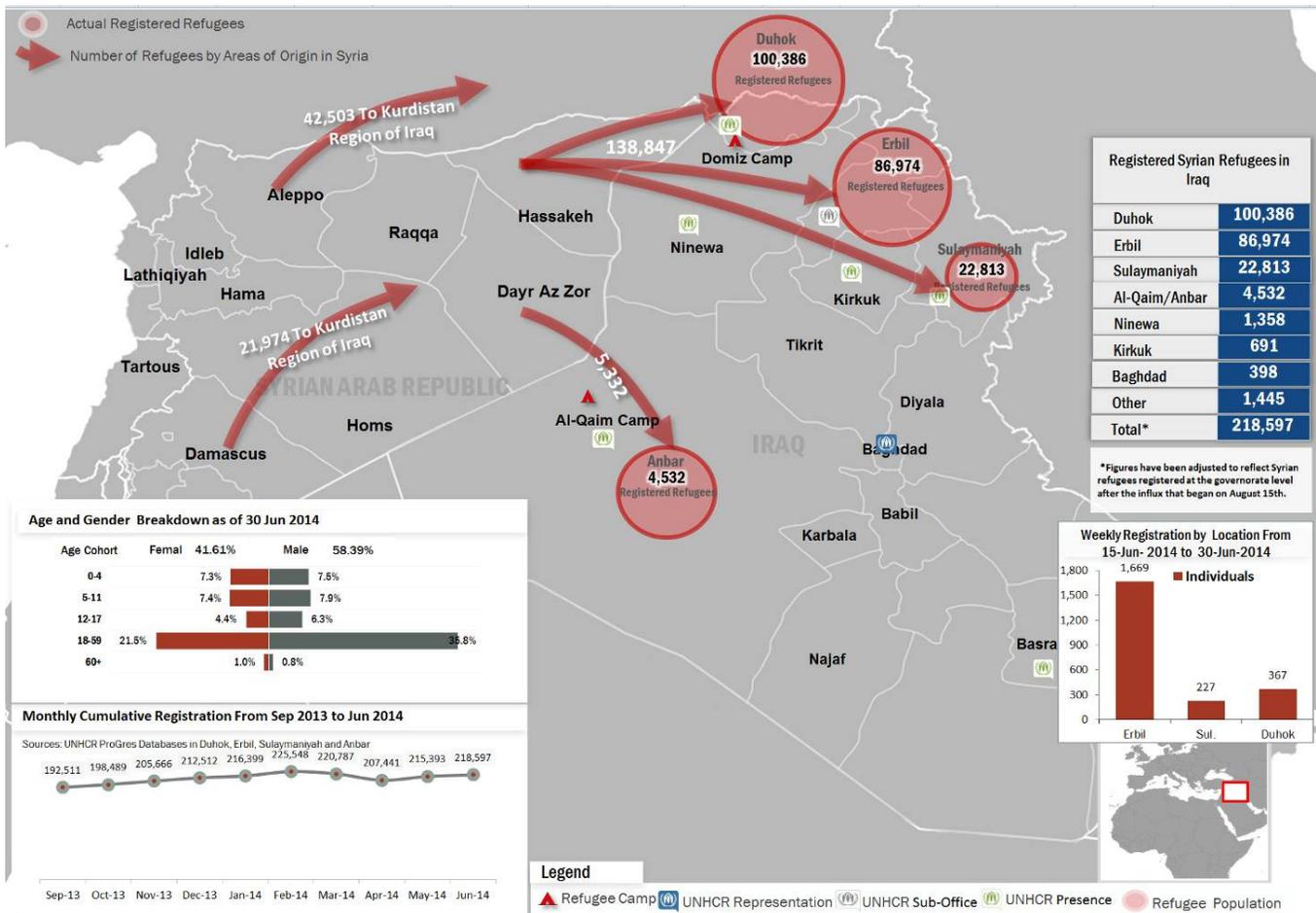


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UNHCR Registration Trends for Syrian Persons of Concern

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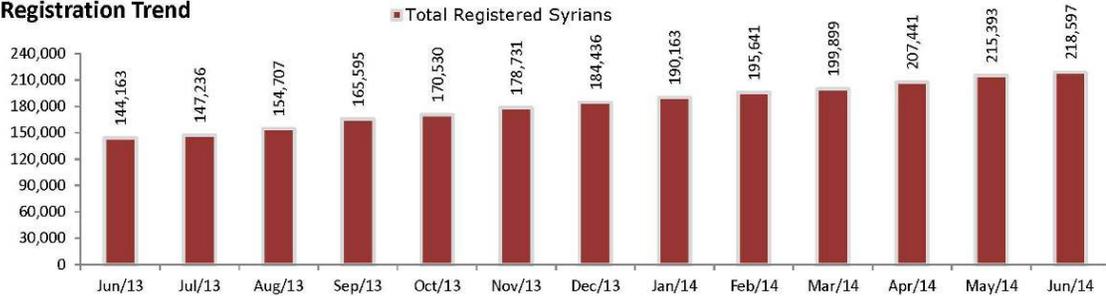
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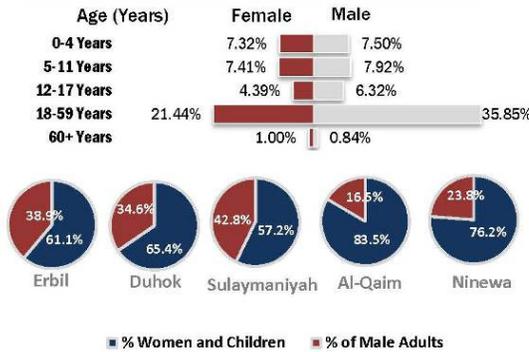
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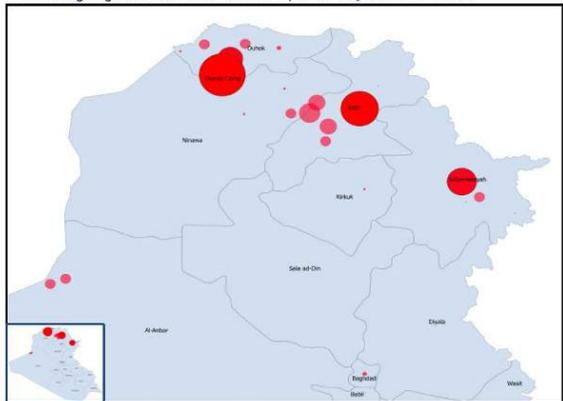
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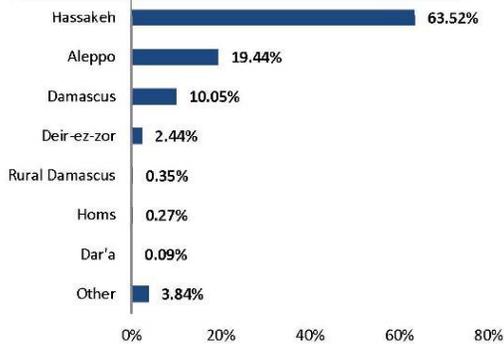
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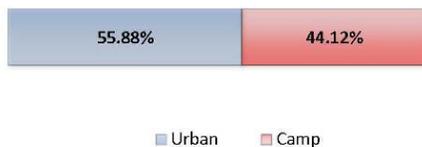
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Place of Origin



Camp and non-camp population comparison



Governorate	Individuals	Households	% Total
Duhok	100,386	33,190	45.92%
Erbil	86,974	33,852	39.79%
Sulaymaniyah	22,813	10,158	10.44%
Anbar	4,532	1,150	2.07%
Ninewa	1,358	442	0.62%
Kirkuk	691	238	0.32%
Baghdad	398	218	0.18%
Other	1,445	646	0.66%
Total Iraq	218,597	79,894	100%

Camps Registered Population			
Camp	Individuals	Households	% Total
Al-Obaidi Camp	1,536	322	1.59%
Akre Settlement	1,407	344	1.46%
Bajid Kandala			
Transit Camp	185	53	0.19%
Domiz Camp	65,041	21,360	67.44%
Gawilan Camp	2,511	644	2.60%
Basirma Camp	3,044	716	3.16%
Darashakran Camp	7,699	1,633	7.98%
Kawergosk Camp	8,935	2,339	9.26%
Qushtapa Camp	4,243	1,038	4.40%
Arbat Camp	1,842	512	1.91%
Total	96,443	28,961	100%

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1. Highlights

A series of World Refugee Day events occurred in **Erbil** city, Kawergosk, Qushtapa, Darashakran, **Duhok** city, Domiz 1, Domiz 2, Akre, Zakho and **Sulaymaniyah** city.



World Refugee Day activities in Duhok (UNHCR/ R. Hussein)

The Governor of Sulaymaniyah officially inaugurated **Arbat** Permanent Camp. The relocation of Syrian refugees from Arbat Transit Camp to the new Camp started on 25 June. By the end of the month, 250 families were relocated, and the remaining families are expected to be relocated before 10 July.



Arbat Permanent camp inauguration (UNHCR)

During the reporting period, UNHCR coordinated with the authorities to reunite 13 registered unaccompanied minors with their families, who were waiting at the Syrian side of the border (Semalka).

A fuel shortage across the KRI continues to be a challenge for UNHCR and partners.

“A Syrian with an entrepreneurial spirit”: A story of Fahad Omar, an entrepreneur who runs a popular restaurant within Kawergosk Refugee Camp. Story on p. 9.

2. Border update

Since 10 June, the **Peshkabout-Semalka** borders remains open for returns only. The Kurdish NGO Public Aid Organization (PAO) delivered 3,000 food parcels via Peshkabout crossing point to support the Syrian IDPs in Al-Jazera canton, inside Syria. Approximately 300 individuals are currently stranded at the Syrian side of the border, waiting for Semalka crossing point to open to cross into the KR-I.

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The **Al Qa'im** border is no longer secure after the withdrawal of ISF, border guards and border management. Additionally, the border point was reported to be looted. Movement between Iraq and Syria is reported to be free without checkpoints.

As of 15 June, Kurdish (Peshmerga) forces have been in control of the **Rabia'a** border, and has maintained it closed in both directions, except to humanitarian aid convoys.

3. Response by sector and location

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

During the reporting period in **Domiz**, 323 Syrians have undergone final UNHCR registration, including family reunification. Additionally, 682 UNHCR certificates were renewed for 2, 242 Individuals and 164 protection interviews were conducted with refugees. 37 Syrians have undergone UNHCR registration at **Gawilan**, **Akre** and **Bajet Kandala** camps.

Further to completion of registration in **Kawergosk**, **Qushtapa** and **Basirma** refugee camps in Erbil governorate, the 14 days grace period was introduced in these camps allowing those unregistered to complete their registration with UNHCR.

A total of 2,131 and 1,340 Syrian refugees have received their residency IDs in **Gawilan** and **Akre**, respectively.

UNHCR Registration unit has finalized the plan for verification/biometrics roll-out exercise pilot phase which will cover the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I).

ACTED conducted a verification exercise to determine the status of the 171 families registered in **Darashakran** camp as visitors, who as such cannot access services available in the camp. The result of the verification process will be distributed to relevant partners including the Regional Government. However, as the first round of verification was about to be completed a new list of about 100 families was submitted by the camp council, meaning more families are entering the camps. ACTED will also verify this list and recommendations will be made according to the findings.

Since the **Semalka** border crossing on the Syrian side was opened for returnees on 10 June, a total of 3,347 individuals returned to Syria (2,625 registered and 722 non-registered individuals respectively). The returnees were counselled by UNHCR at **Bajet Kandala** to ensure the voluntary nature of their return, and were further advised on the non-admission criteria applied by the KR-I before they eventually crossed back to Syria.

Similarly to Duhok and Sulaymaniyah governorates, the Residency department in **Erbil** has finally started issuing residency cards to Syrian refugees in non-camp settings.

The Governor of Sulaymaniyah officially inaugurated **Arbat Permanent Camp**. During a press interview, the Governor thanked UNHCR and other agencies for the remarkable role in constructing the Arbat Permanent Camp. Currently, 250 families have been relocated to that camp. Moreover, on a daily basis families are moving from the temporary camp to the permanent camp.



Families moving to Arbat Permanent camp (UNHCR)

During the reporting period, **Al Qa'im** District including **Al Obaidy Camp** was reported to be under the control of ISIS and other armed groups. There are no registration activities as UNHCR staff can no longer reach the camp due to security limitations. Around 764 individuals opted to spontaneously return to Syria due to the security situation in Al Qa'im District in particular and in Iraq in general. ISHO remains in Al Obaidy Camp to continue camp management along

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with UIMS which continues to manage the clinic inside the camp; all other implementing partners are working remotely due to the security situation.

✓ Child Protection



Inauguration ceremony took place on 26 June, 2014 (UNHCR)

Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in **Domiz**, **Gawilan** and **Akre** have been registering children. 1,940 children were registered at 6 CFS in **Domiz**, 402 children were registered with the CFS in **Gawilan**, and 345 children have been registered at the CSF in **Akre**.

Volunteers at the CFS in **Bajet Kandala** transit site have organized activities for 41 children, and received a total of 191 visits; the CFS was closed the last week of June, following the relocation of all the families to **Gawilan** camp.

Relief International has established a football team in order to keep children and youth active in **Darashakran**. They will use the tournaments as a forum to disseminate information to the audience about various issues requiring awareness.

✓ SGBV

UNHCR and PARC/WLC staff attended a training in **Domiz** on the core concepts of SGBV and case management, facilitated by IRC. Focus groups, discussions and interviews were hosted by IRC to gather information on incidents of domestic violence, including types and causes of incidents that happen, as well as women's experiences and reactions to such types of violence.

The security situation for females in **Akre** camp is inadequate, as bathrooms and toilets cannot be locked. The Protection team is following up with Programme to have this issue addressed with urgency.

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is preparing to open the Women's centre in **Qushtapa** camp in August, 2014. In the meantime, NRC continues identifying and training the psycho-social workers for the new project site.

✓ Shelter/Infrastructure

KURDS started construction of Asayesh extension office in **Domiz 1** as well as camp administration facilities in **Domiz 2** including for Police, Asayesh and DMC. (Asayesh is the intelligence and security service).

UNHCR and DMC completed relocation of all families (402 families to 506 plots) from **Gawilan** transit to **Gawilan** Permanent Camp; only single men remain in the transit area. All families were provided cement to improve levelling of their kitchen and shower floors per their requests.

✓ Water and Sanitation

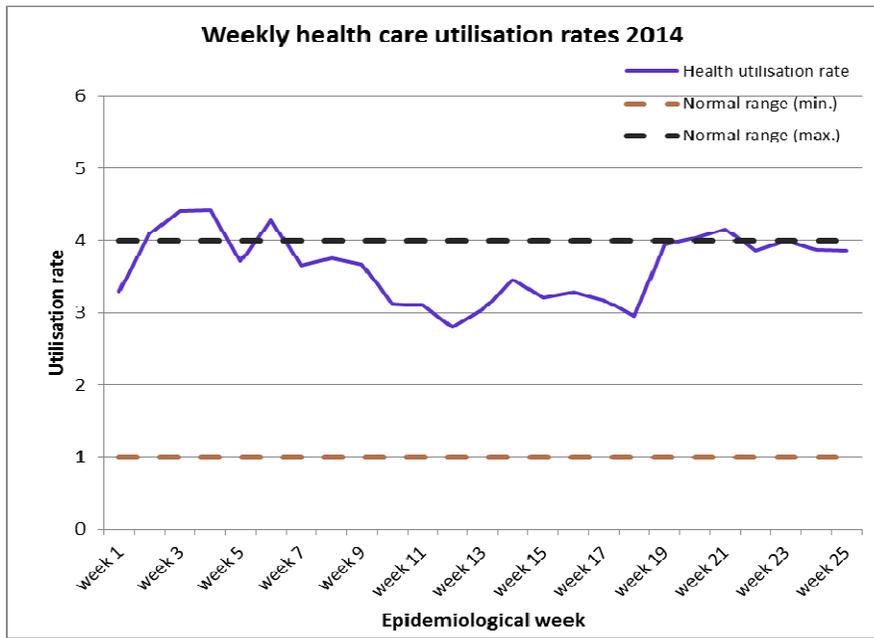
Water is stored for the period of five days in **Gawilan**; therefore, the water quality (chlorine and turbidity) is closely monitored. Additionally, UNHCR is looking into adjusting the water quantities in the camp after receiving reports that the current water delivery is not enough; families prefer to receive 2,000 litres per plot every 3 days. PU-AMI continued their door to door water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and awareness campaigns.

In **Darashakran**, ACF is also concluding the discussion with UNHCR in order to carry out a major rehabilitation of the PHC WASH systems. A solution by the Mayor has been found for the garbage dumping area. Garbage that has been a nuisance is now collected, crushed and buried at the new site. Using a new site will reduce the health hazard and air pollution.

✓ Health

The consultation rate/ person/ year reached an average of 3.9 and is within the expected range of 1 – 4 consultations/ person/ week. The number of diarrhea cases is increasing in all camps and monitoring of trends and stool samples has intensified. Hygiene messages are spread by partners on the prevention and treatment of diarrheal diseases.

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Graph 1: average weekly consultation rates in all camps, 2014

WHO has engaged a team of cholera experts who started to assess the risk of cholera in refugee camps and will lead the development of Cholera preparedness and response plans for each governorate. The team also conducted trainings for health staff from DoH and partner organisations on the management of diarrheal diseases as well as training of trainers for senior health staff.

UNFPA conducted a 3 days training on Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health (RH) for health practitioners in **Erbil**. The training focused on prevention and management of the consequences of sexual violence; reduction of HIV transmission; prevention of excess maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality; and planning for comprehensive RH services. A comprehensive plan has been developed jointly by participants and has been endorsed by the Ministry of Health.

A sub-national polio campaign was conducted for 5 days, targeting children under 5 in high risk areas including refugee camps and locations with high concentration of refugees and IDPs.

Up to 5,534 persons with acute, chronic and mental health conditions have benefited from the health services provided by MSF, DoH/ IMC and Kirkuk foundation center in **Domiz** Camp. In addition preventive health services including EPI, growth monitoring and reproductive health are provided by DoH with support of UN agencies. In June PU-AMI started working as a new partner in Domiz 2, recruitment of staff is going on and services will start as of 01. July in close cooperation with DoH/ IMC team.

All health partners started providing services in the new PHC compound in **Gawilan**. In total 775 patients received treatment for acute, chronic and mental health conditions during the reporting period. Health services are presently provided by PU-AMI and DoH, discussions were held to merge both services from July onwards to enhance efficiency of service provision.

In the 4 camps in **Erbil** governorate a total of 7,221 primary health care consultations have been conducted. IMC started working in **Qushtapa** and **Basirma**. The team provides curative care 4 days per week in coordination with existing DoH health team. In addition a team of specialists including of pediatrician, gynecologist and dermatologist will visit both camps once per week.

Power supply interruptions started to occur more frequently and overload the limited capacity of the existing back-up generators. The purchase of additional generators is planned for July.

During the transition phase while families are moving to the permanent camp in **Arbat**, a nurse is conducting triage and provides basic health care in the permanent camp site. A 24/ 7 ambulance is referring patients for further treatment. In early July, once the majority of families have moved, full PHC services will be provided in the permanent camp and stand by services will be provided for those staying behind in the transit camp. In total 1,616 patients received treatment for acute and chronic health conditions during the reporting period.

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The **Al Qa'im** health centre remained open during the reporting period, providing 24/7 services to all refugees. Due to security concerns no referrals were possible to secondary health facilities. In total 883 patients received treatment for acute and chronic diseases.

✓ Core Relief Items

In **Domiz**, Qandil continued the summer distribution that was started on 2 June; up until the end of the reporting period, 6,245 families received 1 fan and 2 jerry cans each.

In **Gawilan**, UNICEF/ACF distributed 535 hygiene kits to 445 families.

In **Akre**, Qandil continued the monthly distribution of baby diapers, covering 91 children from newborns to two years old. IOM distributed refrigerators to all the 298 families in the camp, as part of summer distribution.



Distribution of hygiene kits in Gawilan (UNHCR/ B. Amin)

✓ Food

DMC distributed food parcels to 463 families in **Gawilan** permanent site, including the new arrivals from Domiz and Bajet Kandala.

In the **Al Obaidy** camp, food was distributed to beneficiaries without delay. A total of 1,538 individuals received food rations for the month of June.

✓ Community services

A series of World Refugee Day events occurred in **Erbil** city, Kawergosk, Qushtapa, Darashakran, Duhok city, Domiz 1, Domiz 2, Akre, Zakho and **Sulaymaniyah** city. In **Duhok** Governorate, activities included speeches delivered by the Head of Sub Office emphasizing the growing number of refugees worldwide, reaching the highest number of refugees since WWII. In Erbil City, speeches, poems, songs and dances carrying various messages to the audience about the plight of refugees were echoed.



World Refugee Day: Traditional dancing by the Daratu Learning Space (Triangle)

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UNHCR assisted 50 families that were relocated from **Domiz** to **Gawilan** by identifying vulnerabilities and providing orientation, in coordination with UPP and IRC volunteers. The local NGO (Ahmed Bonjq's Centre for Supporting Freedom and Human Rights) distributed cash assistance of 100,000 ID to 13 extremely vulnerable families, identified by UNHCR.

In **Akre**, UNHCR followed up on medical cases, Harikar assisted 4 females seeking psychosocial counselling and refugee volunteers assisted vulnerable families with moving belongings (especially large items) to the permanent camp. Lastly, UNHCR identified 2 cases of large families living in one room, and worked with DMC to address the need of additional shelter space.

In the community empowerment project implemented by ACTED in **Darashakran** refugee camp, 24 young people graduated the course in basic computer literacy. 40 women and men finished the first aid programme and 24 women continued to be enrolled in literacy classes.

✓ **Education**

During the reporting period, most of the students have finished their school year in **Domiz**, except for those attending the newly established high school, which will continue until 24 July to make up for the missing classes. UNICEF has allocated 2 rooms in Afreen School, to be used as reading rooms. For the summer, UNICEF and Save the Children are planning to conduct catch up classes and summer camps for a total of 4, 200 children age 6-15 yrs.

UNESCO organised a ceremony for opening the secondary school, grades 7–9, of 6 classrooms in **Darashakran** camp. The directorate of Education, UNHCR, several NGOs, teachers and refugee students participated in the ceremony. UNESCO has ensured that next academic year which begins in September, secondary level refugee students can attend school in the camp.

✓ **Livelihoods**

During the reporting period, UNHCR referred 103 vulnerable families with an unemployed member capable of working or joining a vocational training to IOM for enrolment in their livelihood program in **Domiz**; the referral included 23 Arab minority families. UNHCR recommended 5 refugees to a local company in Semel centre for employment.

IOM met with Syrian experienced workers and shop owners to start the on the job training program that will benefit 25 refugees in **Gawilan**.

In **Akre**, 8 refugees are currently employed by the Rise Foundation as part of cash for work program, including one worker from the host community.

On 23 and 24 June, DRC distributed cash grants for 86 beneficiaries in **Basirma** for small enterprises development project (DRC Livelihood Project). The distributed 600 USD is the first instalment to the beneficiaries. The remaining 400 USD will be distributed to them after monitoring their activities within due course.

The bakeries continue to operate in addition to other micro projects established by refugees inside **Al Obaidy** camp.

4. Non-camp assistance

✓ **Reception, Registration and Protection**

On 18 June, a joint UNHCR-Residency Department verification exercise commenced; the objective is issuance of residency permits to Syrian asylum seekers residing in **Erbil** governorate urban areas. This verification process also includes Asayesh security clearance (pre-screening) which is one of the prerequisites for issuance of residency permits to all Syrian asylum seekers 12 years and above. In the first week of this exercise 80 residency permits were issued.

✓ **Child Protection**

During the reporting period, UNHCR conducted a Best Interest Assessment (BIA) for three siblings that were identified as labour trafficking cases in **Zakho**. Following, a mobile mission to facilitate the registration of the children was conducted. With UNHCR support, the siblings have been able to leave the situation and access safe shelter. UNHCR identified six additional cases of unaccompanied and separated children and referred them to IRC for BIA.

20 child protection community workers and 26 child protection service providers were trained on child protection, the UN Convention on the Rights of Children, the concept of a child protection unit, and skills for working with children. 1,189

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children are registered at two CFSs in **Waar** City, which together received 2,568 visits. 276 children are registered at the CFS/YFS in **Fayda**, which received 743 visits.

UNHCR assisted two families with obtaining birth certificates for their newborn children.

✓ **Community services/livelihoods**

UNHCR monitored the three-day small business management training in **Duhok** that was held by DRC for 20 beneficiaries, including five from the local community. UNHCR provided beneficiaries with small grant.

A PARC team conducted field visits to **Duhok** centre, Baroshke Shele Quarter, Semel and Marina, assessed 26 families of 119 individuals and referred nine cases to NGOs and hospitals for further assistance the services. UNHCR identified 24 cases of chronic illness and eight with serious medical conditions as well as two female headed households in Zakho.

UNHCR noticed that evictions of Syrian families in non-camp areas is on the rise, and therefore initiated a process for standardized procedure under which some families could be relocated to **Gawilan**.

✓ **CRIs**

The summer distribution for non-camp areas in **Zakho** covered 1,609 families with one fan per family.

✓ **Education**

UNHCR is coordinating with ACTED and Reach to obtain better GPS data on non-camp schools. UNHCR in coordination with DoE, with quick impact projects, will improve the physical capacities and building conditions of two basic schools located in Semel (Dost and Barokh) and one secondary school (Rangin) in Zakho.

5. Stories from the Field

A Syrian with an entrepreneurial spirit

The sun is high and hot at the Kawergosk refugee camp and the small tables at the “*Krge Lage*” restaurant are filling up for lunch. “We have so many customers,” says the 37-year old owner Fahad Omar, who is rushing around delivering cold drinks and warm plates of shawarma to hungry patrons.

“My favourite is the cheese pizza,” says Adnan. His companion, a pretty young Syrian refugee named Yana says they both eat here often. Her favourite is the falafel.

Before he was forced to leave Syria, Fahad worked in the food business for twenty years, serving up similar dishes to diners in Damascus.



Roasting chickens for the lunch crowd.
Robinson/UNHCR

But, he says, when the shelling and the fighting became too much, he decided to move to Iraq. He, his wife and four children arrived at the Kawergosk refugee camp last August. Fahad immediately spotted a business opportunity. In his first week at the camp he opened a small shop using \$ 500 USD he had brought with him. His wife’s brother helped him build a kiosk where camp residents could buy food, soft drinks and small household items. Soon he was earning an average of 500,000 Iraqi dinars per day. By November he’d raised enough money to open his eatery.



27 May, 37-year old Fahad owns the most popular restaurant in the Kawergosk refugee camp. Robinson/UNHCR

And business is booming. Fahad estimates an average of 100 diners come through the door every day. And every day he is on the job, making and serving many of the dishes on offer – from roasted chicken, to falafel to shawarma. A sandwich costs 1,000 Iraqi dinars and a plate of chicken with French fries sells for 7,000 dinars. The restaurant is open seven days a week and Fahad says, “I am here every day and I have no problem with that. I’ve been working for 20 years and I have always worked hard.”

Always on the lookout to expand his empire, Fahad has branched into a variety of business opportunities. He recently opened two beauty salons and works as a disc jockey for events such as weddings and birthdays. Fahad says he has always been good at creating opportunities for himself, but adds he is happy to have created jobs for and supported fellow refugees. He makes sure he buys all his bread locally from Syrian bakers in the camp.

“Before we left my family was worried about moving to Iraq. But now we are happy because here in Kawergosk everyone speaks the same language and we understand each other. We are also free to move about without any fear. But if the war ended today I would take my family back to Syria tomorrow,” he says with a smile.

Story by Catherine Robinson

6. Security

The security situation remains calm and quiet in **Duhok** and **Sulaymaniyah** Governorate; however the security procedures are tightened at the main checkpoints leading into the city of Sulaymaniyah.

Al Qa'im, within Anbar, is reported to be under control by Armed Opposition Groups (AOGs). Witnesses have reported air strikes that caused the loss of civilians' lives, wounded civilians and caused damage to infrastructure.

7. Coordination

For information related to the Regional Response Plan (RRP6) please click on <http://www.unhcr.org/syriarrp6/>

Announcements of all sector meetings along with respective agendas and minutes, and other information reporting sector-wide progress such as 3Ws, dashboards and camp profiles, are available on the inter-agency information sharing portal at <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

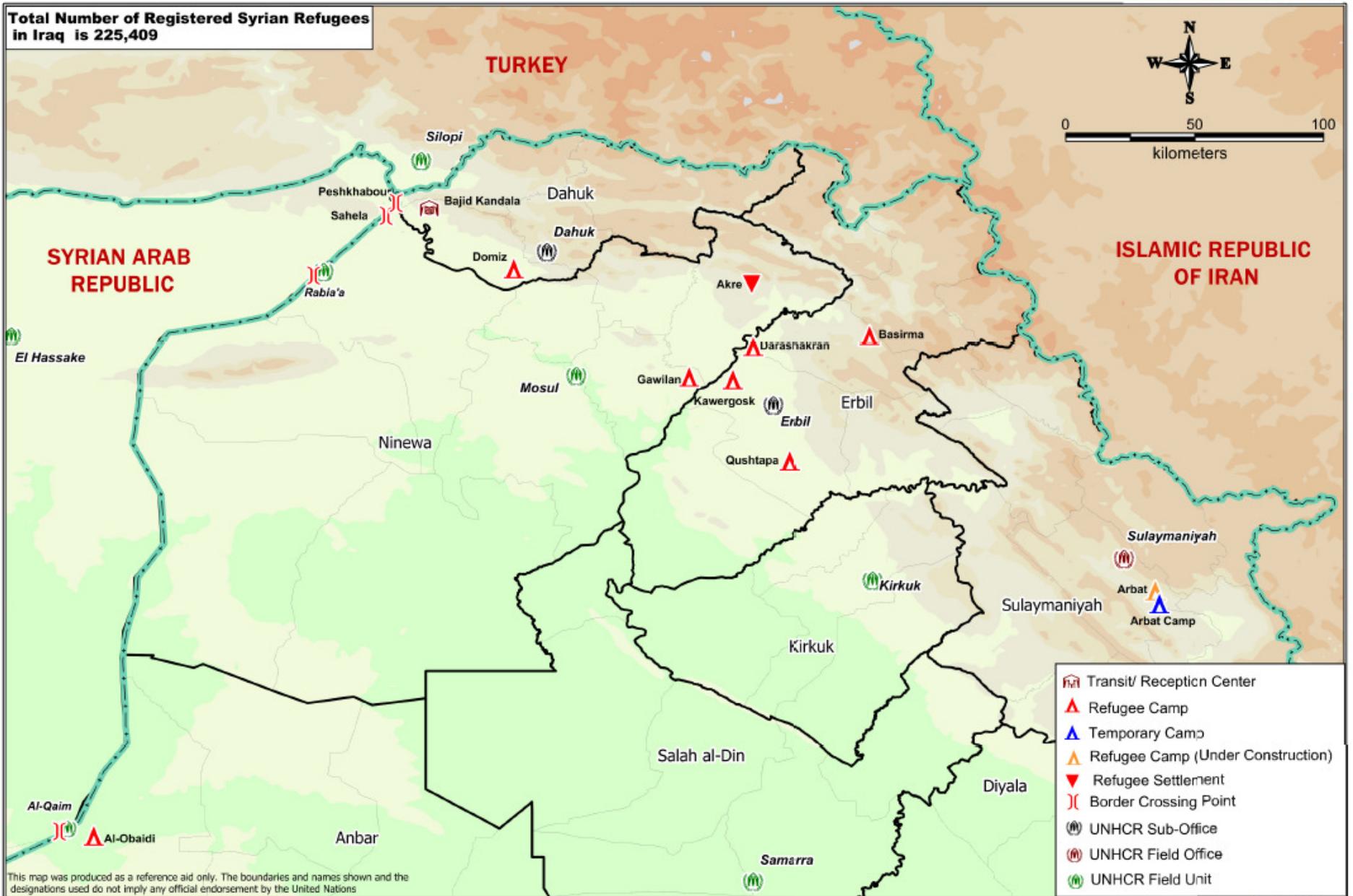
8. Acronyms and abbreviations

AFS	Adolescent Friendly Space
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
DoE	Department of Education
DoH	Department of Health
HOFO	Head of Field Office
HOSO	Head of Sub Office
ISF	Iraqi Security Forces
KR	Kurdistan Region of Iraq (or KRI)
MOMD	Ministry of Migration and Displacement
PARC	Protection Assistance Reintegration Centre
PHC	Primary Health Centre
QIPs	Quick impact projects
YFS	Youth Friendly Space

Syrian Refugees Camps in Iraq

As of 15 May 2014

Total Number of Registered Syrian Refugees in Iraq is 225,409



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