

Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report
Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey
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Highlights

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- UNICEF has opted to use gas for water heating in Za'atari camp and has completed the design of the winterized WASH units, which will be operational by early November.
- The security situation in Lebanon has deteriorated after the bomb blast last Friday which killed, among others, the head of the intelligence branch of the Internal Security Forces.
- The Government of Turkey confirmed that Syrian children in camps will be taught in Arabic according to a Syrian curriculum.
- In Syria, to date, UNICEF has provided access for 107,000 people to improve hygiene and 6,000 people to drinking water; 32,000 children benefited from psychosocial support; around 23,000 children are in education programmes; and 285,000 children have been vaccinated against measles.
- In the surrounding countries, the number of registered refugees increased by 8 per cent from 253,905 to 274,712; some 142,850 are children and around 52,195 are children under five. This does not include the many tens of thousands of children who are not registered as refugees. Most of the increase in registered refugees came in Lebanon and Turkey.

The combination of escalating levels of violence and disruption of services and livelihoods threatens to put more children's lives at risk. Within Syria, 2.5 million people are affected by the conflict and 1.2 million are displaced, close to half of them children. Syrian children and adolescents face interruption of schooling, limited access to basic services, and psychosocial distress caused by witnessing violence and displacement.

In Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey, 274,712 Syrians are currently registered as refugees and 60,405 are awaiting registration (UNHCR, October 2012). These numbers do not include the thousands of unregistered Syrian refugees, Iraqis and Palestinians who have fled Syria, nor the host families that receive them.

Estimated Affected Population in Syria <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from (*) OCHA 28 August 2012. The rest of the figures are calculated based on CBS demographic distribution of 2010)</i>	
Total Affected Population	(*) 2,500,000
Children Affected (Under 18)	1,150,000
Children Under Five	262,767
Pregnant women (estimate: 5% of the total population)	125,000
Total Displaced Population (a proportion of the above)	(*) 1,200,000
Children Displaced (estimate: 46 % of the population is children)	552,000

Estimated Affected Population in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 24 Oct 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	274,712	137,356	137,356
Children Affected (Under 18)	142,850	74,172	68,678
Children 0-4 Years	52,195	27,471	24,724
Children 5-11 Years	54,942	27,471	27,471
Children 12-17 Years	38,460	19,230	19,230
18 – 59 Years	120,873	57,690	63,184

* In addition 60,405 Refugees are awaiting registration. As of 20 October, UNHCR in NORTH AFRICA has also registered 6,815 Syrians.

SYRIA

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

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- 104 school clubs are running in Dara'a, rural Damascus, Lattakia and Tartous, providing remedial classes, recreational activities and psychosocial activities for 23,140 students.

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There has been no sign of improvement in the security situation in Syria during the last two weeks, with frequent incidents of clashes and deadly explosions reported in the major Syrian cities; this continues to cause further displacement of population to new areas. Mr Brahimi visited Damascus this week, holding meetings to seek unilateral ceasefires during Eid Al-Adha. UNICEF is taking necessary measures to provide expanded outreach and assistance if the pause materialises. Among others, The Syria country office has taken steps to ensure supplies are ready for dispatch to certain key locations in the event that a ceasefire is declared by all parties, and access is granted. Supplies have been pre-positioned in Aleppo to provide emergency relief to families there, including baby hygiene kits, family hygiene kits, food for children kits, as well as recreation kits to benefit over 18,000 children. In addition, supplies have been prepared for dispatch at the Damascus warehouse for dispatch to Homs and Dara'a, both of which are locations that have been difficult to access. In Homs, UNICEF has planned to reach 103,000 beneficiaries, while in Dara'a UNICEF has supplies for 69,800. In total, UNICEF stands ready to assist over 188,000 vulnerable women and children over the Eid weekend.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF delivered a presentation on health and nutrition needs for children in emergencies and the role of NGOs, at a meeting called by the Ministry of Health (MoH). An interagency mission, with UNICEF participation, took place to Al-Raqqa from 21-23 October. A WASH working group meeting took place on 18 October; partners agreed water heating in collective centres would be done with either electric heaters or solar panels. On 18 October the Mental Health and Psychosocial (MHPSS) sub working group met; it was agreed that assessment tools should be unified to be used by different actors in assessment of PSS needs of IDPs in shelters and in communities.

The MoH conducted a national forum for NGOs in collaboration with UN agencies to discuss the role of NGOs during the current crisis. UNICEF co-sponsored the forum and gave technical support. Some 1,000 first aid kits were delivered to MOH and distributed to NGOs during this forum.

Programme response:

The outpost in Tartous will provide assistance to more than 300,000 IDPs and host community members. Various supplies, including children clothes, have been sent to Tartous, and UNICEF hopes to finish distribution before the start of the Eid Al-Adha on 26 October.

An interagency assessment mission to Al-Raqqa reported there are 45,000 registered families in the area. There is approximately the same number of unregistered families, as well as 150 collective centers sheltering 4,000 households. Most of the IDPs came from Deir Ez-Zour and Aleppo and an increasing number of IDP's are coming to register daily.

The Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) is functioning in Al-Raqqa, but is over stretch considering needs. SARC health centers do not have a nutrition referral system. No hygiene promotion or health messaging materials are available. Increased cases of diarrhoea were reported amongst children, but no disease surveillance data is available. Also a shortage of baby milk and diapers was reported, and IDPs are in need of hygiene kits.

WASH: UNICEF partner, Premiere Urgence, is supplying water daily in 10 public schools in rural Damascus. In the week to 20 October, 296 cubic meters of water were provided. The interagency mission to Al-Raqqa reported a lack of chlorine for the water supply was a concern. Ten out of 60 water stations in the Al-Raqqa governorate have been damaged in the conflict according to the local authorities.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water	230,000	5,985	3%	NA	77,981	NA
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and other hygiene items	230,000	106,888*	47%	NA	106,888	NA
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets and sanitation services	50,000	0	0	NA	5,596	NA
UNICEF Operational Partners:						

* Cover only the distribution of 17.800 kits

Child Protection:

In the past two weeks partners faced serious challenges in reaching children and families with psychosocial (PSS) first aid and other services in Quedsaya and Seidah Zeinab areas. Due to security reasons child friendly spaces (CFS) were closed in both areas and the multidisciplinary clinic was moved from Seidah Zeinab to Dwella in order to ensure access of IDPs to specialized MHPSS services. To make better use of human resources of the closed CFS, the partner created mobile CFS teams and sent them to five IDP shelters around rural Damascus to facilitate PSS activities for more than 1,000 children, adolescents and mothers.

Due to the increased numbers of IDPs in Adra, rural Damascus, SARC agreed to provide training to selected volunteers from a local NGO so the PSS needs of the IDPs could be addressed. However, due to security concerns, SARC volunteers have not yet been able to access the area.

An NGO partner reported that more than 350 IDP and host community children in Douma had been reached with PSS first aid and education activities in three schools with high concentrations of IDPs. The same NGO reported they have identified 10 separated children from Homs living with extended families in Qaboun. According to the NGO, the children are in good health and well cared for. By the end of October the NGO is planning to reach another 300 children through mobile CFS in Qaboun, Jobar and Douma areas of rural Damascus.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with access to psychosocial support services	187,000	32,000	17%
UNICEF Operational Partners: SARC HQ, SARC Damascus branches, SARC Deraa branch, Omniat NGO, SSSD NGO, Mobaderoon NGO, TDH Italy, MOSAL, MOE, Ministry of Culture, Al-shame			

Education: With UNICEF support, 104 school clubs are operating in Dara'a, rural Damascus, Lattakia and Tartous, providing remedial classes, recreational activities and PSS for 23,140 students.

With UNICEF support, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has provided PSS training to teachers from two schools in Jaramanah, rural Damascus. Some 29 teachers and volunteers have been trained in each school. DRC received approval from the MoE to start work in schools in an additional two areas in Damascus (Dwella, and Masaken Barzeh). UNICEF has provided DRC with sport, music, and art equipment for two schools in Dara'a and two schools in Jaramana.

An assessment of education in Tartous found that more than 17,000 IDP children are registered in the public schools this year. Tartous schools are facing difficulties accommodating these extra children: classrooms are currently overcrowded with 50 to 55 students per class. Stationery for children and schools is also needed, and dropout rates are high. UNICEF has begun preparing a plan to support Tartous schools.

Some 13,000 school bags were sent to Hasakeh on 16 October for distribution to IDP children in the schools.

The on-going UN mission to Al-Raqqa reported that there are 1,476 schools in Al-Raqqa governorate, of which 151 are being used as shelters. Schools are full, so double and triple shifting is taking place. A lack of school stationary and books was also reported. No school clubs are currently operating in Al-Raqqa, but authorities are willing to support this initiative.

UNICEF partner Premiere Urgence has identified five schools to host school clubs activities, including remedial classes, recreational activities and PSS. Premiere Urgence is in the process of selecting teachers, while enrolment of students in remedial classes takes place.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes (school clubs)	52,500	23,140	44%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	52,500	22,400	42%
Children and adolescents benefitting from non-formal and informal educational services	20,000	1,500	8%
UNICEF Operational Partners: PU and DRC			

Health: The Syrian Association for Health Promotion and Development (SAHPD) in cooperation with UNICEF was able to reach 746 people with medical services in Adra Umaliyeh, among them 16 pregnant women, and 395 children. SAHPD, in cooperation with UNICEF and DoH, provided essential vaccinations to 342 children, and eight women in rural Damascus.

UNICEF supported provision of medical services to 1,345 children during the second week of October, bringing the total reached so far by the eight operational mobile medical teams to 5,390.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children (boys and girls) vaccinated against measles	1,400,000	284,684	20%
Children <2 yrs* (boys and girls) fully covered with routine Immunization antigens	705,310	115,867	16%
Children and women equitably access essential health services with sustained coverage of preventive and curative interventions	14,000	4,070	29%
UNICEF Operational Partners: MOH, SAHPD, Quality Vision			

Nutrition:

UNICEF participated in the nutrition working group on 17 October, and agreed on the distribution of Plumpy Doz to NGOs through SARC. The UNICEF nutrition officer has conducted a number of MUAC

trainings and participated in six nutrition assessments in Tartous collective centres. Using MUAC, a nutrition assessment on 1,194 children was completed in Tartous, with 17 per cent found to have Moderate Acute Malnutrition, and 6.4 per cent to have Severe Acute Malnutrition.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving multi-micronutrient supplementation	750	269	36%
PLWs receiving micronutrient supplementation	750	269	36%
UNICEF Operational Partners: Syria Trust			

Human Resources:

	Number staff
Country Office staff	28
Temporary staff	8
Surge	5
Standby partners	0
Under recruitment	9
Standby partners:	

JORDAN

Highlights

- A total of 2,887 students in Za’atari camp are now registered in the temporary learning spaces operated by UNICEF and the Ministry of Education (MoE).
- UNICEF is in the process of expanding the temporary learning spaces in Za’atari camp to bring the school capacity to approximately 3,000 students. UNICEF has distributed schools bags, stationary and text books to students in Za’atari.
- To prepare for the upcoming winter, UNICEF is procuring reinforced, winterized PVC tents to replace the existing 22 CFS tents in Za’atari, King Abdullah Park (KAP) and Cyber City.
- UNICEF has opted to use gas for water heating in Za’atari and has completed the design of the winterized WASH units, which will be operational by early November.
- UNICEF/Mercy Corps are continuing the drilling of the first of two boreholes in Za’atari camp and have reached two water-bearing formations.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 24 Oct 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	58,622	29,897	28,725
Children Affected (Under 18)	31,070	15,828	15,242
Children Under Five	11,138	5,862	5,276
Children 6 to 23 months	4,104	2,052	2,052
Pregnant women	1,293	N/A	1,293

In addition 31,094 Syrian refugees have received appointment for registration with UNHCR Office in Amman

Some 58,622 Syrians are now registered with UNHCR in Jordan and a further 31,094 are awaiting registration and thus receiving assistance. More than half of all Syrian refugees in Jordan are children under 18. Bailing out continues on an exceptional basis. The Government of Jordan estimates that over 220,000 Syrians are in the country. According to UNHCR, the current population of Za’atari camp is 29,154 and the number in transit centres is now at 1,441.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF leads daily WASH coordination meetings and bi-weekly WASH sector meetings, as well as weekly child protection sub-group meetings at Za’atari; bi-weekly child protection meetings; gender-based violence coordination meetings; and bi-

monthly education coordination meetings. UNICEF also participates in twice-weekly area coordination meetings at Za’atari, daily health coordination meetings, and bi-weekly taskforce meetings.

Programme response:

WASH: In preparation for winter, UNICEF is planning to install gas water heating systems at Za’atari camp. The design for winterized WASH centres is complete, and the new centres will be installed in camp module two by early November. Full community involvement in camp cleaning is now in place. 460 camp residents have been recruited by UNICEF partner ACTED as cleaners and supervisors under a Cash-for-Work scheme. On average, UNICEF/THW evacuates 400 to 500 m3 of waste water per day. ACTED removes between 500 and 600 m3 of solid waste on a daily basis – this figure is expected to drop following the shift from hot meals to dry rations. ACTED and THW have put in place tighter controls on the entry of unchlorinated water trucks to Za’atari and established residual chlorine content standards (1.0 to 1.8 ppm). Residual chlorine tests are carried out daily at all water points and in the incoming water delivery trucks.

UNICEF/Mercy Corps are drilling the first of two boreholes in Za’atari camp and have reached two water-bearing formations. The drilling will continue to a depth of approximately 400 meters and is scheduled to be finished by the end of October. Yarmouk Water Company contractors are finalizing the construction of a new pipeline which will deliver 60 m3 per hour to the camp from the Za’atari well-field. This is scheduled to be operational by early November. In addition, Za’atari camp is receiving approximately 300 m3 of water daily from an agricultural well near the camp, thus reducing the amount of water trucking required.

In host communities, rehabilitation work on three boreholes in Ramtha and Mafraq is progressing. The extension of water pipelines in one of two water networks in Mafraq has been completed, benefiting some 25,000 people. UNICEF is also procuring six WASH-related vehicles, including water trucks, garbage compactors and de-sludging vehicles for use in Ramtha and Mafraq.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water	174,000	70,699*	40%	250,000	70,699*	28%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and other hygiene items	90,000	4,362	5%	155,000	4,362	3%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets and sanitation services	174,000	70,699*	40%	250,000	70,699*	28%
Population having access to hygiene promotion messages	182,000*	27,976	15%	250,000**	27,976	11%
Children access safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in their learning environment and in child friendly spaces	40,000	1,200	3%	40,000	1,200	3%

UNICEF Operational partners: ACTED, THW, Mercy Corps.

*These figures reflect the number of people who have been accommodated at transit facilities and Za’atari camp, as UNICEF is the sole WASH provider.

**Covered through person to person/group sessions.

***155,000 will be covered through person to person/group sessions and 95,000 through media coverage.

Child Protection: UNICEF has trained 19 Jordanian teachers, Syrian assistant teachers and Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) staff on psychosocial concepts and understanding of children living in profound stress. To prepare for the upcoming winter, UNICEF is procuring reinforced, winterized PVC tents to replace the existing CFS tents in Za’atari, King Abdullah Park (KAP) and Cyber City. The tents will be set up in two to three weeks. UNICEF and partners are currently drafting a youth strategy to enable UNICEF and partners to better serve the needs of adolescents in KAP.

UNICEF continues to run 18 CFS in Za’atari. UNICEF partner Save the Children also maintains a 24 hour presence at the UNHCR reception area where unaccompanied, separated and other vulnerable children can stay overnight and receive psychosocial support and services.

Since July 2012, UNICEF partner Family Guidance and Awareness Center has conducted several awareness-raising protection sessions in high-density Syrian populated areas in Zarqa. So far, the sessions have reached 600 people (300 caregivers and 300 children) and have included protection messages on tolerance, acceptance of others, effective communication and the rights of children and women. These messages are based on the inter-agency protection messages created by the Child Protection and Gender Based Violence Working Group.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with access psychosocial support services	34,969*	13,822	40%	62,000	****	****
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing or receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care	300**	467**	156%	300*	****	****
UNICEF Operational Partners: Noor al-Hussein Foundation; International Medical Corps; Zenid ; Terre des Hommes–Lausanne; Jordan Red Crescent; Mercy Corps; Save the Children International; Family Guidance and Awareness Centre.						

*Including 2,969 in host communities. An additional 8,906 are reached through other CP activities.

**Not including child protection cases

***Identified only

****Data not available.

Education: Some 2,887 students (53 per cent girls) in Za’atari camp are now registered in the temporary learning spaces opened by UNICEF and the Ministry of Education (MoE) on 1 October. To respond to the 40 per cent increase in average daily attendance, UNICEF is establishing two additional temporary learning spaces. Additional school furniture and education supplies have been procured. This expansion will bring the total school capacity to 3,000 students. UNICEF is currently completing the distribution of textbooks and school bags to all children.

UNICEF is cooperating closely with Jordanian and Syrian teachers in Za’atari to ensure a safe and stimulating learning environment. On 20 October, some 100 Jordanian teachers began a six-day induction training led by MoE. In addition, UNICEF has signed an agreement with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) to provide support for teachers and schools in Za’atari.

In addition to the children registered in Za’atari, 17,283 Syrian children have registered in Jordanian public schools, of which 2,038 are on waiting lists due to capacity issues. To assist overcrowded public schools in host communities, UNICEF has installed 15 prefabricated classrooms at schools in Ramtha. In addition, the MoE, in collaboration with UNICEF and Save the Children Jordan, is identifying overcrowded schools to be double-shifted. UNICEF and Save the Children International are carrying out small scale renovations in 50 public schools across Jordan, to improve the physical learning environment as well as education infrastructure. To date, 60 per cent of the outdoor renovation and 25 per cent of the indoor renovation work has been completed.

Following UNICEF advocacy efforts, the MoE has instructed all Directorates of Education to extend the grace period for Syrian students to register with UNHCR up until 31 January, 2013. Currently, Syrian students require UNHCR registration to enroll in Jordanian public schools.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target As per RRP	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target As per RRP	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	40,000*	20,170**	50%	42,000*	20,170***	48%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	10,000	5,200****	52%	14,500	5,200***	36%
Children and adolescents	6,000	1,049	17%	15,100	1,049***	7%

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	UNICEF Target As per RRP	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target As per RRP	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
benefitting from non-formal and informal educational services						

UNICEF Operational Partners: MoE/ Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation, Save the Children International, Save the Children Jordan, East Amman Charity, Yarmouq Baq'a Club and Questscope.

*Target includes children enrolled in formal schools and pre-schools only (in both Za'atari camp and host communities).

**This includes all Syrian children registered in formal schooling.

*** This data may be incomplete as we are still working to establish figures from the working group

****4,700 Syrians, 500 Jordanians

Health: UNICEF provides vaccines to new arrivals in Za'atari camp through the measles, polio and Vitamin A supplementation campaign. To date, 6,382 children from 6 months to 15 years have received vaccinations. In the next phase of the campaign, children in the host communities of Ramtha, Irbid and Mafraq, will be vaccinated. UNICEF is also monitoring the health of newborn babies in Za'atari camp and host communities.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children (boys and girls) vaccinated against measles	88,750	6,382	7%
Children <2 yrs* (boys and girls) fully covered with routine Immunization antigens	50,000	6,382	13%
Children (boys and girls) 6-59 months receiving Vitamin A supplementation	50,000	6,382	13%

UNICEF Operational Partners: N/A

*Covers children under 15 years of age in Za'atari camp and children under 5 in host communities.

Nutrition: With UNICEF as lead, UN agencies and the Jordanian Government are proceeding with a nutrition assessment across Jordan for Syrian children under 5. Data collection in host communities is on-going, while in Za'atari, data collection has been delayed until the start of November. UNICEF and Save the Children Jordan are preparing to support an infant and young child feeding programme in Za'atari, due to start early November.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving multi-micronutrient supplementation	34,010	0	0	0*	0	0
PLWs receiving micronutrient supplementation	6,200	0	0	0*	0	0
Women having access to IYCF Services	5,895	0	0	0*	0	0

UNICEF Operational Partners: Save the Children Jordan.

*To be determined depending on whether UNICEF or UNHCR will be leading the working group.

Supply and Logistics: As part of on-going contingency planning, UNICEF is verifying current stocks and cross-checking supply plans in order to prioritize the procurement and pre-positioning of essential emergency supplies.

Human Resources:

	Number staff
Country Office staff	19 (3 International & 16 National)
Temporary staff (on mission from HQ/Cos)	3
Surge (TAs and SSAs)	18

Standby partners	5
Under recruitment	11*
Standby partners: RedR Australia; MSB; Care; NRC	
*This number includes 2 identified for SBP, 3 candidates identified under TA, 4 candidates to be identified under TA, and 2 to be identified as SBP (the total includes both international and local staff)	

LEBANON

Highlights

- The security situation in Lebanon has deteriorated after the bomb blast last Friday which killed, among others, the head of the intelligence branch of the Internal Security Forces.
- 100,000 Syrian refugees are now registered in Lebanon, however the actual numbers are estimated to be double. The number of street children in Beirut, the majority of them Syrian refugees, is on the rise.
- Distribution of educational materials is on-going and has reached 1,373 refugee children so far through the Back to School Initiative.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population

(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 24 October 2012)

	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	71,592	34,364	37,228
Children Affected (Under 18)	36,512	18,614	17,898
Children Under Five	13,602	7,159	6,443

* An additional 29,691 Syrians have been in contact with UNHCR to be registered, bringing the total number of Syrians to 101,283.

A total of 71,592 refugees are currently registered with UNHCR and an additional 29,691 Syrians have been in contact with UNHCR to be registered, bringing the total to more than 100,000. However, the actual number of Syrians in the country is believed to be double that. More than 50 per cent of the registered refugees are children under 18. Some 7,500 Palestinians from Syria are also in Lebanon, according to UNRWA, with 29 per cent of the refugees women and 42 per cent children. Palestinian refugees from Syria are being hosted in already cramped Palestinian refugee camps. As winter approaches, UNICEF is particularly concerned about refugees in north Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley.

The security situation in Lebanon deteriorated after the bomb blast which killed the head of the intelligence branch of the Internal Security Forces and at least two other people last week. There are fears for an increase in sectarian tension in Lebanon. The unstable security situation in areas bordering Syria is also continuing, with shells hitting Lebanese villages. The situation in the northern city of Tripoli is tense with nine people killed this week. In Beirut, many people have been injured in clashes.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF attended the third coordination meeting at UNRWA, in which education, health services, protection, distribution of humanitarian supplies and winterisation plans were discussed. The funds will be used to support remedial classes for the additional students enrolled in UNRWA schools, to support their transportation costs to school, and to provide extra school supplies.

The UNRWA Education Response started on 10 October 2012. The response plan comprises three phases, of which UNICEF will contribute to phases one and two. UNICEF will also distribute hygiene kits to Palestinian refugees from Syria after Eid Al Adha through its partners.

Programme response:

WASH: Water distribution is continuing in the Bekaa Valley, through a water voucher system. Last week, 57 1,000-litre water tanks were distributed in Taalabaya, central Bekaa. Water sector meetings are continuing fortnightly.

As winter approaches, UNICEF has begun planning for flood proofing of WASH interventions.

Action Contre la Faim has commenced a hygiene promotion campaign. Sessions on hygiene promotion in schools were conducted in two community centres and one public school in Saanayel, Aarsal and Baalbek, with the participation of 118 Syrian and Lebanese students.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	%age of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water	62,000*	8,630	14%
UNICEF Current Operational Partners: ACF (Bekaa)			

Child Protection: The number of street children (the majority being Syrian refugees) is rising in Beirut, according to the Ministry of Social Affairs. Extra efforts are being made to ensure that children with special needs have access to UNICEF-supported psychosocial and other child protection services. To that effect, UNICEF has finalized an agreement with Arc en Ciel to provide services to children with special needs. Activities will start in November.

Regular field monitoring activities were undertaken during the reporting period. UNICEF participated in field coordination meetings on sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) and child protection. UNICEF provided technical assistance in the Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) Workshop organized by UNFPA and the Regional Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Workshop. UNICEF is working with Save the Children on a comprehensive child protection case management skills training. Inter-agency SOPs for individual case management of persons with specific needs and persons at heightened risk (including children) are being finalized, under UNHCR leadership. Training on the SOPs for relevant professionals from government and non-governmental institutions is expected to start beginning of November.

An agreement with Mercy Corps will be expanded to include mobile and out-reach psychosocial activities in central Bekaa (targeting also Palestinian refugee children displaced from Syria). UNICEF signed an agreement with Save the Children to double the number of CFS in Wadi Khaled. Consequently, UNICEF now operates 26 CFS in Lebanon. UNICEF will discuss a possible partnership with the Lebanese Red Cross this week to further scale up of protection interventions, distribution of emergency supplies and winterization activities. UNICEF’s agreement with Terre des Hommes will be expanded to scale up psychosocial services in Aarsal, Bekaa, and is expected to be finalized next week.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with access to psychosocial support services	18,500*	4,129	22%	33,480	N/A	N/A
UNICEF Operational Partners: Save the Children, THD, War Child, Association Cuturelle du Hermel, Mercy Corps, Amel Association						

* This is the target included in the RRP3 under the indicator “Number of children and youth having access to safe spaces and related support activities”; in addition, as part of the PSS interventions, UNICEF plans to reach an estimated 7,500 children indirectly through parenting programmes

Education: To date, 7,543 refugee children have been enrolled in schools as part of the Back to School Initiative. Out of these, 2,610 unregistered refugee children in the Bekaa and the north are being supported by UNICEF with tuition fees and education material. In Hermel, 1,373 children in four schools have received basic educational material. Agreements covering outreach and provision of supplies to 20,000 children are being finalized for the Back to School Initiative.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners	Sector
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	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	18,300	2,610	14%	34,700	N/A	N/A
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	6,300	2,050	33%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Children and adolescents benefitting from non-formal and informal educational services	6,300	2,050	33%	10,450	N/A	N/A
UNICEF Operational Partners: Iqra' Association, Save the Children International, Amel Association.						

Health: Following the joint UNICEF–Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) field visits to Akkar, Tripoli, Baalbec and Hermel to identify gaps in the immunization programme, a workshop took place this week, attended by physicians and Public Health Centre coordinators from eight areas to finalise the action plan for enhanced immunization activity. The action plan covers both displaced Syrians, host communities and Lebanese returnees. A meeting was held with WHO to better coordinate this task and to join efforts to support MoPH.

Nutrition: A meeting was held with UN agencies and NGOs resulting in a joint statement on the IYCF emergency (Infant and Young Child Feeding). Thus, starting in November three regional workshops supported by UNICEF will be carried out in Beirut, North Lebanon and Bekaa for the purpose of sensitizing organisations currently responding to the needs of the affected populations. Currently a PCA-SSFA submitted by International Organization Christian Charity (IOCC) is being reviewed.

Supply and Logistics: In the past few weeks, we have received material for 2,950 Baby Hygiene kits that need to be packed in kits, and 1,000 water filters. 37 School-in-a-box kits, 12 ECD Kits and 6 recreation kits have been dispatched to schools in the Baalbec area for the Back to School Initiative.

Human Resources:

	Number staff
Country Office staff	19
Temporary staff	11
Surge	1
Standby partners	6
Under recruitment	One international logistics/supply expert. Two drivers (one for the North and one for Bekaa).

Standby partners: NRC, Irish Aid, RedR, DRC

IRAQ

Highlights

- Classes began for 1,240 children at the new school in Domiz camp on 15 October.
- On Global Handwashing day, hygiene mobilizers reached over 10,000 refugees in Domiz and Al-Qaim with hygiene messages and supplies.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 24 October 2012)			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	41,955	*	*

*Disaggregated data is not yet available

As of 17 October, 34,466 Syrians had arrived in Kurdistan Region, with 26,702 in Dohuk, 5,709 in Erbil and 1,655 in Suleimaniyah. There are approximately 7,140 children under 18 years including

3,204 girls and 3,936 boys currently residing in Kurdistan Region of which 5,368 (2,486 girls; 2,882 boys) are in Domiz camp.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:

On 9 October, UNICEF in coordination with MoE, KRG and DoE Dohuk organized an Education Working Group meeting with wide participation from UN and NGO partners on the educational needs of the Syrian children. The main gaps remaining include the provision of desks, uniforms and shoes as well as providing transport for secondary school students who are attending school schools in the host community. A WASH Coordination meeting chaired by UNICEF was conducted on 18 October to discuss current issues and gaps for solid waste, water supply, sewerage disposal and sanitation facilities in Domiz camp.

A joint UNCT and Gol coordination meeting was held on 10 October, which was attended by the under-secretary of the Ministry of Displacement and Migration (MoDM). The key outcome of the meeting was that winterisation materials will be provided by UNHCR for all refugees in Al-Qaim, including new tents, blankets and other supplies.

Programme response:

WASH:

Northern Iraq: Families residing in Domiz camp continue to have access to water and sewage services. The earlier reported strain on water and sanitation services is easing off with the installation of 150 latrines in the transit areas by the Directorate of Displacement and Migration (DDM).

The tent-to-tent hygiene promotion campaign continued in Domiz camp with 3,860 people (including 570 girls and 740 boys) reached with hygiene messages, making a total of 6,995 (including 1,264 girls and 1,476 boys). Given the cholera outbreak in a nearby governorate, the team continued to focus on cholera prevention messages.

UNICEF plans to install water facilities in phase 4 and both water and sanitation facilities in phase 5. The UNICEF-funded sewage works in phase 5 are progressing, with 60 soak pits dug, of which 17 were lined with concrete blocks. One unit of six sets of water and sanitation facilities at the school was completed and an additional six units, including one unit for teachers and a disabled latrine are on-going.

Western Iraq: Children and their families in Al-Qaim UNHCR camp have access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices. Additional hygiene supplies including soap, disinfection and sanitary napkins were delivered and distributed to 725 families. Global Handwashing Day was marked in coordination with UNICEF hygiene mobilizers. Forty one hygiene mobilizers (48 per cent female) carried out daily hygiene promotion activities in camp 1 and 30 hygiene mobilizers (50 per cent female) will be selected to be trained by two doctors to carry out daily hygiene promotion in Camp 2.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to drinking and domestic water	25,870	6,850*	26%	60,000	NA	NA
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and other hygiene items	20,000	6,850*	33%	60,000	NA	NA
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets and sanitation services	20,000	6,850*	27%	60,000	NA	NA
Population having access to hygiene promotion messages	33,000	6,995**	21%	60,000	NA	NA
Children access safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in their learning environment and in child friendly spaces	12,870	1,257**	13%	23,400	NA	NA

* Al-Qaim only; ** Domiz only

Child Protection:

Northern Iraq: An average of 170 children aged between 5-13 years continue to visit the child friendly space (CFS) daily. Two additional community volunteers joined the existing six volunteers to assist the children with various recreational activities in a safe and secure environment in the camp. An awareness session on children’s rights and protection was organized for community members at the CFS by UNICEF.

Western Iraq: A new tent for the CFS was installed at the camp. In partnership with Save the Children, UNICEF will deliver child protection services to children and refer on cases of concern.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with access to psychosocial support services	4,000	950	24%
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing or receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care	100%***	15**	100%
UNICEF Operational Partners: General Directorate of Social Affairs and Development, Mine Action Group (MAG), IKMAA, ACTED and CPC			

** Domiz only, *** The goal is to reach all separated children

Education:

Northern Iraq: UNICEF provided 18 prefabricated classrooms to complete the first school unit of 24 classrooms that will accommodate 1,200 students in two shifts. The camp school was opened on 15 October and 1,240 children attended school in two shifts. UNICEF provided 2,000 student bags to complement the stationery that was provided by the Barzani Charity Foundation. On 20 October the KRG Minister of Education officially opened the school. The DoE provided the furniture and text books and is paying incentives for the 25 teachers on a 50/50 basis with UNHCR. Construction of WASH facilities is continuing, including fencing, shading/covering, installation of AC units and a playground.

In order to facilitate access to education for all Syrian students in Domiz, new land has been allocated to construct two additional school units of 24 classrooms each. The facilities will accommodate around 2,400 new students. UNHCR will complete the second unit including provision of furniture and water and sanitation, while a private company will provide 14 classrooms. UNICEF has signed an agreement with Harikar NGO to conduct an awareness enrolment drive at Domiz Camp to ensure all children in the camp are enrolled and attending school. A two-day training for 40 mobilizers who will carry out the three-day campaign started on 21 October.

Western Iraq: The school in Camp 1 is operating with regular attendance and is using the Iraqi curriculum. Two shifts are required due to the increasing number of children. The total number of school children in Camp 1 (as of 18 October) is 697 (350 boys; 347 girls) with 185 children registered at the intermediate school. Stationery and school bags were distributed to all the children by UNICEF. UNHCR, in coordination with UNICEF, is currently shifting the school tents to Camp 2 and is replacing them with 10 pre-fabricated classrooms and one administration office. The MoDM will build the concrete foundation for the new school in Camp 2 and UNICEF will install the tents, set up a registration office, and provide school supplies. UNICEF is supporting Al-Qaim DoE with a temporary incentive/transportation allowance for educational staff.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	6,800	1,954*	28%
Children with access to psycho-social support in education programmes	6,800	1,954*	28%

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
UNICEF Operational Partners: DoE Al-Qaim, DoE Al-Anbar, Al-Afkar Society for Relief and Development			

*Al-Qaim only

Health:

Northern Iraq: The second round of the Polio National Immunization Days (PNID) campaign was conducted during the reporting period, with 2,113 under-five children immunized against polio. UNICEF provided funding for health promotion/education activities through mobile teams. The Ante Natal Care (ANC) unit in the camp health center continued to provide services to pregnant women, with 23 women accessing services during the reporting period. Mobile health teams and health promotion teams moved tent-to-tent to review immunization cards of children under-five and to immunize those in need based on the immunization schedule. They also provided families with health messages on personal hygiene, food handling and safe water. Eighty-one children under-five had diarrhoea and were managed in the ORT corner while their mothers received messages on proper feeding practices and breast feeding.

Western Iraq: Primary health services are available to refugees and for the host community. UNICEF continued to support the MoH to mobilize outreach teams and provided the required equipment, vaccine carriers and ice-lined refrigerators to maintain the cold chain system. A joint team from UNICEF and the MoH visited the refugee camp 13-14 October to oversee health sector needs. The camp was included in the National Polio campaign, with children vaccinated against measles and MMR. A decision was taken to vaccinate all refugees with seasonal flu (influenza) before winter. 10,000 doses of seasonal flu vaccine will be sent to Al-Qaim for a campaign that will start next week.

The status of vaccination of children under-five as of 16 October (3rd day of the campaign) is as follows:

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children (boys and girls) vaccinated against measles	4,200	639*	15%
Children <2 yrs* (boys and girls) fully covered with routine Immunization antigens	1,600	0	0%
Children (boys and girls) 6-59 months receiving Vitamin A supplementation	3,400	0	0%
Children and women equitably access essential health services with sustained coverage of preventive and curative interventions	12,400	0	0%
UNICEF Operational Partners: DOH			

*Al-Qaim only

Nutrition:

Northern Iraq: The nutrition situation of children remains stable. During the last two weeks, 50 children under-five (17 boys, 33 girls) were screened at the growth monitoring unit. No cases of malnutrition were detected. The cumulative number of under-five children screened during the last four weeks is 235. Malnourished children detected in previous weeks are attending the growth monitoring unit to receive supplementary feeding, while advice on proper feeding practices is provided to mothers.

Western Iraq: A joint UNICEF-Anbar DoH visit to the camp to assess nutritional status and the need to provide high energy biscuits to children with mild and moderate cases of malnutrition (14 cases of malnutrition were reported). Support also included referral of severe cases to Al-Qaim hospital. UNICEF will support the training of doctors in Al-Qaim on the management of severe malnutrition immediately after Eid.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving multi-micronutrient supplementation	4,200	14*	0.3%
PLWs receiving micronutrient supplementation	1,600	0	0%
Women having access to IYCF Services	800	0	0%

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
UNICEF Operational Partners: MoH			

*Al-Qaim only

Human Resources:

	Number staff
Country Office staff	48
Temporary staff	6
Surge	0
Standby partners	0
Under recruitment	18
Standby partners:	

TURKEY

Highlights

- According to official Government of Turkey figures, the number of Syrian refugees in camps in Turkey stands at 103,709 (22 October). The number of Syrians in private accommodation is estimated by GoT at 60-70,000
- 20,276 children are enrolled in school camps, with 353 teachers and an unspecified number of Syrian volunteers, according to GoT figures.

Estimated Affected Population

(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 24 Oct 2012)

	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	101,834	53,972	47,862
Children Affected (Under 18)	49,899	25,459	24,440

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:

According to official Government of Turkey figures, the number of Syrian refugees in camps in Turkey stands at 103,709 (22 October). The number of Syrians in private accommodation is estimated by GoT at 60-70,000. During a 24 hour period on 21-22 October, 386 new arrivals were admitted and registered while 163 Syrians have returned voluntarily to Syria.

The UN and the diplomatic corps were briefed by The Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 22 October.

The Government of Turkey confirmed that Syrian children in camps will be taught in Arabic according to a Syrian curriculum.

According to GoT information, 20,276 children are enrolled in camp schools, while 353 teachers employed by GoT are teaching at the camps, aided by an unspecified number of Syrian volunteers

The GoT announced a need for 240 teachers, and directed a request to Arabic ambassadors at a separate meeting.

Regional Support and Funding

Human Resources: Regional Human Resources have assisted Country Offices and the Regional Office in placing 46 staff in support of the Syria crisis.

Communication and Media:

The Regional Office prepared a communication strategy around winterization and shared it with Geneva and National Committees. Videos and human interest stories from Jordan and Lebanon were posted on the global website, focusing on WASH. The Regional Communication Chief spoke to Al Jazeera about UNICEF's work to provide education at Za'atari camp. Frequent updates of the crisis

and UNICEF's response are posted on Regional Office social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook and YouTube).

Funding:

Against the total requirement of US\$123.16 million for the SHARP and the RRP, UNICEF has received US\$34.82 million with a funding gap of US\$88.34 million.

In the past week, funding has been received from the Government of Italy (\$623.000) for Syria and from the CERF to support WASH activities in Iraq (\$751.000).

Following the visit of four National Committee Executive Directors to Jordan last week, it was decided to focus National Committee fundraising efforts for the Syria emergency over the coming weeks on the theme of preparing for winter. A sub-regional winterisation concept note has been drafted for submission to the National Committees. In addition, a concept note highlighting winterisation needs in Syria was also submitted earlier this week to the Government of the United States (OFDA).

Funding Status**		Child Protection	Education	Health & Nutrition	WASH	NFIs	Coord. & Comm	Safety, Security ITC	Operational Costs	*Being Allocated	Total
In millions of US Dollars											
Syria	Required	7.75	10.00	4.75	8.50	10.50	1.40	1.19			44.09
	Funded	2.34	1.38	2.43	1.96	1.45	-	0.42		0.80	10.80
Jordan	Required	5.87	17.53	1.83	17.57						42.80
	Funded	1.46	8.04	0.09	5.79						15.38
Lebanon	Required	3.61	8.82	0.43	4.28						17.14
	Funded	1.26	1.53	0.10	2.24						5.13
Iraq	Required	0.60	1.17	0.78	5.47				2.89		10.91
	Funded	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75				0.00		0.75
Turkey	Required	3.21	3.21								6.42
	Funded	0.32									0.32
MENA RO	Required	0.30	0.30		0.30		0.70	0.20			1.80
	Funded									2.43	2.43
Total	Required	21.34	41.03	7.79	36.12	10.50	2.10	1.39	2.89		123.16
	Funded	5.39	10.96	2.62	10.74	1.45	0.00	0.42	0.00	3.23	34.82
	Gap	15.94	30.08	5.17	25.38	9.05	2.10	0.97	2.89		88.34

* Being allocated refers to funds recently received and in the process of being allocated within the Country Office or across the sub region.

** Funding figures include a maximum recovery rate of 7%. The actual recovery rate on contributions will be calculated in accordance with UNICEF Executive Board Decision 2006/7 dated 9 June 2006.

*** For Syria, the allocations against NFIs are mainstreamed across the programmatic sectors.

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