

# Azraq Refugee Camp Jordan

January 2018

**36,605** refugees are currently in the camp, from a total of **53,782** persons of concern registered.

There are **1,227** recorded disabilities in the camp; 36.76% of these are within children.

**8,823** shelters are currently in use in the camp.

**57.10%** are children, including **268** unaccompanied minors

**3 in 10** households are headed by women

**10,479** have been built since Azraq opened in 2014.

## AZRAQ CAMP

Date of Opening: 30 April, 2014

Capacity: 50,000 (exp. to 100,000)

Size of Camp: 14.7km<sup>2</sup>

PLACE OF ORIGIN IN SYRIA	TOTAL POC
Aleppo	25.56%
Homs	17.70%
Dara 'a	13.11%
Ar-raqqa	9.31%
Other areas	34.32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## CAMP DEMOGRAPHICS

Age	Male	Female
0-4	5471	5256
5-11	6680	6327
12-17	3699	3275
18-35	6447	7644
36-59	3748	4048
60+	484	703

## Active Population Distribution by Village

V06	9617
V05	9133
V03	10529
V02	7326

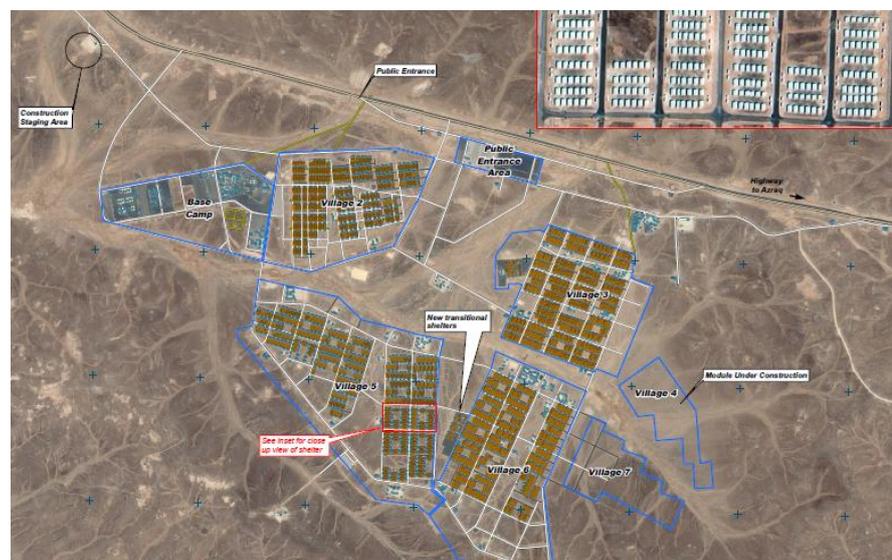
## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

55 National Staff  
7 International Staff  
2 International volunteers

### Geographical snapshot:

Distance to national borders:  
Syria: 90km  
Iraq: 255km  
Saudi Arabia: 75km



# Working with Partners

UNHCR works with the following partners in Azraq Camp:

The Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD), the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, ACF, ACTED, AMR, ARDD-Legal Aid, CARE, DRC, Finn Church Aid, FPSC, Humanity and Inclusion (HI), ICRC, IMC, IOCC, IOM, IRC, Mercy Corps, NHF, NRC, Plan International, Questscope, Relief International, Save the Children, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP, War Child and World Vision.

# Update on Achievements

## Access to Energy

- A comprehensive energy plan to connect electricity to every household is ongoing. As of 1 February 2017, all the shelters in Villages 3 and 6 had been connected to the grid, providing electricity to over 15,000 refugees. Averagely each shelter consumes 2.2-2.4 kWh/day, enough power to operate lights, a refrigerator, television, a fan and charge phones. UNHCR has distributed an average of 4 solar lanterns per household which provide with light the rest of the households. A solar power plant is already installed in the camp to reduce the cost of electricity bills.
- The Village 2 and Village 5 electrification plan is ongoing, and by June 2018 refugees in those villages will have access to energy. Meanwhile the 2 MW solar power plant is providing Azraq camp with 30-35 % of its electrical needs, and expansion is ongoing to add 1.5 MW which will be completed by August 2018.

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Three market areas are operating in Azraq camp. The 250 shops – 50% owned by the refugees and 50% by the host community - provide the camp with food shops, restaurants, accessories, bikes and many other items. In addition, UNHCR and its partners have set up an Incentive Based Volunteering (IBV) scheme, through which refugees play an active role in the functioning of the camp, while earning some extra income. Vocational and skills trainings are being provided in the camp by partner organisations. The Jordanian authorities provide work permits to refugees in certain sectors including agriculture and construction to enable refugees to earn income to supplement what they are being provided in the refugee camp.
- Community centers were established in 2014 in each Village and facilitate vocational trainings, community gatherings and mass information activities by all agencies. Multipurpose sports-grounds in the camp offer additional sports activities for all age groups. The community centers foster an environment for community learning, innovation and community initiatives.
- **InZone:** UNHCR Community Learning HUB-InZone Higher Education Space provides youth in Azraq camp access to quality connected learning initiatives by InZone (a center of the University of Geneva). InZone initiatives in the camp provide youth with various courses such as “Global History Lab” by Princeton University, and “Introduction to Engineering” by Purdue University, where InZone students learn engineering skills and problem solving processes in order to apply these to local challenges in the community. InZone students have been able to develop different projects such as the econ shelter designed with light detecting equipment and sensors to detect gas leakages.
- **Ideas Box** an innovative portable multimedia center fostering refugees’ learning and creativity. The Ideas Box provides Azraq community with customized technologies to access to information, cultural and educational resources. This media center in a kit is designed to empower its users, it fits on two pallets and can be installed in less than 30 minutes. In Azraq camp, key activities conducted through the Ideas Box include Edraak online courses, English dialogue club, knowledge club and creative thinking training,

amongst others.

- **HP Learning Studio:** an interactive learning environment that unleashes refugee innovation. InZone students were trained in the use of the HP equipment and through the exploration of objects through multiple perspectives, they designed various community-based solutions to challenges faced in the community, including a local design of an air conditioner and a movable device for the solar panels that detects the angles of the sun to maximize its impact.
- **Camp Magazine:** Camp Magazine “Heartbeat of the Camp” is one of the community initiatives designed by a group of female and male youth in the camp with support from CARE and UNHCR. This community initiative aims to improve the social well-being and support the youth in the implementation of a magazine according to their own designs and ideas. The Camp Magazine Team aims to raise awareness about different topics related to life in Azraq camp and issues important to youth including education and health through the various editions of the magazine.

## Education

- There are five schools (Primary and Secondary) to guarantee access to education for all children in the camp. Schools operate two shifts, one for girls in the morning and for boys in the afternoon. In addition, there are Makani Centres providing learning support to boys and girls. Kindergarten facilities and day care activities are also available in the camp. A total of 17 students from Azraq camp have been granted DAFI scholarships to study for Bachelor degrees in Jordanian Universities in 2017.

## Food Security and Nutrition

- Refugees receive 20 Jordanian Dinars (equivalent to \$28) per person every month from the World Food Programme (WFP) in the form of an electronic voucher which can be used to buy food from the supermarkets in the camp using the card-less ©EyePay iris scanning system connected to UNHCR’s registration database. WFP also distributes 240 grammes of bread daily to all refugees in the camp. Ready to eat meals are provided to refugees upon arrival and a school feeding programme is in place for students in the formal and informal schools.

## Health

- Four primary health care centers (PHCC) operate in Azraq camp, where healthcare services are provided through two comprehensive clinics (in villages 5 and 6) and two basic clinics (in villages 2 and 3). Primary health services include: outpatient acute and chronic consultations, reproductive health services, primary dental services, mental health, nutrition and vaccination. Clinics are open from 9 am until 4 pm, five days a week. The clinic in village 5 is open seven days a week. There is also one hospital in the camp which provides emergency, maternity, and pediatric services 24/7. Laboratory and x-ray tests are also carried out in the hospital when requested from clinics. Refugees needing services that are not available in the camp are referred outside the camp under the UNHCR referral scheme.
- UNHCR and its partners provide psychosocial support to men, women, girls and boys in need. Special assistance is delivered to vulnerable groups such as single parent families and persons with disabilities. UNHCR works closely with its partners on child protection issues and to strengthen early identification, referral and response to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) cases.

### Water and Sanitation

- There are two boreholes in the camp with a capacity of 58m<sup>3</sup>/h which ensures good water quality and quantity control as well as better cost efficiency. The average water supply is 950 m<sup>3</sup> per day to the camp. Water is distributed through the water supply network to over 200 tap stands.

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