

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 15 November.



IOM Lebanon's fourth Psychosocial Support Workshop, November © IOM

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Syria:** IOM started distributing emergency NFI kits in a new collective shelter that opened last week in Damascus' Barzeh area.
- **Syria:** IOM initiated a needs assessment for an emergency shelter repair project in two collective shelters in Dahite Qudsaya.
- **Lebanon:** IOM conducted its fourth Psychosocial Support session for Syrian refugee and Lebanese returnee children in Baalbeck.
- **Iraq:** A report based on a comprehensive rapid country-wide assessment of Syrian refugees and Iraqis returning from Syria, conducted by IOM in August-October 2012, is now available online. (<http://www.iomiraq.net/Documents/SyriaReport.pdf>)

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

### SYRIA

The security situation continues to deteriorate, with unpredictable violence throughout the country especially in Aleppo and Damascus countryside. Nevertheless, IOM is committed to continue providing assistance to IDPs through the provision of emergency NFIs, as well as to stranded migrants through emergency repatriation to their home countries. IOM operations will continue as the security situation permits.

### JORDAN

There are **87,167** registered Syrian refugees in Jordan and an additional **31,231** with registration appointments.<sup>1</sup> The movement of Syrian refugees crossing the border into Jordan increased for the third week in a row as **3,589** Syrian refugees arrived in the past seven days.

### LEBANON

The number of registered Syrians in Lebanon has reached **87,021**, with an estimated **33,885** people awaiting registration. This week, the majority of registered individuals came from Homs, Damascus, Halab, Edleb and Hama.<sup>2</sup>

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

**IRAQ** There are **51,211** registered Syrian refugees in Iraq.<sup>3</sup> This figure includes **39,961** Syrian refugees residing in the Kurdistan Region - over 75% of whom are in Dohuk. UNHCR estimates that a total of **16,500** individuals are currently living in Domiz camp in the Dohuk governorate.

According to the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD), a total of **8,356** Syrians reside in the Anbar governorate, located in western Iraq. There are two camps established in the town of Al Qaim, located in Anbar. According to UNHCR, out of a total of **7,442** people, **3,342** live in Camp 1 and **4,100** in Camp 2. Cold weather and rain have affected many families and prompted them to ask for winter blankets and clothes. On 30 October, the MoMD started registration of the Syrian refugees in Al Qaim camp for distribution of cash assistance of about USD 335 per person. Authorities also distributed milk, water and diapers for children in Al Qaim Camp 1. The **585** families living in Anbar outside of the camps are living with relatives or host families and need NFIs, employment, and access to education.

#### **Iraqi Returnees**

A total of **52,707** Iraqi returnees have arrived through border crossings at Al Qaim, Al Waleed, and Rabia'a.

**TURKEY** Currently, **114,944** Syrians are registered and accommodated in 14 camps in seven provinces in Turkey.<sup>4</sup> Turkish officials estimate that **70,000** Syrians are residing in urban host communities, which brings the total number of Syrians in Turkey to approximately **185,000**.<sup>5</sup>

Between 9-13 November, over **8,000** Syrians crossed the border due to the escalated violence in the Syrian border town Ras al-Ayn. Although **4,000** of them had originally registered in Akçakale and Ceylanpınar camps, the majority were hosted by their relatives in nearby villages.

There are currently two container sites under construction in Gaziantep province and Şanlıurfa Harran. The Turkish Government is making efforts to identify additional sites to build more camps.

## **IOM 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 **2,688** stranded migrants. During the last week, IOM has repatriated **136** TCNs. An additional **29** TCNs are booked for departure in November and IOM estimates that the number will continue to increase. Among the total number of TCNs departed, IOM repatriated **105** TCNs from Aleppo Airport. A further **688** TCNs remain in the pipeline.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

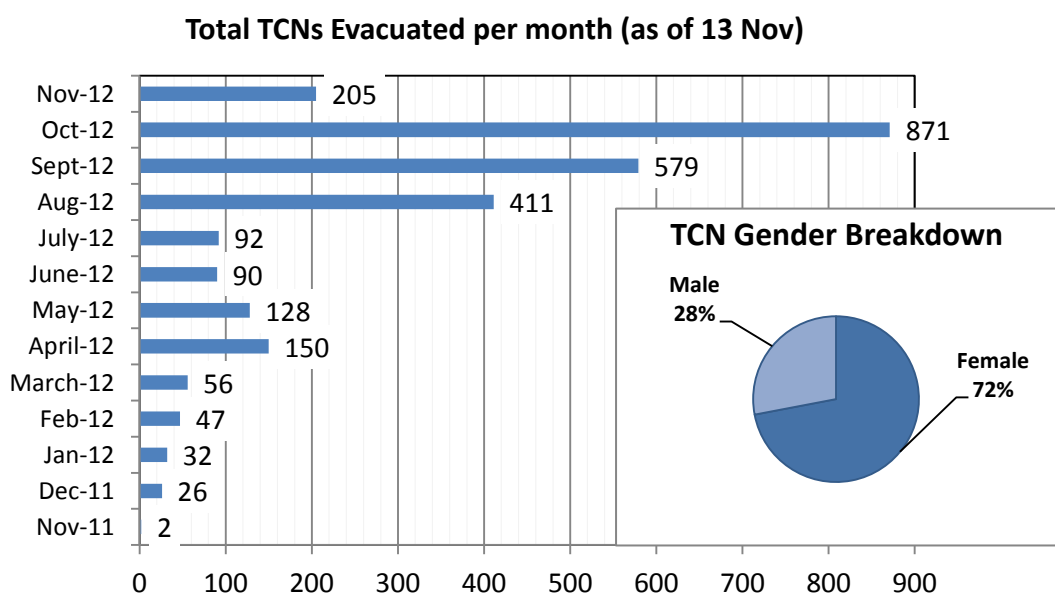
<sup>3</sup> Ibid

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<sup>5</sup> [http://www.afetacil.gov.tr/Ingilizce\\_Site/index.html](http://www.afetacil.gov.tr/Ingilizce_Site/index.html)

Since November 2011, **6,284** 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** different 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. About **72%** of assisted migrants are female, of which many 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) by helping them in processing travel documents and identifying them upon arrival to neighboring countries in cooperation with their respective embassies. Out of these, **41** 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 neighbouring countries.



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

In close coordination with local NGOs and UN agencies, IOM has been providing emergency NFIs to Syrian IDPs in Homs, Raqqa, As Suwayda, Damascus, and Damascus countryside. About 90% of these NFIs are directly distributed by IOM. On 13 November, IOM distributed **253** winter kits to **312** beneficiaries in a new collective shelter that opened last week in Damascus' Barzeh area.

Due to the deterioration of the security situation, IOM postponed the planned emergency NFI distribution in Quneitra. Depending on the security, IOM is ready to distribute hygiene and winter kits in Aleppo from 14-20 November to meet the urgent needs of Syrian IDPs.

To date, a total of **5,848** families (**28,721** individuals) have received hygiene kits and winter items across Syria.<sup>6</sup> A total of **3,458** hygiene kits have been distributed to **2,918** families (**15,112** individuals), and **20,989** winter kits to **2,930** families (**13,609** individuals) in Homs, As Suwayda, Rif Damascus, Damascus and Raqqa.

IOM NFI Distribution, Syria (14 August – 14 November 2012)

Type of Kit/Item	No. of Kits	No. of Families	No. of Individuals	Adults	Children 2-12	Infants under 2
Hygiene Kits	3,458	2,918	15,112	9,228	4,642	1,242
Winter Kits	20,989	2,930	13,609	8,406	4,017	1,186
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,447</b>	<b>5,848</b>	<b>28,721</b>	<b>17,634</b>	<b>8,659</b>	<b>2,428</b>

### Emergency Shelter Rehabilitation

IOM started the process of selecting a number of collective shelters inside Syria for emergency repair in coordination with UNHCR, the NFI and Shelter Working Group and relevant authorities. IOM carried out a needs assessment for two collective shelters in Dahite Qudsaya, one of which already hosts more than 200 IDPs.



Site visit to B1 school collective shelter in Dahiyat Qudsaya on 12 Nov 2012

## 2. Jordan Operations

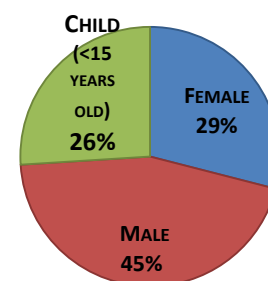
### Emergency Transportation of Refugees

In the past week, IOM facilitated transportation assistance from border areas to Za'atri camp for **3,586** Syrian nationals. Since July 29, IOM facilitated the transportation of **53,168** Syrians from border areas to Za'atri Camp.

As part of the transportation services, the IOM health team provides pre-registration and initial health screenings, including referrals to health care providers at the camp as needed.

# Refugees Provided with Transport Assistance, (8-14 November)	
Date <sup>7</sup>	# People
8th Nov	542
9th Nov	879
10th Nov	627
11th Nov	416
12th Nov	187
13th Nov	499
14th Nov	436
<b>7-day Total</b>	<b>3,586</b>

### Demographic Breakdown of Transported Syrians (5 Oct-12 Nov)



<sup>6</sup> Winter kits include quilts, pillows and mattresses. Hygiene kits include contain soap, laundry soap, sanitary pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, a nail clipper, combs, loofahs, napkins, trash bags, underwear, towels and diapers.

<sup>7</sup> Dates reflect evacuation statistics collected the day of and night before the date stated.

## Health Services

Since 29 July, IOM assisted **712** individuals with medical conditions requiring immediate referral or treatment at the camp's health clinics as part of the transportation assistance services.

Since March 2012, IOM screened **32,642** Syrians for TB and provided **30,960** Syrians with TB awareness-raising activities in the camp, transit centres, and host communities in Jordan. IOM's medical team confirmed **14** TB cases and is providing follow-up treatment for 13 cases. In addition, IOM is currently investigating suspected TB cases and screening people that were in contact with the confirmed cases.

## 3. Lebanon Operations

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

From 7-14 November, IOM distributed winter NFIs to **106** Lebanese returnee families (**1,101** individuals) in Fekha, Hermel, Labwe, Khyara and Manara (Bekaa Governorate) in collaboration with local NGOs.

To date, **59,461** individuals (**17,446** Lebanese Returnees and **42,015** Syrian refugees) have benefitted from emergency NFIs in Lebanon. IOM continues to profile and map Lebanese returnees and has scheduled a mapping exercise to take place by next week.

**IOM NFI Distribution, Lebanon (14 August – 14 November 2012)**

Type of Kit/Item	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Syrians	No. of Lebanese Returnees	Female	Male	Children 2-12	Infants under 2
Hygiene Kits	5,140	4,315	825	1,852	1,714	1,266	308
Winter Kits	27,788	16,391	11,396	11,207	8,791	5,655	2,135
House Cleaning Kits	1,667	1,667	0	624	576	400	67
Household Shelter Support Items	13,026	8,277	4,749	5,281	4,349	2,414	982
Rechargeable Lamps	11,699	11,244	456	4184	3790	3024	701
Diaper Bags	141	121	20	0	0	0	141
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59,461</b>	<b>42,015</b>	<b>17,446</b>	<b>23,148</b>	<b>19,220</b>	<b>12,759</b>	<b>4,334</b>

### Psychosocial Support Services

For the fourth time, IOM organized a psychosocial workshop for Syrian children in Baalbeck between 9-12 November at DARI, Recreational and Counseling Centre for Families. Main activities included cooperative games, trust-building exercises, participatory reflection, debate techniques, drawing, corporal expression and symbolic and adaptive games.





### Coordination and partnerships

IOM is working alongside the Lebanese Government's Higher Relief Commission (HRC) in the Lebanese Returnees Task Force to plan and deliver NFI assistance to Lebanese returnees.

IOM is currently mapping and profiling newly arriving Lebanese returnees.

## 4. Iraq Operations

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

IOM field staff visit camps and the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD) offices on a regular basis in addition to conducting site visits and family interviews in order to monitor numbers, circumstances, and needs of refugees and returnees.

From 6 to 8 November, the IOM team in Anbar successfully distributed an additional **250** NFI kits to Syrian refugees in Al Qaim Camp 1. The IOM team in Anbar also completed needs assessment and coordination in the field, in preparation for MoMD and UNHCR requests to distribute winter kits to **950** Syrian refugees in Al Qaim Camp 2 beginning on 20 November. IOM also plans to distribute **500** winter kits to Syrians living in host communities in Anbar.

The IOM team in Dohuk continues to distribute winter NFI kits to Syrian refugees in Domiz camp as part of the winterization plan coordinated by UNHCR. To date, IOM has distributed NFI packages to over **4,200** Syrian refugees in Iraq.

### Rapid Needs Assessment

A report based on a comprehensive rapid countrywide assessment of Syrian refugees and Iraqis returning from Syria, conducted in August-October 2012, is now available online: <http://www.iomiraq.net/Documents/SyriaReport.pdf>. The assessment included key interviews with Syrian and Iraqi nationals recently displaced from Syria, border authorities, MoMD officials, local council members, and Camp and Transit Receiving Centre (TRC) managers.

## 5. Turkey Operations

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

On 12 November, IOM provided **3,114** blankets to Turkish Red Crescent's (Kizilay) warehouse in Karkamis camp. The distribution of these items will take place in coming days based on coordination with Kizilay and Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD). IOM staff was present to monitor the provision of blankets and the WC and shower containers on 12 November in Karkamis camp.

From 12-14 November, two IOM staff worked at the Kizilay warehouse in Gaziantep to monitor the arrival of blankets and to meet with local authorities and camp managers.

IOM NFI Provision, Turkey (9 June – 14 November)		
Location	Type of Item	No.
Akcakale Camp	Bed Linens	5,000
	Mattresses	2,500
	Pillows	7,000
Ceylanpinar Camp	Beds	460
	Bed Linens	5,000
	Container Showers	10
	Kitchen sets	750
	Pillows	5,000
Gaziantep Warehouse	Kitchen sets	1,000
	Tents	100
Islahiye Camp	Kitchen sets	250
Yayladagi Camp	Beds	540
Karkamis Camp	Container Shower and WCs	15
	Blankets	3,114
<b>Total</b>		<b>30,739</b>

Container Provision, Turkey		
Location	Type of Item	No.
Ceylanpinar Camp	Shower	10
Karkamis Camp	Shower	7
	WC	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>25</b>

IOM is currently in the process of procurement preparations for tarpaulin and heaters before proceeding with the new round of winter kits distribution by the end of November.

To date, IOM has distributed NFI packages to over **30,739** Syrian refugees in Turkey.

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