

OVERVIEW

79,901 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 km²
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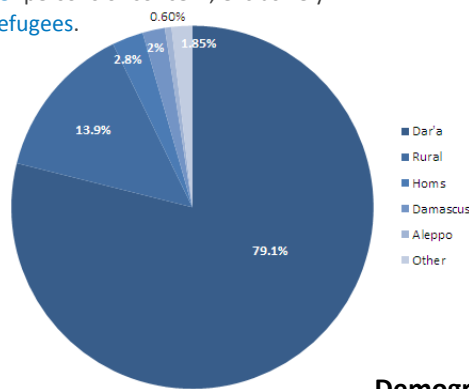
Location: Mafraq Governorate, Northern Jordan

Opening: 29 July 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Population of concern

79,326 persons of concern, exclusively Syrian refugees.

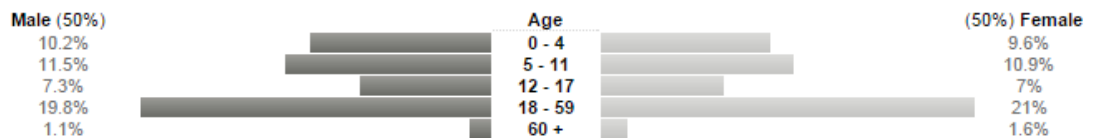


Essential services

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

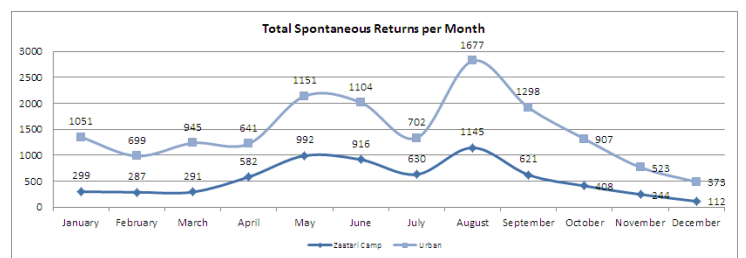
Demographic breakdown



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.
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UNHCR has witnessed a steady rise in returns during 2015, which reined 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 **2,500** refugee-operated shops and businesses. In addition approximately **6,500** 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** internal boreholes in the camp provide **3.2 million litres** of drinking water per day. Water distribution presently takes place via a fleet of some **82** trucks delivering water to communal public and private water tanks.

Sewage and Solid Waste

- A wastewater treatment plant treats ~80% of the wastewater generated in the camp; this wastewater is collected and transported by a fleet of sewerage trucks. Approximately **2,100m³ of sludge is collected** by desludging trucks every day; **750 m³** of solid waste is collected every day and transferred to external solid waste facilities. Recycling projects involving refugees are ongoing to reduce and re-use solid waste.

Energy

- Households are connected to Zaatari's electricity distribution network and have access to electricity **9 hours per day**. UNHCR's three-year **Energy Strategy 2015-2018** will require up to **14 million USD** in funding in order to provide adequate energy to refugees. **A solar power plant** is under development and will be operational by the end of 2017, which will cover all the energy needs of the camp at minimal operational costs.

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

- ACTED, Bab Al Amod, CBM, FCA, FPSC, Quest Scope, Handicap International, ICRC, IMC, IOM, IRC, JHAS, IRD, JEN, JHAS, KSA, LWF, MDM, Mercy Corps, Nour Hussein Foundation, NRC, Oxfam, Qatari Red Crescent, Relief International, Royal Police and Gendarmerie, SC International, SC Jordan, SRAD, UN WOMEN, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, WVI.



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