

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 22 November.



IOM distributes Non-Food Items (NFIs) to Syrian refugees in Domiz Camp, Iraq for winterization support © IOM

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Iraq:** IOM began planning for the construction of a 45,000 litre water tank in Alkasek camp in coordination with UNICEF and UNHCR.
- **Jordan:** The movement of Syrian refugees crossing the border into Jordan increased for the fourth week in a row as IOM continues providing emergency transportation services for Syrian refugees from border areas to Za'atri refugee camp.
- **Lebanon:** IOM conducted its fifth Psychosocial Support session for Syrian refugee and Lebanese returnee children in Baalbeck.

**SITUATION OVERVIEW**

**SYRIA** The unpredictability of the security situation is evident in many parts of the country. The level of violence is high in most cities including Damascus. Explosions, gunfire and arms-related activity are the daily norm.

**JORDAN** There are currently **91,064** registered Syrian refugees in Jordan, and an additional **32,012** are with registration appointments.<sup>1</sup> The Jordanian government estimates that over **200,000** Syrians have entered the country since March 2011.

The movement of Syrian refugees crossing the border into Jordan increased for the fourth week in a row as **3,820** Syrian refugees arrived in the past seven days.

The second planned camp in Zarqa was initially planned by Jordanian authorities to hold up to **5,000** persons but it is currently on hold due to the lack of funding.<sup>2</sup> UNHCR reported that the Cyber City transit centre in Ramtha is currently being expanded into a third refugee camp. The third camp is designed to host a single male population of up to **2,500** refugees.

**LEBANON** The number of registered Syrians in Lebanon has reached **93,110** persons, with an estimated **34,310** people awaiting registration.<sup>3</sup> Out of the total registered population, there are currently **47,116** Syrians in north Lebanon, **36,175** in Bekaa and **5,503** in Beirut and south Lebanon. This week the majority of registered individuals have arrived from Homs, Damascus, Aleppo, Edleb and Hama.

**IRAQ** There are currently **54,175** registered Syrian refugees in Iraq.<sup>4</sup> This figure includes **44,000** Syrian refugees residing in the Kurdistan Region - over 75% of whom are in Dohuk. UNHCR estimates that a total of **18,500** individuals are currently living in Domiz camp in the Dohuk governorate.

According to the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD), **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, **3,298** Syrian refugees 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.

**Iraqi Returnees**

A total of **54,350** Iraqi returnees have arrived through border crossings at Al Qaim, Al Waleed, and Rabia'a.

**TURKEY** Currently, **120,147** Syrians are registered and accommodated in 14 camps in seven provinces in Turkey.<sup>5</sup> The majority of the new arrivals have crossed through Akçakale and Ceylanpinar. During

<sup>1</sup> <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=107>

<sup>2</sup> Weekly camp coordination meeting, 20 Nov 2012

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid

<sup>5</sup> Ibid

the period of 16-18 November, **1,675** Syrians have been registered and accommodated in the camps while **408** Syrians have reportedly voluntarily returned to Syria.<sup>6</sup>

Turkish officials estimate that some **70,000** Syrians are residing in urban host communities, which brings the total number of Syrians in Turkey to approximately **185,000**.<sup>7</sup>

The number of Syrians still in Syria across the border of Hatay and Kilis is increasing; there are approximately **25,000** Syrians in various locations across Kilis and Hatay borders in Syria.<sup>8</sup>

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

While the number of requests for emergency repatriation assistance continues to increase, the markedly deteriorating security situation in past weeks has hampered IOM's evacuation of TCNs from Syria.

To date, IOM assisted the evacuation of **2,779** stranded migrants. Among the total number of TCNs departed, IOM repatriated **108** TCNs from Aleppo Airport. During the last week, IOM repatriated **91** TCNs. An additional **67** TCNs are booked for departure in November and a further **599** TCNs remain in the pipeline.



Since November 2011, **6,356** 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 **71%** of assisted migrants are female, many of whom are stranded female domestic workers living in Damascus, Rif Damascus, Aleppo and Homs.

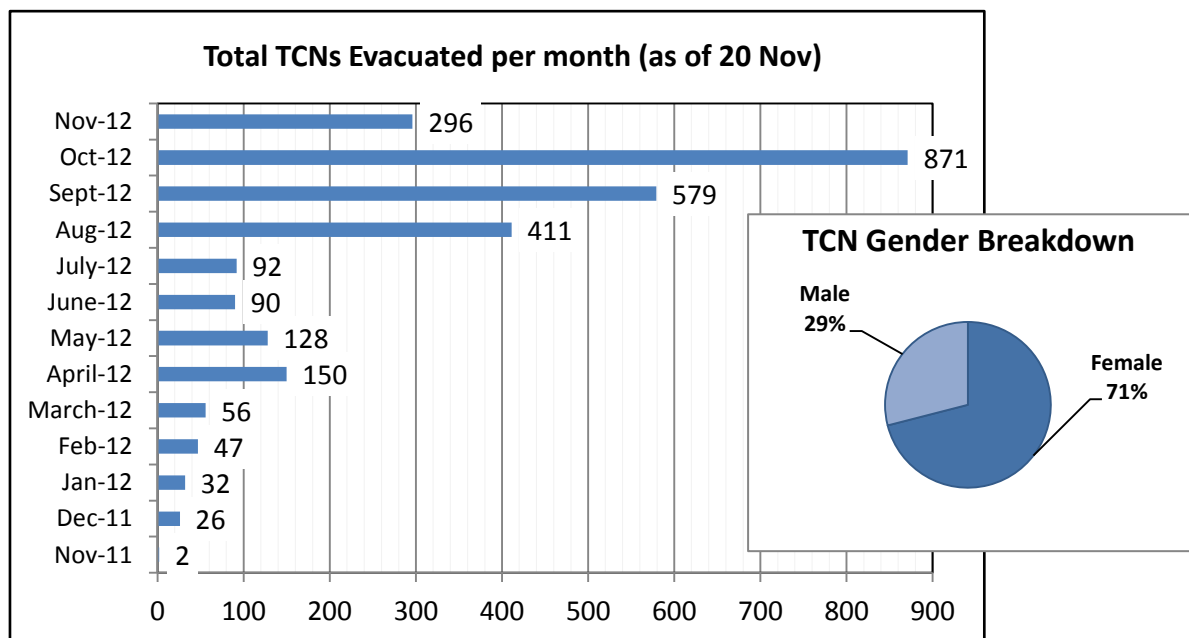
Furthermore, as of late October 2012, IOM assisted **57** TCNs who crossed the Syrian border to Turkey (22), Lebanon (25) and Jordan (10) by helping them in processing travel documents and identifying them upon arrival to neighboring countries in cooperation with their respective embassies. Out of these, **41** TCNs have already been

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.afetacil.gov.tr/Ingilizce\\_Site/index.html](http://www.afetacil.gov.tr/Ingilizce_Site/index.html)

<sup>7</sup> Ibid

<sup>8</sup> According to the estimation of the local authorities based on the food packages distributed by the Turkish Red Crescent at the border.

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.

During the shipment of 3,000 quilts for distribution in Aleppo governorate this week, the truck was seized by an unknown group inside Aleppo. IOM is resolving this situation and will continue planning NFI delivery as the security situation permits. On 21 and 22 November, IOM plans to distribute **1,700** winter kits and **250** hygiene kits in Damascus.



To date, a total of **5,848** families (**28,721** individuals) have received hygiene kits and winter kits across Syria.<sup>9</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.

<sup>9</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.

IOM NFI Distribution, Syria (14 August – 21 November 2012)						
	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>

## 2. Jordan Operations

### Emergency Transportation of Refugees

In the past week, IOM facilitated transportation assistance from border areas to Za'atri camp for **3,820** Syrian nationals. Since 29 July, IOM facilitated the transportation of **56,988** 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.

### Health Services

Since 29 July, IOM assisted **730** 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 **36,545** Syrians for TB and provided **32,760** 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.

# Refugees Provided with Transport Assistance, (14-21 November)	
Date <sup>10</sup>	# People
15th Nov	1,003
16th Nov	1,103
17th Nov	240
18th Nov	308
19th Nov	404
20th Nov	384
21st Nov	378
<b>7-day Total</b>	<b>3,820</b>

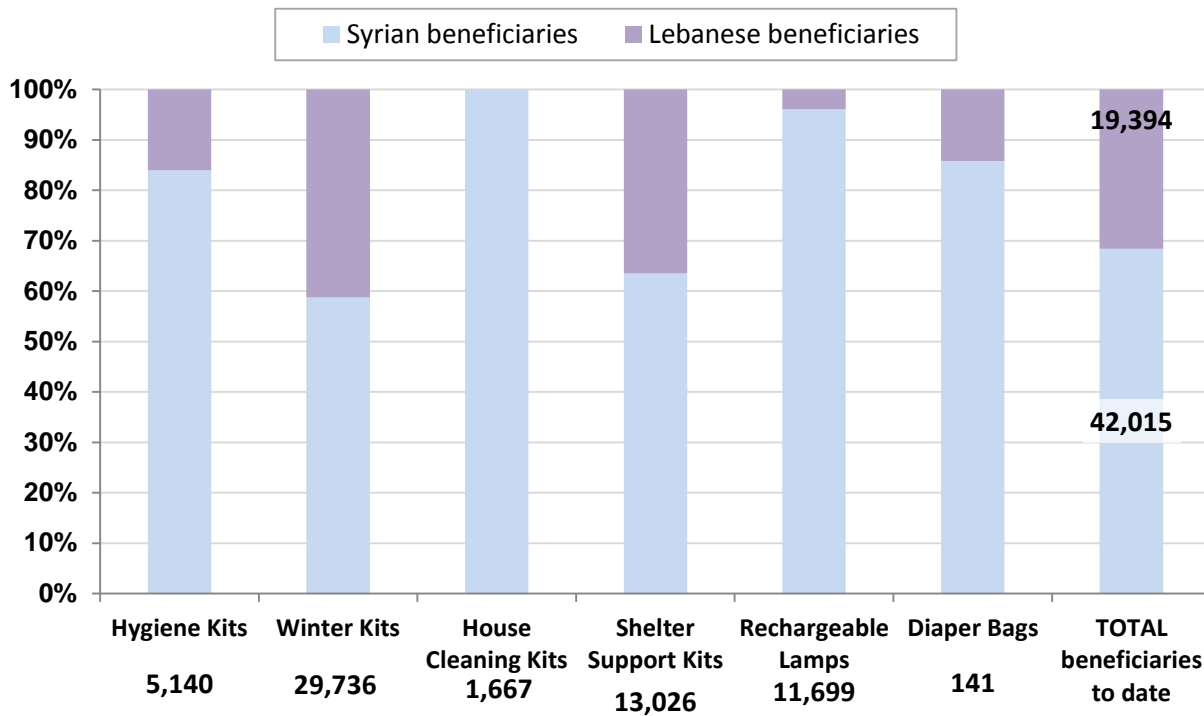
## 3. Lebanon Operations

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

From 15-22 November, IOM distributed winter NFIs to **160** Syrian refugee families (**1,080** individuals) in Baalbeck and Taalbeya (Bekaa Governorate) and **140** Lebanese returnee families (**868** individuals) in Akkar in collaboration with local NGOs.

To date, **61,409** individuals (**19,394** Lebanese Returnees and **42,015** Syrian refugees) have benefitted from emergency NFIs in Lebanon. IOM continues to profile and map Lebanese returnees throughout Lebanon.

<sup>10</sup> Dates reflect evacuation statistics collected the day of and night before the date stated.



**Psychosocial Support Services**

For the fifth time, IOM organized a psychosocial workshop for Syrian refugee, Lebanese returnee, and host community children in Baalbeck between 16-19 November at DARI, Recreational and Counseling Centre for Families. The workshop benefitted 150 children aged 5-16. Four cases were referred to counseling. Main activities included cooperative games, trust-building exercises, participatory reflection, debate techniques, drawing, corporal expression and symbolic and adaptive games.



**Coordination and partnerships**

On November 21, IOM staff accompanied the UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator to Lebanon, on a field visit to the Wadi Khaled area to examine the impact of the Syria crisis on the Lebanese communities. As part of the field visit, IOM organized a focus group for Lebanese returnees to express their issues and concerns to the UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, who welcomed the commitment and efforts of the Lebanese authorities and IOM to address the ever increasing needs of Lebanese returnees and host communities.



UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator's visit to Lebanese Returnee communities in Wadi Khaled, Lebanon © IOM 2012

## 4. Iraq Operations

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

IOM field staff visited 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.

IOM field staff completed the shipment of **700** NFI kits from the Erbil warehouse to Anbar governorate to be distributed this week to Syrian refugees in Al Qaim camp 2. Another shipment of **250** NFI kits is planned for today. The NFI kits include a blanket, carpet, kerosene heater, plastic cabinet, rechargeable light, cooler, washing powder, and soap.

To date, IOM has distributed NFI packages to over **5,000** Syrian refugees and **265** Iraqi returnees.

### Water and Sanitation

In coordination with UNICEF and UNHCR, IOM began planning for the construction of a 45,000-litre water tank in Alkasek camp at the request of the local government in Ninewa. The implementation phase is expected to begin by the end of November.

## 5. Turkey Operations

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

To date, IOM has distributed NFI packages to over **30,739** Syrian refugees in Turkey. Two IOM staff members travelled to Gaziantep this week to monitor the provision of **3,114** blankets that arrived at the warehouse on 12 November.

As a part of IOM Turkey's winter item distribution plan, IOM has ordered an additional **2,740** blankets that will be provided to the Turkish Red Crescent by the end of November 2012.

### Case Story: An Iraqi Returnee Woman

On 18 November, IOM conducted a follow-up visit of a single mother Iraqi returnee with five children in Al-Qadissaya governorate. Since 13 August, IOM has helped her receive free medical check-ups for her cancer; a wheelchair, milk and food for her youngest handicapped child; and free primary health care for her entire family. In the most recent field visit, she informed IOM staff that doctors told her she is responding well to the cancer treatment.

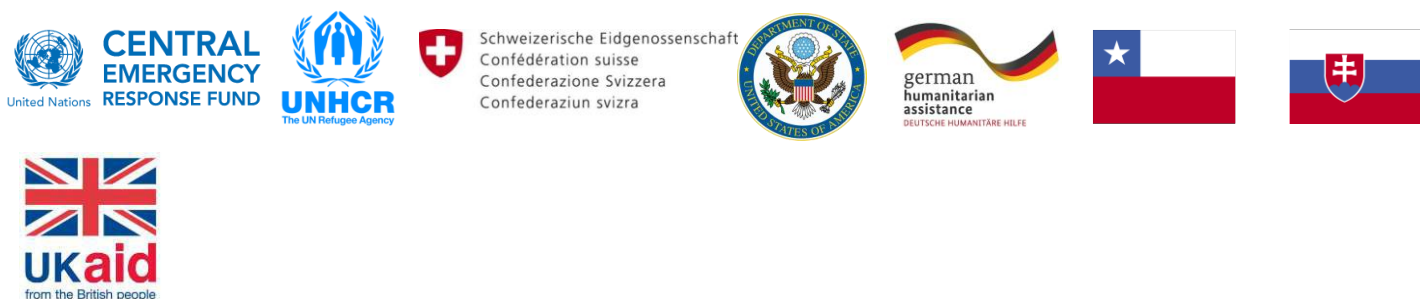


IOM NFI Provision, Turkey (9 June – 21 November)		
Location	Type of Item	No.
Akcakale Camp	Bed Linens	5,000
	Mattresses	2,500
	Pillows	7,000
Ceylanpinar Camp	Beds	460
	Bed Linens	5,000
	Container Showers	10
	Kitchen sets	750
	Pillows	5,000
Gaziantep Warehouse	Kitchen sets	1,000
	Tents	100
Islahiye Camp	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 Turkey participated in a preparatory meeting with Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UNCT to prepare for a health assessment mission to the camps in southeastern Turkey. The mission is planned for 4-5 December upon approval of the Ministry of Health and seeks to identify cooperation between the government of Turkey and the UNCT in support of areas of activities related to health services in the camps. This week, IOM will take part in an internal meeting with a technical focal point from UNCT to discuss practicalities and logistics of this mission.

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