Emergency Transportation & Processing of Refugees

Since the end of July, Syrians fleeing violence have crossed into Jordan in ever-increasing numbers necessitating immediate transportation, processing and reception services. The UN task force in Amman endorsed IOM as the lead agency for the orderly, safe and humane transportation of Syrians from border collection points to Za’atri camp.

As of 29 Nov., IOM has facilitated the transportation of 59,042 Syrian nationals in coordination with UNHCR, the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization, and the Jordanian government. As of 29 November, IOM has provided transport assistance to an average of 461 refugees per day.

As part of the processing and reception services, an IOM health team provides initial health screenings, refers people to health care providers at the camp as needed and provides pre-registration services and basic hygiene items as needed. As of 29 November, the IOM medical team has provided 743 health referrals for refugees requiring immediate medical attention.

Health Care Assistance

The Ministry of Health requested IOM to provide tuberculosis (TB) services and capacity building to local health authorities on TB case management in order to prevent health risks to both Syrians and Jordanians.

In response, IOM’s health team has implemented active TB screening and awareness-raising sessions to Syrians arriving in Jordan through the use of mobile and fixed clinics. Thousands of Syrians have benefitted from these targeted health education sessions. These services minimize the additional burden on existing public health systems and ensure sustained delivery of health services for Syrians and host communities. As of 28 Nov., 35,877 people have benefitted from IOM’s TB awareness-raising sessions, and 39,164 have been screened for TB.