



JORDAN

FACTSHEET

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HIGHLIGHTS

90

Percentage of Syrians living under the poverty line in Jordan

15,000

Number of Syrians submitted by UNHCR to the U.S for fast-tracked resettlement in 2016

200

Percentage increase of vulnerable Syrians admitted to Jordanian territory from March to April

US \$ 27 million

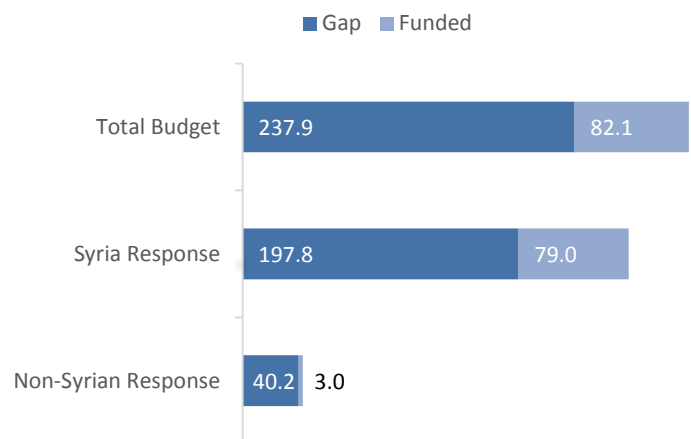
Provided so far this year in UNHCR cash assistance to Jordan's most vulnerable refugees

Population of concern

A total of **710,618** individuals

Country of origin	Total
Syria	646,329
Iraq	55,162
Sudan	3,055
Yemen	4,071
Other	1,999
Total	710,618

Funding (in US \$ million)



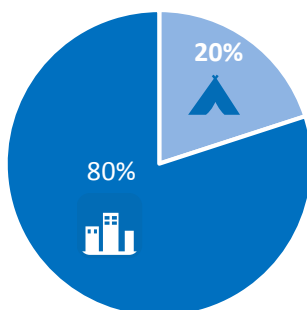
UNHCR Presence

Offices: Amman, Azraq, Irbid, Mafraq

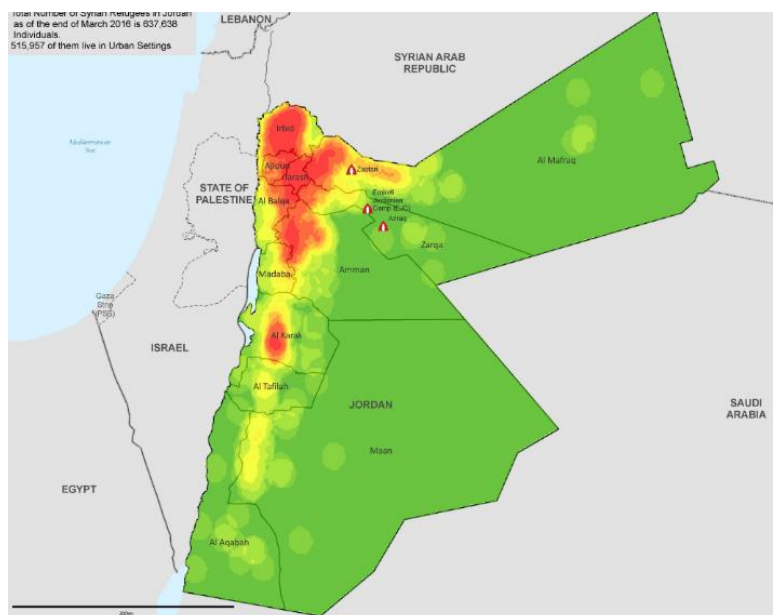
Camps: Azraq, Emirati-Jordanian, King Abdullah Park, Zaatar

Registration centres: Khaldi (Amman), Irbid, Raba Al Sarhan

Most of the more than 710,000 refugees in Jordan registered with UNHCR, some 80 per cent of the registered refugee population, live outside of camps in the northern governorates where competition for resources and services with the host community is most intense.



UNHCR in Jordan was the largest operation globally for submissions to resettlement and similar humanitarian admission programmes in 2015.



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR coordinates the refugee response under the leadership of the Government of Jordan and through the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), in a collaborative effort between the donor community, UN agencies, international and national NGOs, community-based organizations, refugees and host communities.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- UNHCR supports the Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD) in the management and coordination of Zaatari (pop. **79,382**) and Azraq (pop. **43,216**), King Abdullah Park (pop. **633**) and Cyber City (pop. **290**) refugee camps. UNHCR's role is to ensure that aid is provided in accordance with international humanitarian standards and protection principles, and to maximize the efficiency of funding provided for the refugee response by identifying gaps and targeting assistance.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- **UNHCR supporting refugee and host community cohesion:** UNHCR's 23 Community Support Committees (CSCs) served 6,052 persons across the Kingdom during April, including Syrian, Iraqi and Sudanese refugees, and 1,841 Jordanians. CSCs are UNHCR's main tool in Community-Based Protection (CBP) in Jordan and significantly contribute to the peaceful coexistence and the social cohesion between refugees and the host communities. Each Committee is comprised of representatives from refugees and host communities. Activities this month covered included a legal aid session, English language courses, remedial classes in mathematics, a sports day and fitness event, and a focus groups discussion on issues that affect and concern refugees.

Durable Solutions

- **UNHCR supporting the U.S. "surge" resettlement programme:** The first Syrian refugee family to depart from Jordan to the U.S. under the "surge" regional resettlement programme left from Amman's Queen Alia International Airport on 6 April for Kansas City, Missouri. The family of seven forms part of the almost 15,000 individuals submitted by UNHCR in Jordan to the American authorities by the end of April for fast-tracked resettlement. The U.S. plans to welcome 10,000 Syrians, mostly living in Jordan, by the end of September 2016

Health

- **UNHCR expands the reach of the "Cash for Health" scheme:** Five months since the launch of the "Cash for Health" scheme to increase the number of refugees receiving essential health care, the numbers receiving assistance now averages 100 cases per week with 1,048 transfers through the Cairo Amman Bank totaling US \$ 362,000 in assistance. The scheme channels funds directly to refugees through UNHCR's cash assistance programme instead of UNHCR paying a more costly third party health service provider. Free access to primary health care for Syrian refugees in governmental facilities was withdrawn in 2014 by the Jordanian government for lack of financial support.

Protection

- **UNHCR cash assistance effective in preventing child labour in Irbid:** UNHCR's Field Office Irbid (FOI) conducted follow-up phone interviews with 63 cases of "children at risk" to measure the impact of monthly cash assistance received from UNHCR. The findings showed that in all cases they had stopped recourse to child labour but that in some cases children remain out of school. UNHCR Community Services staff are following up on these cases for referral to UNICEF's Makani centres where an integrated approach is adopted to expand protection, learning and youth engagement opportunities for vulnerable children through informal education initiatives.

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