

This report is produced by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on its humanitarian response for the crisis in Syria. The summary covers events and activities until 1 November.



Distribution of shelter sealing items in Lebanon, 2012

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Syria:** IOM has completed NFI distributions in Homs and Raqqa. IOM plans to begin distribution of emergency NFIs in Quneitra on 7 November.
- **Jordan:** The number of Syrians fleeing Syria into Jordan has increased from **1,822** to **2,533** people crossing over the past week.
- **Lebanon:** Finalization of Memorandum of Understanding with Higher Relief Commission and WFP on providing emergency relief assistance to the Lebanese returnee population.
- **Iraq:** IOM's winterization plan for November and December includes the distribution of **3,000** kits in Domiz camp.
- **Turkey:** In coordination with the Turkish Red Crescent and UNHCR, IOM will begin distributing winter kits.

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

**SYRIA** The security situation in and around Damascus and Aleppo continues to deteriorate. An increasing number of people are being displaced, often towards rural areas where access to humanitarian aid is limited, especially in Aleppo, Damascus, rural Damascus, Homs and Deir Alzoor.

**JORDAN** There are **60,089** UNHCR-registered Syrian refugees in Jordan and an additional **32,160** with registration appointments.<sup>1</sup> The Jordanian government estimates that some **200,000** Syrians have entered the country since March 2011.

The movement of Syrian refugees crossing the border into Jordan increased this week as **2,533** Syrian refugees arrived in the past seven days, compared to the **1,822** arrivals last week.

<sup>1</sup> <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

**LEBANON** There are currently approximately **100,000** Syrians receiving protection and assistance in Lebanon from IOM, UN and national and international NGO partners. To date, **75,668** refugees have been registered with UNHCR and an additional **30,612** persons are awaiting registration.<sup>2</sup>

During the reporting period, approximately **1,700** Syrians (**357** families) entered Aarsal, arriving from villages in Homs where violence has reportedly escalated.

Last week, IOM launched discussions with the WFP and Higher Relief Commission, which has been mandated by the Government of Lebanon to address the issues of Lebanese returnees, to establish a national program in response to the basic food and non-food needs of Lebanese returnees.

**IRAQ** There are **44,772** UNHCR-registered Syrian refugees in Iraq.<sup>3</sup> According to the Bureau of Migration and Displacement, the total number of registered Syrian individuals in the Kurd region is **29,689** persons. Out of this number, **15,000** are reportedly living in Domiz camp in Dahuk. The remaining registered individuals are either renting houses or are hosted in government buildings.

The Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD) reports there are currently **8,350** Syrians (approximately **1,000** families) living in two camps in the town of Al Qaim in Anbar.

Since 18 July, the total number of Iraqi returnees has risen to **49,210 persons** (UNHCR). The majority of returnees reside with host families and need NFIs, food, legal assistance, shelter, employment, and education.

**TURKEY** Currently, **107,769** Syrians are registered and accommodated in **14** camps in seven provinces in Turkey.<sup>4</sup>

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that while the borders are open and Syrian citizens can continue to seek asylum, the application process is slow. There are more than **10,000** Syrians on the Syrian zero-point side of the Turkish-Syrian border across from Kilis and Hatay. Not all Syrians are willing to cross to Turkey due to the humanitarian assistance already being provided by the Turkish Red Crescent Society at zero point of the border as well as some preferring to remain at the border area for safety reasons.

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.afetacil.gov.tr/Ingilizce\\_Site/index.html](http://www.afetacil.gov.tr/Ingilizce_Site/index.html). There are 5 camps in Hatay (12,198 individuals), 2 camps in Şanlıurfa with 33,203 individuals (19,113 of whom are in Ceylanpınar and 14,090 in Akçakale tent cities), 3 camps in Gaziantep with 20,737 individuals (8,091 of whom are in İslahiye and 6,733 in Karkamış and 5,913 in Nizip), one camp in Kahramanmaraş (13,938), one camp in Osmaniye (8,407), in Adıyaman (5,660) and in Kilis (12,826).

## COUNTRY OPERATIONS

### 1. Syria Operations

#### Emergency Repatriation of Stranded Migrants

The number of requests for emergency repatriation assistance continues to increase. To date, IOM assisted the evacuation of **2,471** TCNs. An additional **22** TCNs are booked for departure in November, **13** of whom are booked to travel from Aleppo. Only in the month of October, **864** TCNs have already been repatriated to their country of origin and IOM estimates that the number will continue to increase. Among those departed, IOM repatriated **77** TCNs from Aleppo Airport. A further **750** TCNs remain in the pipeline.

Since November 2011, **6,119** stranded migrants from **37** countries have requested IOM evacuation assistance to safely return to their country of origin. To date, IOM repatriated nationals from **35** countries from Syria to their countries of origin. Assisted TCNs include, among others, citizens from the Philippines, Indonesia, Sudan, Yemen, South Sudan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Ghana, Cote D'Ivoire, Liberia, Eritrea, and Mali. A large number of these migrants are stranded female domestic workers living in Damascus, Rif Damascus, Aleppo and Homs.

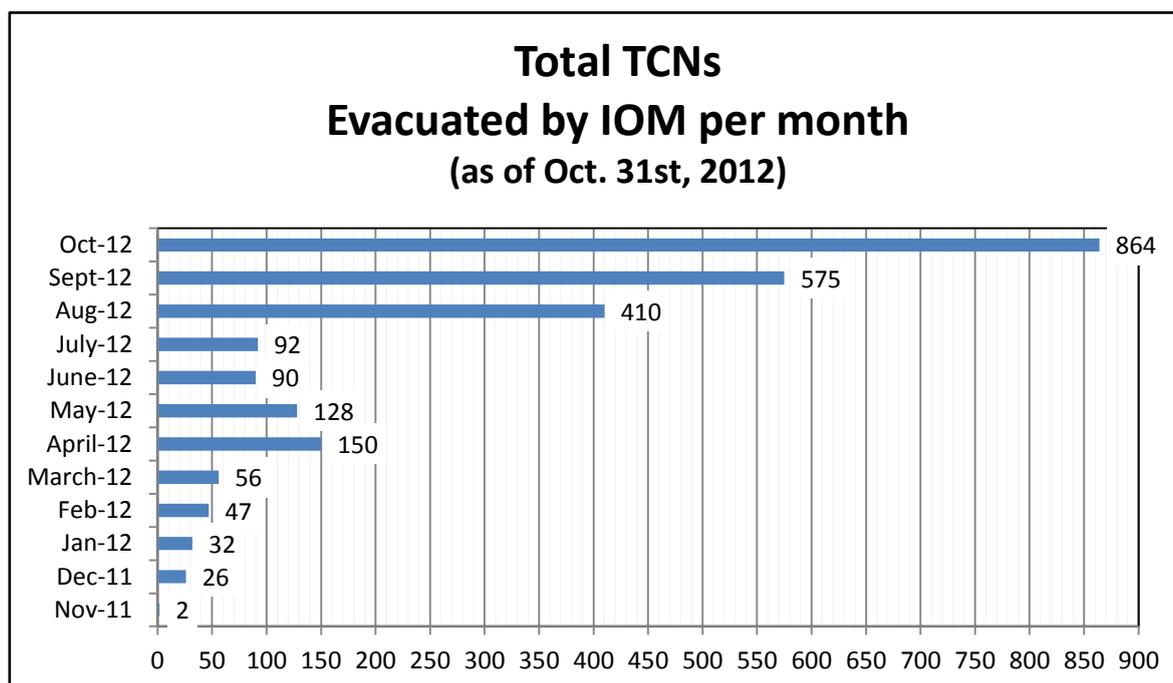
Furthermore, as of late October 2012, IOM assisted **57** TCNs who crossed the Syrian border to Turkey (22), Lebanon (25) and Jordan (10) and requested IOM assistance through their embassies. Out of these, **35** TCNs have already been repatriated. As the situation in Syria worsens, and airport services are disrupted, IOM is prepared to address any substantial increase of TCNs crossing the borders seeking repatriation assistance from neighboring countries.



TCNs departing Damascus airport



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### Provision of Emergency Non-Food Items (NFIs)

In close coordination with local NGOs and UN agencies, IOM provides NFI kits to Syrian IDPs. About 90% of these NFIs are directly distributed by IOM. IOM has completed NFI distributions in Homs and Raqqa and plans to begin distribution of emergency NFIs in Quneitra on 7 November. In early October, IOM began the distribution of winter items.<sup>5</sup>

To date, a total of **19,783** beneficiaries (**4,230** families) have received hygiene kits and winter items across Syria. Depending on the beneficiaries' needs, some have received both hygiene kits and winter items and others only one type of NFI. A total of **3,370** hygiene kits have been distributed to **14,677** beneficiaries (**2,830** families) and **19,036** winter items to **8,596** beneficiaries (**2,096** families) in Homs, As Suwayda, Rif Damascus, Damascus and Raqqa. During the reporting period, IOM has focused on the distribution of winter items and has provided **5,000** quilts, **5,000** pillows in Homs and Raqqa, and **2,000** mattresses in Raqqa.

**IOM NFI Distribution, Damascus (14 August– 31 October 2012)**

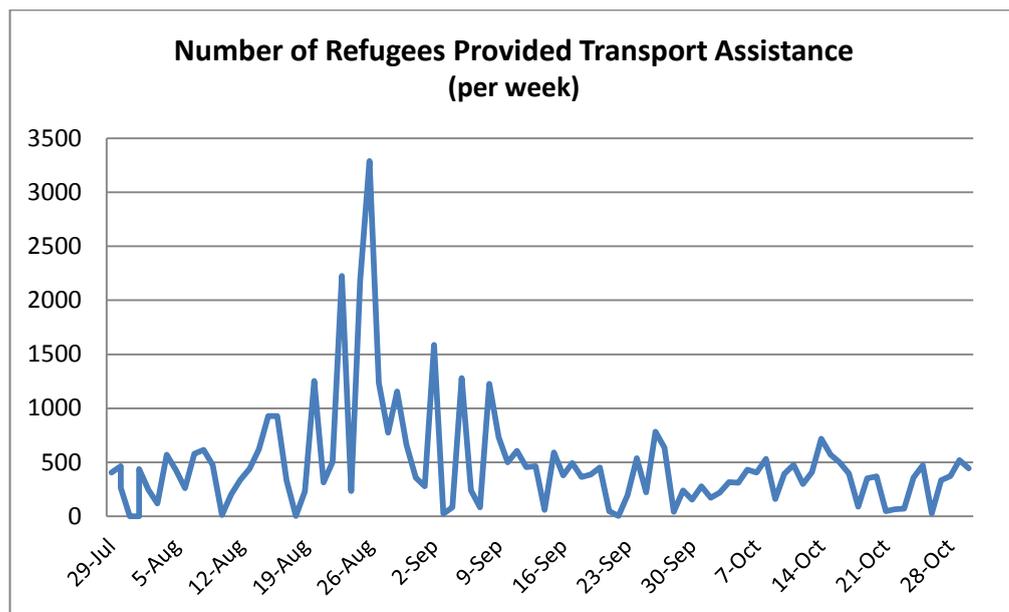
Type of Kit/Item	No. of Kits/Item	No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Female	Male	Adults	Children 2-12	Infants under 2
Hygiene Kit	3,370	2,830	14,677	7,446	7,231	8,934	4,521	1,222
Winter Items	19,036	2,096	8,596	4,904	3,625	5,316	2,870	410

<sup>5</sup> Winter items include quilts, pillows and mattresses.

## 2. Jordan Operations

### Emergency Transportation of Refugees

In the past week, IOM facilitated transportation assistance from border areas to Za’atri camp for **2,533** Syrian nationals. Since July 29, IOM facilitated the transportation of **46,365** Syrians from border areas to Za’atri Camp.



No. of refugees provided transport assistance in the past week	
Date <sup>6</sup>	# People
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	359
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	473
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	26
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	334
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	374
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	522
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	445
<b>7-day Total</b>	<b>2,533</b>

### Health Services

IOM provides initial health screening, and health referrals as needed, for all Syrian refugees transported from the border to the Za’atri camp. In total, IOM provided health checks to **673** individuals with medical conditions requiring immediate referral or treatment at the camp’s health clinics.

Since March 2012, IOM screened **25,723** Syrians for tuberculosis (TB) and provided **25,623** Syrians with TB awareness-raising activities in the camp, transit centres, and host communities in Jordan. IOM’s medical team confirmed **12** TB cases and is providing follow-up treatment for 11 cases. In addition, IOM is currently investigating suspected TB cases and screening people that were in contact with the confirmed cases.



<sup>6</sup> Dates reflect evacuation statistics collected the day of and night before the date stated.

### 3. Lebanon Operations

IOM finalized the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Lebanese Higher Relief Commission and WFP for the provision of targeted assistance for the most vulnerable families among the Lebanese returnee population. IOM has been mandated to take the lead on non-food items, while WFP has taken the lead on food items. As part of its targeted assistance, IOM is preparing for the long-term planning, provision of essential items and livelihood projects.

#### Provision of Emergency Non-Food Items (NFIs) – Winter Kits

IOM continues to address the most pressing needs and concerns for a large proportion of Syrian refugees and Lebanese returnees. From 25 to 31 October, IOM distributed winter kits<sup>7</sup> (**2,102** blankets and **441** carpets) and **278** shelter sealing items<sup>8</sup> according to each family's needs. IOM distributed winter NFIs and shelter sealing items to:

- **849** individuals (**137** families) in Baalbeck, Hermel and Central and West Bekaa. This includes **68** Lebanese returnee families and **69** Syrian refugee families.
- **1,763** individuals (**304** families) in Wadi Khaled and Akroum, north Lebanon. This includes **76** Lebanese returnee families and **228** Syrian refugee families.

IOM continues in its efforts to profile and map Lebanese returnees. IOM has recently updated its database of Lebanese returnees, by tracking and contacting **400** Lebanese returnees who recently fled into Lebanon and settled in Hermel (Bekaa).

#### Psychosocial Support Services

From 28 to 29 October, IOM organized its third psychosocial forum for displaced Syrians and Lebanese returnees in Baalbeck. The forum was convened and organized at DARI, Recreational and Counseling Centre for Families.



### 4. Iraq Operations

#### Provision of Emergency Non-Food Items (NFIs)

IOM's Baghdad hub and Anbar office have coordinated with UNHCR the upcoming distribution of **750** NFI kits to Syrian refugees in Al Qaim camp. The first shipment of **500** NFI kits from IOM's Erbil warehouse to Al Qaim camp will take place 8 November, and will be followed by the distribution of **250** NFI kits during the following week. IOM is also planning the distribution of **500** winter kits to Syrians living in host communities in Anbar.

IOM will distribute winter kits (including kerosene heaters, carpets, plastic cabinets, and rechargeable lights) to

<sup>7</sup> Winter kits include blankets and carpet.

<sup>8</sup> Shelter sealing items include plastic sheets (floor and roof), sieve nets, ropes, nylon, pins, and hammer.

Syrians in Domiz camp as part of the winterization plan coordinated by UNHCR. The winterization plan stipulates that IOM will distribute **3,000** winter kits in November and December.

In addition, the IOM Ninewa team attended a meeting with the local disaster management cell in Ninewa to discuss IOM's role and its capacity to contribute to the establishment of the refugee camp in Al Kasek, Ninewa. A follow-up meeting will be held in the coming weeks.

To date, IOM has distributed NFI kits to over **4,000** Syrian refugees in Iraq.

## 5. Turkey Operations

### Provision of Emergency Non-Food Items (NFIs) – winter kits



IOM Turkey is currently coordinating with the Turkish Red Crescent (Kizilay) and UNHCR on the provision of winter items. At the request of Kizilay, IOM will procure **3,000** blankets in the coming weeks. The first **1,000** blankets will be delivered to Akcakale and Karkamis during the second week of November and the remaining **2,000** blankets will be distributed consecutively in camps identified by Kizilay. Additionally, IOM is exploring the provision of heaters or tarpaulins that remain an urgent need among the list provided by Kizilay.

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