 25 children and 4 youth (20 were new cases and 23 were follow up cases). Also four epilepsy patient received required medication.

Agreement to build PHC in the Qushtapa camp based on PHC layout for Kawergosk. MSF will run a mobile clinic 2 days a week for the camp for the first month and needs to scale up will be assessed on a regular basis

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Plans are underway for construction of a PHC in Kawergosk, however delays were encountered related to land allocation. MSF has started their activities in tents provided by UNICEF while the construction is ongoing. UNICEF launched the first immunization session in Kawergosk camp. Four volunteer nurses from the camp assisting DoH staff will carry out vaccination of children and women during two days each week. Within the first day alone, more than 200 mothers approached UNICEF to ascertain the immunization status of their children, while up to 37 children receive routine vaccinations. In addition, four women receive tetanus toxoid. In addition, UNICEF is launching new born care initiative in the Kawergosk camp. Three volunteer nurses from the camp trained by the DOH will carry out six visits for each newborn during the first month of life to promote breast feeding, immunization, and hygiene, as well as care of mothers. The nurses will also look for danger signs within babies and mothers and identify pregnant women to ensure that once they give birth, newborns are incorporated into the initiative. Meanwhile in Sulaymaniyah, UNICEF conducted a meeting with DoH to develop a plan of action against cholera.

Transit Centres

In Zakho (Bersive), Sheikhan (Qasrok), Akre and Bardarsh, DOH mobile teams are working among refugees and provide 24-hours medical services including standby ambulance for referral of urgent and needed cases to nearby hospitals. Daily more than 200 patient are treated at these sites. Preventive health teams have also started to plan their activities to fumigate the areas close by and provide required urgent vaccination and nutrition services.

The DOH also received a consignment of emergency medicines and supplies from UNICEF, including cartons of oral rehydration solutions, diarrhoeal diseases treatment kits and interagency emergency health kits.

In Basirma, a health centre is in place with a rotation of DoH doctors. MSF will run a mobile clinic 2 days per week. The Barzani Charity Foundation has provided furniture to health facility and reported that they are people in the camp with disabilities.

In Baharka, there is health centre, services and ambulances available. However sustainability is a major issue.

In the Bekhma site, UNHCR's community services team report that although one health centre and ambulance is available, there is a lack of medical care for Syrian refugees accommodated there. There is a need for more professional clinical workers and cleaning products. In addition, education officials will convert one of the houses into a school to ensure that refugee children do not fall behind. Refugees are also reportedly being provided a temporary pass for 24/48 hours to leave Bekhma and travel to Erbil for urgent cases.

Negotiations are also under way with UNHCR and other partners to coordinate provision of services for refugees in new areas and planned camps.

✓ Education

Al Qa'im

It was decided that the academic year of 2013-2014 will start on September 28, 2013. UNICEF will provide stationary for pupils whereas DoE will provide pupils with curricula.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

In Dohuk, schools are now open and are preceded by the Back to school campaign by UNICEF and Ministry of Education. Not all children could be enrolled due to limited space. Three schools under construction are at advanced stages of completion and will be ready in month of October. Around 4,375 students are attending three schools in Domiz camp, Jiyan school, (1,450), Kar school (1,260) and (1,665) in Qamishlo schools. UNICEF through local contractor is helping to keep all the three schools cleaned and health and hygiene systems are functioned properly. UNICEF, UNHCR and Education Working Group are discussing with DOE

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on how to accommodate new refugees arrivals in the existing schools, or providing with temporary school facilities.

Transit areas

NTR

✓ ***SGBV***

Al Qa'im

Through Women Listening Centre (LC) three cases were identified and they received psychological support.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

In Arbat, IRC conducted a rapid assessment on SGBV and women's needs. They organized focus group discussions with women of different ages as well as with some men. There was no report of SGBV. During the women/SGVB protection sub-working group meeting on 18 September 2013, IRC undertook to submit a comprehensive work proposal to UNHCR. One urgent infrastructure needed is a woman communal space, as many women expressed a general sense of insecurity and are reluctant to venture out of their tent. The space will serve as a foundation for any future women-protection activities and programmes. UNHCR will look into the possibility of procuring such tent.

Transit Centres

NTR

✓ ***Community services/livelihoods***

Al Qa'im

UNHCR Al Qa'im Field Unit with the support of the Refugee Community Leaders organized several sport teams in the camp and UNHCR distributed the donation of "Sportslandindia" sponsored by Samsung. The distribution of kits in the field with the support of community leaders and immediately Young PoCs started a football match with a local team was invited from hosting community. The other kit will be distributed next week between the School and CFS/YFS to ensure that all young refugees targeted.



Sport Kits Donation in Al Qaim @ UNHCR/Haitham

Kurdistan Region

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UNHCR Community Service teams continue to make regular visits to all locations accommodating the Syrian refugee population in the Kurdistan region.

Camps

In Kawergosk, community services team report that some new arrivals are saying that they have only received an incomplete kit of basic household items or are yet to receive any items at all. Families with children are in need of more blankets as the temperature is now dropping.

Transit areas

In Basirma, community services and mass information teams worked together interview vulnerable individuals among the Syrian refugee population. The teams identified a number of medical cases, separated children, persons with disabilities and elderly individuals among other categories for further assistance/ referrals.

4. Non-camp assistance

✓ Coordination

Community-based protection, monitoring and outreach activities were undertaken in the three Governorates of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. In protection interviews, key reasons for leaving Syria were mainly linked to breakdown of social services, general insecurity, and some individual persecution claims in the area of origin.

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

Al Qa'im

UNICEF Child Protection finished installing outdoor games for the CFS that has been established at a school in the local community; four staff were selected to operate the space which is attended by nearly 120 Syrian children, from both genders and thus UNICEF Child Protection decided to train the mentioned staff above and provide extra outdoor and indoor games once the school year begins in October.

Kurdistan Region

UNHCR and UNICEF undertook a joint mission to inspect five small settlements in Dohuk Governorate where around 490 Syrian refugees are living in empty buildings and empty houses, with the support of the local host community. Conditions are generally good, however some small repairs are needed along with distribution of hygiene kits and winter needs. As with many refugees living outside the camps, they are looking for job opportunities in which they can use their skills.

CSA of PARC arranged group meetings for 25 female IDPs (18-45 years old) who are residing in Zawita sub-district, another similar group meeting was organized for 25 females of Syrian new arrivals in Moquble camp. Both meetings concentrated on SGBV, women rights according to human rights and Iraqi laws, hygiene awareness and orientation.

✓ Shelter

Installation of metal frames for 12 plastic houses in Malabarawn refugee settlement have been completed, the construction work is 70 per cent in progress, drilling agriculture well completed, the submersible pump was also installed pending connection of pipes with storage tank, the overall progress of work is 70 per cent.

✓ Water and Sanitation

Kurdistan Region

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UNHCR/Qandil installed three water tanks of 1000 liters capacity each for communal latrines in Moquble Syrian Asylum seeker camp.

✓ **Core Relief Items**

NTR

✓ **Health**

Kurdistan Region

PARC has organized Health Promotion session for 30 women IDPs (18-45 years of old) in Qadia village of Zakho district, 30 hygiene kits have been distributed among the participants. Qandil Health Officer visited Meserike, Hussayniyah, Daratoo and Malabarwan refugee settlements, and some 37 medical referral cases have been identified, the cases will be shared with UNHCR protection for approval and re-imbursement.

✓ **Education**

The assessments conducted by UNHCR/UNICEF and UNHCR/UNESCO have found that up to 92 per cent of Syrian refugee students are not attending school, and that the currently available schools could accommodate about a third of the un-enrolled refugee students. UNHCR has developed a mass information campaign involving Syrian refugee and non-Syrian volunteers from the local community to support the 'Back to School' campaign that aims to ensure increased enrolment in school for Syrian refugee children living outside camps.

Nonetheless, investments in school infrastructure and facilities will need to be made to enable access to education for all Syrian refugee children.

✓ **Community services/livelihoods**

In Al Qa'im, the MoMD provided 300,000 IQD grants to non-camp refugees who had not received the grant in previous months in Al Qa'im; they also provided payment to non-camp refugees in Ana and Rawa districts. The normal grant is 100,000 IQDs for single refugees and 300,000 IQD per family.

For non -camp refugees a helpline system will be established in all PARC offices in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq KR to help strengthening the communication between UNHCR, the implementing partners and the refugees.

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Reach approved 14 small grant projects and this is now awaiting UNHCR approval for implementation.

5. Security

Al Qa'im

The overall security context in Al Qaim, located in Iraq's Anbar Governorate remains tense. Two security incidents took place during the report period one which involved the imposition of a curfew by the ISF on vehicle and personal movements in Al Qa'im after receiving information about potential VBIEDs. The curfew will continue in Al Qa'im from 9:00 pm to 5:00 am until further notice.

Kurdistan Region

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6. Coordination

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Al Qa'im

September 23, LT. Col Jazi Battalion Commander in charge of the camp security met with community leaders to discuss the recent security violation inside the camp (Writing anti-governmental slogans). On the other hand, UNHCR and IRW met with community leaders to discuss various issues related to the camp and refugees including security, basic services, etc .

Kurdistan Region

With more than 15 organizations present, the Protection Working Group, Erbil, met on 23 September. The Working Group covered all aspects of protection linked to the Syrian influx and is a key forum for feeding protection concerns into the overall interagency response in KRG.



A Health coordination body has been established in Erbil which is led by the DoH-Erbil refugee focal point. It was decided that coordination meetings will occur on the first Monday of every month.

The Education Sub-Working Group meeting was held and facilitated by UNICEF on 17 September 2013, during which the issue of hiring of teachers for the school in the Arbat Transit Camp was discussed extensively. Issue of education for young adult was raised. While UNESCO is deemed to be the best agent to offer assistance in this regard and was invited to the meeting, no representative was sent to the meeting.

Women/SGBV Sub-Group meeting was held and facilitated by UNHCR on 18 September 2013. The issue of women protection programme and empowerment was discussed. IRC undertook to submit a comprehensive plan to UNHCR while Samaritan's Purse undertook to submit a detail proposal on setting up a sewing workshop.

7. Acronyms and abbreviations

CFS	Child Friendly Space
CRI	Core Relief Items (formerly known as non-food items/ NFIs)
DDM	Department of Displacement and Migration
DMC	Development and Modification Centre
DoH	Department of Health
HOFO	Head of Field Office
HOSO	Head of Sub Office
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
KR	Kurdistan Region of Iraq
MOMD	Ministry of Migration and Displacement
PARC	Protection Assistance Reintegration Centre
PHC	Primary Health Centre

Syrian Refugees Camps / Sites in Iraq

As of 16 September 2013



Total Number of Syrian Refugees in Iraq is estimated to be around 220,000 including more than 190,000 registered.

