

**Update No. 4**  
**Syria Regional Refugee Response**  
 Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey  
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*This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations and its partners' response to the influx of Syrian refugees into Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. The response is led by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and is undertaken in full coordination with host Governments. This report covers the period from 02 to 09 May 2012. The next update will be issued on Thursday, 16 May 2012.*



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**I. HIGHLIGHTS**

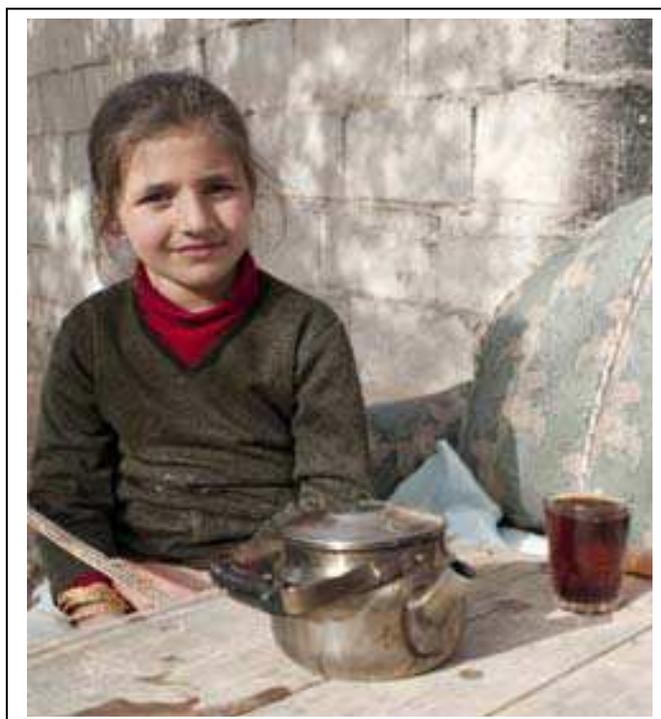
- The total number of assisted Syrian refugees in the region amounts to 67,668, out of whom 55,198 are registered by UNHCR. Registration efforts by UNHCR are intensified.
- The number of Syrian children attending public schools in Jordan, and supported by UNICEF and the Ministry of Education, has reached 5,500.
- Mapping of services provided by local NGOs continues in Lebanon in coordination with partner agencies. The exercise aims to set up an effective referral mechanism for Syrian refugees and host communities.
- WHO has visited Domiz in Iraq and met with the Directorate of Health team, Directorate for Displacement and Migration and UNHCR staff to assess trends and indicators for health standards in the camp.
- **Demographics:**

%	Male	Age	Female	%
9%		0-4		9%
9%		5-11		9%
7%		12-17		6%
26%		18-59		23%
1%		60+		1%

## II. JORDAN

### Highlights

- The total number of Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR currently stands at 15,344. They are primarily located in the cities of Amman, Ramtha, Mafraq, Irbid, Zarqa and Ma'an.
- 2,500 Syrians are currently awaiting registration, while some 30,000 have been identified by the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation (JHCO) as in need of assistance.
- 90% of those registered come from the cities of Homs, Dara, Damascus and Hama; 89% of registered Syrian refugees are located in Amman, Irbid and Mafraq; and 50% of the overall caseload is under the age of 18
- UNICEF partner ACTED has purchased new water tanks for the Cyber City site, and begun plumbing works to connect them to the building to provide drinking water.



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### Protection/Numbers

While the number of Syrians approaching UNHCR registration has steadily increased since the start of the unrest, April has been witness to a surge in registrations, with more registrations taking place than all previous months combined. During the month of April, a record number of individuals was recorded, with 7,362 Syrian persons of concern presenting themselves since April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The number of vulnerable Syrians currently in need of assistance in Jordan is estimated at 30,000 by JHCO.

### Assistance/Outreach

**Transit Sites in Al-Ramtha:** Work has continued on the contingency measures at Ramtha, including Cyber City and King Abdullah Park. Families from Bashabshe have moved into the six-story building in Cyber City last Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, whilst a UNHCR site planner has drawn the site plans for King Abdullah Park based on international best practices. The number of containers for the site will number 80. During the last week, 344 children and 139 parents were supported with psychosocial activities and remedial education by UNICEF partner Noor al-Hussein Foundation. **WASH:** UNICEF, through ACTED, is maintaining and cleaning sanitation and hygiene facilities in all five buildings of the Bashabshe facility. Hygiene promotion activities have begun, reaching some 120 women to date through focus groups. UNICEF and UNHCR have both strengthened staff capacity in the WASH sector with the arrival of specialist staff. **Health:** While UNHCR-registered Syrians have access to health care from the Government of Jordan, on-site care is also in place at the Bashabshe facility. IOM will also be providing additional female medical staff to address the needs of Syrian refugees in Ramtha. The Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS) is supporting two static operational clinics in Mafraq and Ramtha in providing primary and secondary health care to Syrians. **Food:** WFP has started providing hot meals to the inhabitants of Bashabshe and the inhabitants of the Sports Stadium, which supplements UNHCR's on-going provision of food parcels that will be incrementally phased out as WFP moves forward. **Children and GBV:** UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA and ILO are working closely with other partners to monitor the situation of vulnerable Syrian children in Jordan. As lead agency for the Child Protection and Gender Based Violence sector, UNICEF chaired the Working Group meeting on 26 April. In light of growing concern regarding GBV violence against men, the group has been expanded, and new partners continue to join. **Education and Psychosocial Support:** Since December 2011, UNICEF has assisted a total of more than 1,600 vulnerable Syrian children and family members with

psychosocial support and remedial education, as well as some 4,000 Syrian children with information about school enrolment and necessary follow-up.

### **Coordination**

Coordination at the Governorate level is on-going with meetings recently being held in Ramtha, Ma'ana and Karak. The second geographical coordination meeting took place this week at Ramtha, with the Regional Refugee Coordinator for Syrian Refugees, Mr. Panos Moutzidis in attendance. The meeting was attended by Government officials, representatives from the local governorate, community based organizations, along with UN partners and national/international NGOs operating in the area. Coordination meetings will continue in other governorates including Irbid in coming weeks. UN partners in Jordan are preparing a proposal for the Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF). The inter-agency CERF proposal is intended to complement the Regional Response Plan for Syria situation, with the funding to be used to jump-start critical operations and fund life-saving programmes not yet covered by other donors.

## III. LEBANON

### **Highlights**

- UNHCR and partners are working with the Government, local authorities and international and national partners assisting some 25,922 Syrian refugees throughout the country. More than half of them, 13,672 have been jointly registered by UNHCR and Lebanon's High Relief Commission (HRC) in the North. UNHCR and partners are assisting an additional 3,000 Syrian refugees in Tripoli and 9,250 in Bekaa, who are pending registration.

### **Protection/Numbers**

1,887 persons were registered last week, most of who arrived earlier in Lebanon. Syrian refugees are concentrated in North Lebanon, with over 9,000 in Akkar and an estimated 2-3,000 in Tripoli. The latter are to be registered once the modalities are agreed with the authorities. Latest assessments show approximately 9,250 Syrian refugees in the Bekaa Valley. There are more limited concentrations of displaced persons known to be residing in Beirut, some 801 of whom have been registered by UNHCR. In preparation for the upcoming registration exercise, an information campaign was launched in Aarsal.

### **Assistance/Outreach**

**Shelter:** Rehabilitation for the Mineh collective shelter in North Lebanon continued. In the Bekaa Valley, 52 homes were rehabilitated in Aarsal; 23 in Saadnayel and 10 in Fakha. The rehabilitation of a new community center was completed and is now ready to offer recreational activities, remedial classes, counseling and other outreach activities to both Syrian refugees and local Lebanese. **Education:** Education assessments started in order to identify the difficulties and challenges regarding the education needs of Syrian refugee children. Training of partner staff and volunteers as animators also began last week in preparation for activities with Syrian refugee children.



Syrian refugees and Lebanese students in a classroom, Mashta Hammoud, North Lebanon ©UNHCR/2012/Fouad Juez

**Health:** Currently there are three primary health care centers in the North: one in Tripoli, one in Mashaa and one in Wadi Khaled. Access to primary health care is being expanded, mainly in Tripoli. In the Bekaa Valley, Taanayel hospital has agreed to approve arrangements to accommodate the increased urgent admissions of pregnant women for delivery. **WASH:** In the Bekaa Valley, operational partners began looking into water interventions, such as water trucking and provision of water tanks and filters. Issues addressed are a result of various

assessments that have revealed the importance of coordination and raising such issues with the WASH group.

### **Coordination**

Inter-Agency Coordination meetings take place every 2 weeks in Beirut, Quobayat and Bekaa. Sectoral meetings (Distribution, Health, Education, Protection, Shelter, and WASH) are also taking place twice a month in Quobayat and Bekaa.

## **IV. IRAQ**

### **Highlights**

- UNHCR registered a total 3,171 individual Syrian refugees, and 220 Syrian persons await registration.
- MSF has provided the Directorate of Health' Health Unit with First Aid materials for Syrian refugees.



Joint UNHCR-IOM NFI distribution

### **Protection/Numbers**

An estimated 10 to 15 families and 50 to 65 singles continue to enter Dohuk Governorate daily. In Dohuk, an estimated number of 10 families and 150 singles are in the process of being registered. In Erbil, an estimate of 4 to 5 families and 20 singles approach UNHCR weekly for registration. Among the registered Syrian refugees, 27 are unaccompanied minors under the age of 18, of which 6 are single females. Dohuk remains host to the largest number of Syrian new arrivals, with 2,489 individuals, followed by Erbil with 616 individuals and then Suleimaniya with 66 individuals.

### **Assistance/Outreach**

**Shelter and Infrastructure:** 226 tents were established in Domiz camp in the families` section, of which 28 were established during the reporting period, and the construction of 60 cm height wall around each tent and cast foundation of the tents` floor was completed. UNHCR has distributed NFIs jointly with IOM to 98 families. In the alternative site that has been allocated for the singles, an engineer from Awar local NGO has provided technical advice, along with Qandil, on the locations of tents. The local authorities have provided 110 trucks of cement materials for pavements as well as water tankers. **Health:** UNHCR through Qandil and the Directorate of Health (DoH) has fumigated the new Syrian camp, using "Racumen" chemical material for reducing the danger of scorpions and snakes reported to be spread in the camp. MSF started

the provision of incentives to three medical staff; the latter will remain on duty after working hours. WHO has visited Domiz and met with DoH health team, Directorate for Displacement and Migration and UNHCR staff to assess trends and indicators for health standards in the camp. WHO identified the need to have a separate room for female doctors visiting the camp and assessed the needs for additional equipment to improve health services for women. **WASH:** “Kurds NGO” has completed the construction of the concrete base for the installation of 21 water tanks. UNHCR through Qandil has distributed 41 additional water tanks to families who have been accommodated during the reporting period. **Nutrition:** Barzani Charity Foundation distributed dry food items to 292 families; each family received 25 Kgs of rice, 10 Kgs of sugar, 5 Kgs of beans, 5 Kgs of lentils, 5 litres of vegetable oil, 5 cans of paste tomato, 4 bags of vermicelli and 1 Kg of meat. In response to the increasing numbers of Syrians new arrivals, WFP Iraq is monitoring the situation and stands ready to prepare operational plans as the numbers near the 5,000 threshold. **Education:** UNHCR Community services team met with the Directorate of Education (DoE) Representative to follow up on the need for school-age children to enroll in schools this year. A list of available resources and teachers in the camp is being prepared. UNICEF has expressed readiness to provide stationery and printing text books.

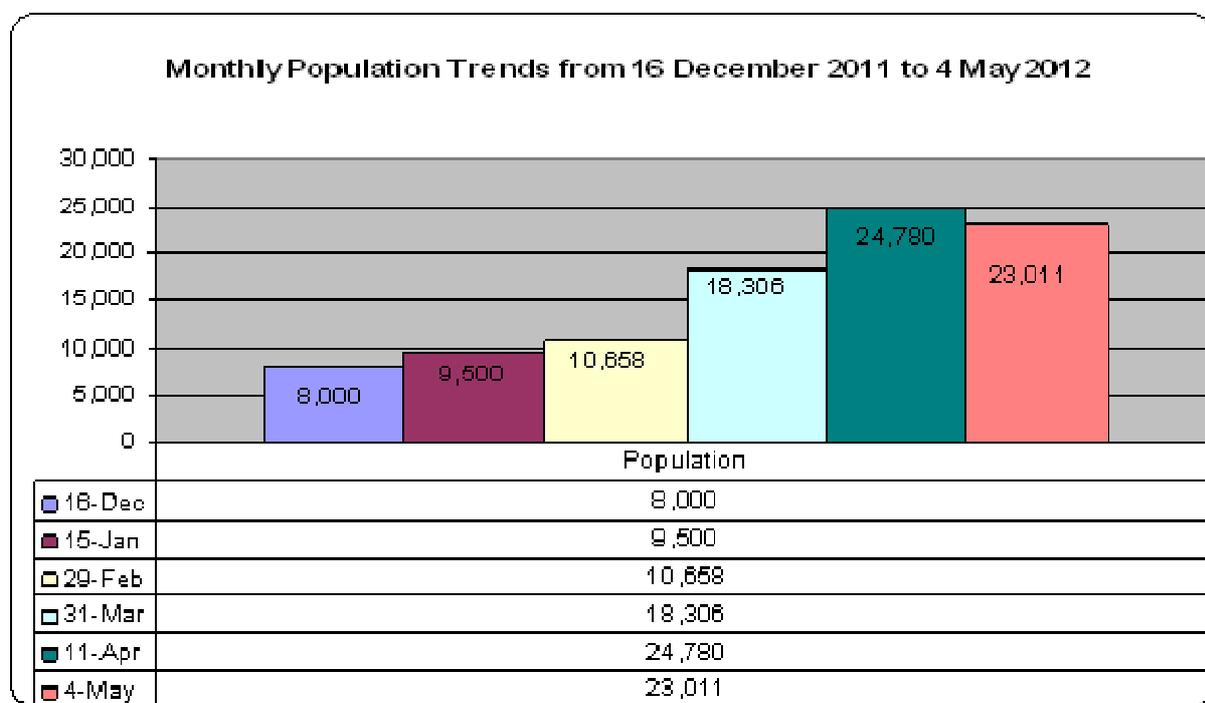
### Coordination

A number of International and national NGOs have shown interest in assisting the Syrian refugee new arrivals in Domiz camp during the last week. UNHCR and DDM continue their coordination with IOM, the Water Department, the Municipality of Fayda, DoH, DoE, and the relevant local authorities’ structures.

## V. TURKEY

### Highlights

- The overall number of Syrian refugees in Turkey now stands at 23,011 persons.
- The number of Syrian refugees in Turkey has slightly decreased over the last month due to voluntary repatriations.



### **Protection/Numbers**

The Government continues to undertake registration and extend temporary protection to Syrian refugees. UNHCR is regularly invited to observe the voluntary return proceedings of Syrian nationals having received protection under the temporary protection regime in the Republic of Turkey.

As of 4 May the city breakdown of Syrian refugees in the region is as follows:

- Hatay population : 6,560 individuals (1,708 tents)
- Gaziantep population in Islahiye : 6,030 individuals (1,677 tents)
- Kilis population in Oncupinar container site: 9,633 individuals (2,001 container)
- Sanliurfa population in Ceylanpinar: 737 individual (2,474 of 196 tents are in use)

### **Coordination**

UNHCR continues to strengthen its collaboration with the Government of Turkey through the daily provision of technical and advisory support as well as policy advocacy. UNHCR has also coordinated the application for the CERF on behalf of the Turkey United Nations Country Team (UNCT).

## **VI. STATISTICS**

### **Statistics on Syrian Refugees in the Region**

<b>No. of Syrian Refugees</b>	<b>JORDAN</b>	<b>LEBANON</b>	<b>IRAQ</b>	<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
<b>Registered + Assisted</b>	<b>15,344*</b>	<b>13,672</b>	<b>3,171</b>	<b>23,011</b>	<b>55,198</b>
<b>Assisted (awaiting registration**)</b>	-	<b>12,250</b>	<b>220</b>	-	<b>12,470</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15,344</b>	<b>25,922</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>23,011</b>	<b>67,668</b>

\* An additional 2,500 persons are awaiting registration while some 30,000 have been identified by local organizations as in need of assistance.

\*\* Figures are based on estimates and therefore might vary.

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