



## **OVERVIEW**

79,551 persons of concern

461,701 refugees have passed through the camp

57% are youth, 19.9% are under 5 years old

1 in 5 households are headed by women Average of 80 births per week, and 14,000 weekly consultations

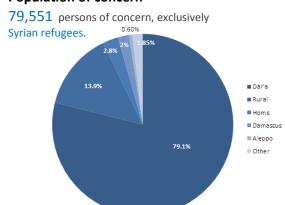
The Camp covers some 5.3 km<sup>2</sup>

**Location:** Mafraq Governorate, Northern Jordan

**Opening:** 29 July 2012

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

# Population of concern



#### **Essential services**

Daily and monthly support in addition to education and health care.

Service	Amount
Pre-fabricated caravans	24,000
Water per person	35+ litres
Food per person per day	2,100 k/calories
Cash for work per day for entire camp	36,000 JD

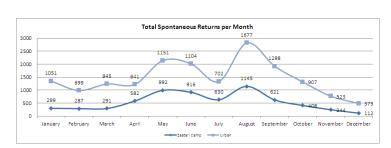
Demographic breakdown



## **Community based services**

9 schools where 20,771 school-aged children enrolled. 27 community centres provide psychosocial support & recreational activities 2 hospitals with **55** beds and 9 health care centres, 1 delivery unit and 120 community health volunteers.

UNHCR has witnessed a steady rise in returns during 2015, which reclined towards the end of the year with the onset of winter, predominantly to the southern Syrian Governorate of Dara'a. The principal drivers for return concern reunion with family members, increasing vulnerability, a lack of livelihood opportunities, a desire to continue education and a fluctuating security situation. UNHCR provides



protection counselling to families wishing to return to Syria at a formal returns centre, noting that the Agency does not consider the security environment to be conducive to return.

### FROM EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO EARLY RECOVERY

### **Economy**

Zaatari's informal market comprises of estimated 3,000 refugee-operated shops and businesses. In addition approximately 3,000 labour opportunities are provided via short term cash-for-work activities provided by community based NGOs, together with the trade in household consumption commodities. 60% of the working age refugee population earns some form of income.

#### Water

• 3 boreholes in the camp provide 3.3 million litres of water per day. Water distribution presently takes place via a network of some 82 trucks delivering water to communal public and private water tanks.

### Sewage and Solid Waste

A waste water treatment plant treats 80% of the waste water generated in the camp; this wastewater is collected and transported by a fleet of sewerage trucks. **983m3 of sludge is collected** by desluding trucks every day. **750 m3** of solid waste is collected every day and transferred to external waste facilities. Recycling projects involving refugees are ongoing to reduce and re-use solid waste.

### Energy

Households are connected to Zaatari's electricity grid and have access to electricity 11 hours per day. UNHCR's two-year Energy Strategy 2015-2017 will require up to 14 million USD in funding in order to provide adequate energy to refugees. A solar power plant is under construction and should be operational by the end of 2016, which will cover all the energy needs of the camp at minimal operational costs and provide energy to the host community.

# **Higher Education**

In response to limited opportunities available for the high demand from refugees wishing to access accredited tertiary and higher education – both for recent graduates of secondary school as well as students who were forced to interrupt their university studies –, partnerships are being established with educational institutions in Jordan to provide accredited skills training and academic opportunities.

### PRESENCE IN THE CAMP

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