

**Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report**  
**Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey**  
**Date: 13 September 2012**

**Highlights**

- The Syrian Ministry of Education (MoE) confirmed 16 September as the starting date of the new school year. The MoE reported that 801 schools are now hosting displaced families; an increase of 200 schools compared to last week.
- UNICEF Syria is supporting the light rehabilitation of 100 schools in Deraa, Rural Damascus and Lattakia, and is distributing 30,000 school-in-a-bag kits to children.
- UNICEF Jordan together with MoE has begun the registration of school age children in Za'atari camp, with over 1,150 children registered to date.
- 32,000 primary school-aged children from affected populations in Lebanon will be going to school on 24 September.
- In Syria, to date, UNICEF has provided access to 100,000 people to improved hygiene and 6,000 people to drinking water. 27,000 children benefited from psychosocial support; around 19,500 children are in remedial education programmes; and 285,000 children were vaccinated against measles. Mobile clinics that will provide healthcare for 175,000 people started on 2 September.
- In the surrounding countries, the number of registered refugees increased by 5 per cent from 193,584 to 202,729; more than 101,000 are children and more than 40,500 are children below the age of 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 Iraq and Lebanon.
- In Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon, more than 63,000 people are provided daily with access to safe water; 17,000 children are benefiting from psychosocial support; and around 21,000 students are in remedial education programmes.
- UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa completed a visit to Damascus and Beirut this week.

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, 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, 202,729 Syrians are currently registered as refugees and more than 55,941 are awaiting registration (UNHCR, September 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.

<b>Estimated Affected Population in Syria</b> <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from <sup>(*)</sup> OCHA 28 August 2012. The rest of the figures are calculated based on CBS demographic distribution of 2010)</i>	
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	<sup>(*)</sup> 2,500,000
<b>Children Affected (Under 18)</b>	1,150,000
<b>Children Under Five</b>	262,767
<b>Total Displaced Population (a proportion of the above)</b>	<sup>(*)</sup> 1,200,000

<b>Estimated Registered Refugees in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey</b> <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 13 September 2012)</i>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Total registered refugees</b>	202,729	101,365	101,365
<b>Children refugees (under 18)</b>	105,419	54,737	50,682
<b>Children refugees (under five)</b>	38,519	20,273	18,246

## SYRIA

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- This week, UNICEF and its partners reached 6,000 IDPs in Rural Damascus with First Aid Kits, food for children, recreational kits, and non-food items (NFIs). More than half the IDPs are estimated to be children.
- The inter-agency assessment in Homs, of which UNICEF was part, is complete and plans are underway to provide emergency response to the 50,000 IDPs in the city.
- One of the main water supply pipes was damaged as a result of the ongoing fighting in Aleppo, affecting almost half of the city's water supply.

### Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

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OCHA estimates 1.2 million people are now IDPs across the country, with more than 150,000 people in Damascus and Rural Damascus. Half of all IDPs are estimated to be children under 18. The further deterioration of security in the country and the increasing number of checkpoints in urban areas is creating challenges for UNICEF and partners in delivering assistance to children.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** UNICEF is leading the bi-weekly Psychosocial working group coordination meetings, as well as co-chairing the weekly Education meetings with the MoE, and the weekly Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) meetings with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC).

The Higher Committee for Relief will be formulated, with membership of the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Minister of State for SARC and the President of SARC. The Higher Committee has assigned a Relief Committee that meets twice a week to review issues of relief, the details of which will be shared with UN agencies engaged in humanitarian response.

### Programme response:

**WASH:** To ensure the provision of safe water for children and women in Deir Ezzor and Homs, UNICEF is procuring chlorine for water treatment plants, as well as aqua tabs for use at the household level. In addition, UNICEF distributed family hygiene kits to over 1,050 displaced families in Khan al Sheikh and Khan Danoon camps, as well as in Dummar village.

In Aleppo, a main water supply pipe was damaged as a result of the ongoing fighting, affecting almost half of the city's water supply. UNICEF approached the Water Supply Department in the local municipality of Aleppo to provide assistance. The Department confirmed its ability to carry out repairs once access to the sites is restored. According to an NGO working in Aleppo, repairs are ongoing.

UNICEF concluded a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with the NGO Secours Islamique France (SIF) to cover urgent interventions in collective centres in Damascus hosting large numbers of IDPs. Activities will begin next week and cover around 25,000 IDPs.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners	Sector
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	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	230,000	5,985	2.6%	NA	77,981	
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and functional hand-washing facilities	230,000	106,888*	46.5%	NA	106,888	
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets	50,000	0	0	NA	5,596	
UNICEF Operational Partners:						

\* Covers only the distribution of 17,800 kits

**Child Protection:** UNICEF distributed recreation kits to benefit 600 children and clothing for 1,450 displaced children in Khan al Sheih and Khan Danoon camps, as well as in Dummar village.

In partnership with an international NGO, UNICEF will next week pilot a programme to provide 500 children in IDP locations with thermal underwear, hygiene messages and soap, in preparation for winter.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning	60,000	27,000	45

\* Figures from the first version of the SHARP

**Education:** The MoE estimates that 2,072 schools out of the 22,000 schools in the country have been damaged, and 88 MoE staff have lost their lives. The MoE also reported that 801 schools are now hosting displaced families -- an increase of 200 compared to last week. In preparation for the start of the new school year, announced by the MoE as 16 September, school books have been printed and distributed to governorates. Difficulties were reported in reaching certain governorates due to security conditions. However, UNICEF is supporting the development of solutions such as double shifts and alternative methods of schooling to overcome this challenge. The number of schools UNICEF will cover with light rehabilitation has been increased to 100. UNHCR and UNICEF will distribute 80,000 school bags (30,000 from UNICEF and 50,000 from UNHCR) to support basic education for displaced children.

As part of its education scale up plans, UNICEF is now supporting 104 school clubs, providing remedial classes, recreational activities and psychosocial support to 19,490 students. The UNICEF-supported project on integrating psychosocial support into Early Childhood Development (ECD) started with the training of 20 master trainers from the Regional ECD Centre in "Helping Children in Distress". The aim is to provide children below six years of age with psychosocial support in their families, pre-school institutions and communities. Roll-out training for teachers of five kindergartens will follow.

The Education working group, led by UNICEF and the MoE, met this week to discuss the main objectives of the working group, its action plan and the coordination of all partners' response, in line with the education needs highlighted by the MoE.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	52,500	19,490	37%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	52,500	19,490	37%

\* Figures from the first version of the SHARP

**Health:** A rapid assessment carried out by the Doma Charity NGO last month in Rural Damascus showed that even though some villages (within a 50 km radius) have health points, other locations such as Tal Kurdi, Tal Sawan, and Adra town are lacking both public health facilities and private clinics. Internally displaced families taking refuge in these villages do not have access to curative services, maternal health or safe delivery.

Children in Doma town and the surrounding villages have no access to vaccination services and were not covered by the last Global Vaccination Week of April 2012. In addition, volunteers reported around ten cases of diarrhoea and 50 cases of fever and red rash among children. The Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Health Directorate of Rural Damascus are currently investigating these cases and will respond as needed through mobile health teams, and in coordination with UNICEF.

In cooperation with UNICEF, the Syrian Association for Health Promotion and Development (SAHPD) provided 112 internally displaced children in Homs, Damascus and Rural Damascus with medical services. In line with UNICEF's PCA with SAHPD, this initiative will be expanded to Aleppo, Hama and Daraa this week.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results ( #)
Children <5 receiving measles vaccination	1,400,000	284,684

**Nutrition:** According to the results of the Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) nutrition assessment carried out by the Doma Charity NGO, no cases of malnutrition were detected among children in Doma town and the surrounding villages. Most of the displaced families in Doma do not have access to meat, vegetables or fruits, and are having only one meal per day, while children are being given two meals. The assessment also showed that there are around 250 infants among the IDPs, most of them on mixed feeding (breastfeeding and bottle feeding). Baby formula is provided by local NGOs.

UNICEF, in cooperation with a local NGO, is conducting rapid nutritional screening of under-five children accommodated with their families in some schools in Damascus. UNICEF-trained volunteers conducted MUAC screening of 85 under-five children in two schools and provided them with High Energy Biscuits (HEB) and Plumpy Doz (a nutritious ready-to-use food). All families in the two schools are receiving three meals per day, and food distribution is well monitored. Baby formula is provided as donations from local charities and individuals.

UNICEF is supporting awareness-raising activities on the importance of exclusive breastfeeding among women with infants less than six months old. Additional awareness raising sessions will be conducted in other schools hosting IDPs in Damascus over the next few weeks.

**Supply and Logistics:** In coordination with SARC and WFP, UNICEF supplies have been pre-positioned in the WFP warehouse in Aleppo to enhance UNICEF's response capacity in this area, once security conditions permit.

This week, UNICEF and its partners reached 6,000 IDPs in Rural Damascus, half of them estimated to be children, with the following supplies: 25 First Aid Kits; 1,050 Food for Children kits; recreational kits; and NFIs (Family and Baby Hygiene kits, stoves, children's clothes and schools bags).

**Human Resources:**

	Number staff
Country Office staff	29
Temporary staff	0
Surge	2 internationals
Standby partners	0
Under recruitment	4
Standby partners: none	

## JORDAN

### Highlights

- UNICEF together with MoE has begun the registration of school age children in Za'atari camp, with over 1,150 children registered to date.
- The MoE has agreed to grant Syrian children in urban settings free access to Jordanian public schools, provided they register with UNHCR within six weeks.
- The UNICEF-led MUAC nutrition rapid assessment of children at Za'atari camp has been completed.
- Led by UNICEF and the MoH, the measles, polio and vitamin A campaign has begun in Za'atari camp.

### Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 13 September 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	49,236	25,603	23,633
<b>Children Affected (Under 18)</b>	25,603	13,294	12,309
<b>Children Under Five</b>	9,355	4,924	4,431

Around 86,950 Syrians are registered or awaiting registration with UNHCR in Jordan. More than half of all Syrian refugees in Jordan are children under 18. The Government of Jordan estimates more than 150,000 Syrians are in the country. According to UNHCR, more than 30,000 Syrian refugees have been moved to Za'atari camp, and the number in transit centres remains stable at 1,730.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** UNICEF continues to lead daily WASH coordination meetings, weekly child protection sub-group meetings, bi-weekly child protection and gender-based violence coordination meetings, and monthly education coordination meetings. UNICEF also participates in daily area coordination meetings at Za'atari, bi-weekly area coordination meetings in key areas, daily health coordination meetings, and bi-weekly taskforce meetings. The WASH Working Group Strategy and Terms of Reference have been drafted and shared with partners and Government for review and agreement. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the Regional Response Plan (RRP).

### Programme response

**WASH:** UNICEF is providing and maintaining safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, solid waste management, along with hygiene awareness and water conservation, at Za'atari camp and transit centres. The cleaning of the camp has been scaled up with additional labour, enhanced community involvement and more solid waste facilities on site. More than 80 Za'atari residents have been recruited as cleaners under a Cash-for-Work scheme. UNICEF and ACTED have also distributed 51 baby hygiene kits at Za'atari camp in the past week, and distribution of family WASH kits will begin this week.

In the next week, UNICEF will phase out most of the mobile latrines and showers at Za'atari camp as permanent structures are built to replace them, although 100 mobile latrines will be kept on standby. UNICEF and the German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) will complete 16 new wash units (five latrines and five showers in each) in the new block 2 area of Za'atari camp, as well as completing the rehabilitation of the old camp showers and latrines. UNICEF also signed an amended PCA with Mercy Corps to drill two boreholes capable of providing 100,000 litres of water per hour to the camp. This will provide a more sustainable water source than water trucking.

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 safe water	20,000	*56,800	284%	30,000	*56,800	189%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap* and functional hand-washing facilities	20,000	*56,800	284%	30,000	*56,800	189%

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets	20,000	*56,800	284%	30,000	*56,800	189%
Population having access to hygiene promotion messages	6,700	11,690	174%	10,000	11,690	117%
Children in schools benefiting from improved WASH facilities	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	0
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.

**Child Protection:** UNICEF has completed another ten Child Friendly Spaces at Za'atari camp, in addition to the existing ten, to meet the needs of the increasing number of children. Three existing spaces have been gravelled and fenced to improve safety.

With the participation of UNICEF, an inter-agency baseline survey of the number of children and their needs has been finalized in the west side of Za'atari camp. Results will inform future programming. Other programmes targeting vulnerable displaced Syrians, including psychosocial activities in transit centres, and psychosocial and protection activities in other targeted areas of Jordan, are ongoing. Work is ongoing to establish registration, family tracing and interim care for unaccompanied minors, in cooperation with UNHCR, ICRC and implementing partners. Three child protection referrals have been made to appropriate agencies in the past week. The Child Protection sector continues to meet and give recommendations to other sector groups on child protection and gender-based violence issues and to support community messaging in Za'atari camp.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning etc.***	3,000	12,752	425%	7,000	N/A	N/A
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing and receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care	300*	306**	102%	800*	234**	29%
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 child protection cases

\*\*identified only

\*\*\*this does not include adult family members who have access to safe spaces

**Education:** UNICEF jointly with the MoE and Save the Children Jordan has begun the registration of school age children in Za'atari camp. This is partially to determine the number of children and their education needs. To date, over 1,150 children have been registered. UNICEF has met with the MoE planning team to discuss provision of schooling for children at Za'atari camp. An action plan has been developed, covering interventions and budget.

The MoE has agreed that all Syrian refugee children in urban settings can attend Jordanian schools for the current school year. Those in public schools will be exempt from fees. Those not yet registered with UNHCR will have six weeks to do so. UNICEF Jordan urgently needs US\$ 35 million to cover the cost of education for up to 30,000 children in the camp. Immediate needs for the first 5,000 children are around US\$ 6.5 million.

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	17,000	18,310***	107%	18,000	18,310**	101%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	5,500	5,200*	94.5%	9,000	5,200**	57%
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.						

\*4,700 Syrians, 500 Jordanians

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

\*\*\*This includes all Syrian children registered for schooling.

**Health and Nutrition:** The UNICEF-led MUAC nutrition rapid assessment of children at Za'atari camp has been completed. Initial analysis of the data suggests 2.3% of the children are at risk of malnutrition. Until the more comprehensive inter-agency nutrition assessment is conducted by UNICEF and WFP in the coming weeks, covering the camp and municipalities within Jordan, the close monitoring of potential risk factors is needed i.e. disease, food adequacy, water quality and hygiene. With UNICEF in the lead, UN agencies and the Jordanian government are set to begin a nutrition assessment for Syrian children and lactating mothers across Jordan in mid-September. The assessment plans have been expanded to cover Za'atari camp.

UNICEF received MoH approval for the planned measles, polio, and vitamin A supplementation campaign. Led by UNICEF, the campaign was launched on 11 September at Za'atari camp together with the MoH and with the support of the French and Moroccan field hospitals and WHO. Over 800 children were vaccinated in the first day. Children from six months to 15 years will be targeted across the northern governorates of Jordan, including Za'atari camp and transit centres.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving measles vaccination	11,900	103*	1%
Children < 1 receiving essential vaccines	2,800	103*	4%
Children < 5 receiving vitamin A supplements	11,900	103*	1%
Emergency affected families receiving 2 ITNs	Not Applicable to Jordan CO		
UNICEF Operational Partners: NA			

\*Za'atari camp only. Does not yet include children vaccinated on 10 September.

**Supply and Logistics:** The customs clearance for two Rubhalls will be completed this week. The electrical assessment of 15 prefabricated classrooms has been completed, and the classrooms will be shipped to Jordan by the end of the week. Some 500 hygiene kits have arrived in Amman from Copenhagen. A technical assessment is underway to set up temporary schools in Za'atari camp. Warehousing procedures are being established with UNICEF's implementing partners.

**Human Resources:**

	Number staff
Country Office staff (ft)	19 (3 International and 16 National)
Temporary staff (on mission from HQ/COs)	2
Surge (TAs and SSAs)	14
Standby partners	4
Under recruitment	16*
Standby partners: RedR Australia; Canadem; MSB	
*Two of the staff under recruitment will replace existing surge and standby staff.	

## LEBANON

### Highlights

- 32,000 primary school-aged children from affected populations in Lebanon will be going to school on 24 September.
- The absorption capacity of public schools is a concern for the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE) and UN agencies.
- Supported by UNICEF advocacy, the MoE issued Circular 28 allowing refugee children access to public schools.

### Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 13 September 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	48,925	22,995	25,930
<b>Children Affected (Under 18)</b>	24,952	12,721	12,231
<b>Children Under Five</b>	9,296	4,893	4,403

A total of 48,925 refugees are currently registered with UNHCR and the Lebanese High Relief Commission (HRC) and an additional 18,237 Syrians are awaiting registration. More than 50 per cent of the registered refugees are children under 18. It is estimated that there are over 100,000 refugees throughout the country and 6,575 Palestinians from Syria have recently arrived in Lebanon. As most refugees are living with host families in the poorest areas of the country, UNICEF emergency response also covers host communities.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** A UNICEF-supported report from the Palestinian Association for Human Rights “Witness” shows that 1,837 Palestinian refugee families have fled from Syria to Lebanon and that around 3,000 Palestinian children are in need of schooling. “Witness” has now submitted the final report of the assessment, which will be shared with the media next week to mobilize human and financial resources.

This week, UNICEF will meet with Palestinian partners to coordinate emergency interventions. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the RRP.

### Programme response

**WASH:** The UNICEF-supported water voucher distribution has now started and is ongoing in Saadnayel and Baalbek in the Bekaa Valley. Water voucher distribution will continue in Saadnayel and Baalbek in the coming week.

Estimated #/% coverage (80%)	UNICEF & operational partners	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results ( #)
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	40,000	Approximately 4,081* people daily
UNICEF Current Operational Partners: ACF (Bekaa)		

\*The number of people receiving water on a daily basis will change as the redeemable water voucher system has been implemented. This is why there is a decrease in the number from last sit rep. It is anticipated that the number will increase again when the system is fully operational.

**Child Protection:** In Tripoli, UNICEF and UNHCR co-facilitated a Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) workshop, in which 20 social workers from the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), International Medical Corps, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Danish Refugee Council, Norwegian Refugee Council, Save the Children and UNHCR participated. This is the first in a series of workshops to cover North Lebanon and Bekaa. Field visits were conducted to UNICEF-supported Child Friendly Spaces.

The Child Protection in Emergencies Working Group will meet next week to discuss scale-up plans and strategies to address Social Development Centre (SDC) needs, as identified in recent assessments by MoSA. A distribution plan for 55 ECD and 28 recreational kits for 22 SDCs in Tripoli, Akkar and Bekka has been finalized with MoSA and supplies will be dispatched next week.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning	11,500*	3,700**	32
UNICEF Operational Partners: Save the Children, THD, War Child, Association Cuturelle du Hermel, Mercy Corps, Amel Association			

\* This is the target set for the immediate scaling up and represents 50% of the Syrian children (i.e. 7,750) aged 5-17 years (CFS age group) based on a Syrian population of 50,000, plus Lebanese children (approximately 2,500). We are revising target figures upwards to accommodate the possibility of 100,000 Syrian refugees (scenario 1 UN contingency plan) and also to take into account Palestinian children from Syria (an estimated 4,000 have arrived in the country). The original RRP target was 3,000.

\*\* This is the number of children expected to be reached through the existing 20 CFSs. Note that the CFS programme started only in May 2012 and number of CFS has been growing incrementally since then.

**Education:** As the start of the new school year (24 September) is drawing closer, UNICEF is working to ensure all 32,000 school-aged children from affected populations are enrolled in school. Children are already showing up at schools to enroll. However, refugee children interviewed by UNICEF have expressed great concern due to the language barrier they will face in schools, as well as fear that they will not be accepted. The children also expressed their anxieties related to the violence they have experienced prior to fleeing their home country.

The absorption capacity of public schools is a concern for the MoEHE and UN agencies. Discussions are ongoing to decide on alternative measures.

UNICEF has finalized a Back-to-School plan which aims to place all primary school-aged children in schools. This has been endorsed by the MoE Circular 28, allowing refugee children access to Lebanese public schools. Back-to-School will also provide basic education supplies, additional teachers, psychosocial support, remedial classes and minor rehabilitation of school buildings, including preparations for winter.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	6,300	2,050	32.5
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	6,300	2,050	32.5
UNICEF Operational Partners: Iqra' Association, Save the Children International, Amel Association, Sawa Goup			

**Supply and Logistics:** The first part of UNICEFs contingency stock has arrived in Lebanon and is awaiting customs clearance. This includes 2,500 hygiene kits and 15 cartons of water purification items. 3,000 baby hygiene kits are expected to arrive next week.

**Human Resources**

	Number staff
Country Office staff	19 (3 internationals and 16 nationals)
Temporary staff	10 (4 internationals and 6 nationals)
Surge	-
Standby partners	5
Under recruitment	2 National Officers (NOB) and 1 international (health)
Standby partners: NRC, Irish Aid, RedR	

## IRAQ

### Highlights

- Around 3,000 people remain stranded on the Syrian side of the Syria/Iraq border, in precarious conditions. The border is still closed near the Al-Qaim camp.
- UNICEF is negotiating with a local NGO to construct prefabricated WASH facilities in the school in Domiz camp to serve an anticipated 600 refugee students and 140 students from the host community.

### Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 13 September 2012)	
	Total
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	24,464

There are currently 24,464 Syrian refugees registered in Iraq. The sharp increase in the number of new arrivals in Domiz from 3,000 to 13,000 has strained available resources and facilities. UNICEF is planning to increase its support in the areas of WASH, education and health. The Syria/Iraq border is still closed near the Al-Qaim camp, and around 3,000 people remain stranded on the Syrian side, facing precarious conditions. Some of the children and women at the border are injured and in need of urgent treatment, but do not have access to medical facilities. These families also face shortages of safe drinking water and adequate sanitation and hygiene services.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** UNICEF is actively participating in coordination meetings with UNHCR and working group meetings in Education, Child Protection and WASH. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the Regional Response Plan (RRP).

### Programme response:

**WASH:** The UNICEF-supported ten-week hygiene promotion campaign in the Domiz camp continued, covering 580 families and 400 singles. UNICEF will expand the hygiene promotion campaign to respond to increasing needs. UNICEF is negotiating with a local NGO to construct prefabricated WASH facilities in the school in Domiz camp to serve an anticipated 600 refugee students and 140 students from the host community.

In the Al-Qaim camp and reception centres, all children and their families have access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. UNICEF continues to construct WASH facilities in the Al-Qaim camp, with 167 latrines, 166 showers, 72 septic tanks, 90 drinking water points, four 10,000 litre tanks, three 45,000 litre tanks, 40 wash basins and 6,500 ml water networking in place and operational. In addition, UNICEF supported a six-day training of 44 people as hygiene mobilizers by the Al-Qaim Directorate of Health (DoH).

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	15,000	2,200	15%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and functional hand-washing facilities	15,000	2,200	15%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets	15,000	2,200	15%
Children and women receive critical WASH-related information to prevent child illness, especially diarrhoea	2,850*	64	2%

UNICEF Operational Partners: Islamic Relief Worldwide – Iraqi Salvation and Humanitarian Organization, DoW. DoH

\* Domiz only

\*\* In Al Qaim the current population of the camps is 2,092; the maximum capacity of all three camps, once the construction is completed, will be 4,335 people. The remaining refugees are currently receiving WASH facilities in the reception centres.

**Child Protection:** Of the 2,397 children under-18 registered at Domiz camp, 50 children are identified as having special needs. Cases of working children were also reported in the camp. UNICEF is discussing with partners the establishment of a monitoring system for detecting cases of abuse, violence and exploitation. The Child Friendly Space continues to provide recreation services to 50-60 children. UNICEF partner, ACTED, carried out an awareness session on Child Rights and the prevention of SGBV for 30 parents of vulnerable families, including the availability of local services.

In Al-Qaim, a recent inter-agency assessment found no reports of incidents of SGBV. Nevertheless, UNICEF/UNHCR are putting in place measures to provide protection services for all women and children. This week, the UNICEF Child Friendly Space opened, receiving 425 children so far.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning	7,500	583	7%
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing and receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care	15	15	100%
UNICEF Operational Partners: ACTED, Mental Health Unit (MHU), Child Protection Committee (CPC), Dohuk, General Directorate of Social Care and Development, Mine Action Group (MAG), and Handicap International (HI).AI-Safa society			

**Education:** UNICEF's original planning figure of 600 students in Domiz camp is no longer applicable as the number of school-aged children has increased to 1,250 with more arriving daily. UNICEF completed the procurement of five more prefabricated classrooms for the camp school and a back-to-school awareness campaign and enrolment drive will be organized. UNICEF prepositioned teaching and learning materials will be dispatched shortly to all children in the school.

In Al-Qaim, UNICEF is setting up ten temporary schools in the camp; five are already established. UNICEF is completing an assessment of damage in schools recently evacuated by refugees, which will be finalized this week.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	2750	600	22%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	1500	-	-
UNICEF Operational Partners: DoE, AFKAR Society			

**Health:** In Northern Iraq, with UNICEF support, 257 under-five children received polio vaccinations as part of the ongoing national polio campaign. In Al-Qaim, UNICEF is supporting the DoH to vaccinate refugees against hepatitis, tetanus toxoid and diphtheria, reaching 2,307 people so far. Fourteen health clinics are supported by UNICEF including hospital referrals. All children under five were included in a three day national polio campaign in September. A tetanus toxoid campaign for all pregnant women will begin next week in Al-Qaim.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving measles vaccination	647*	630	97%
UNICEF Operational Partners: DoH			

\* Al Qaim only

**Nutrition:** In Northern Iraq, cases of malnutrition have been detected. 118 children under five were screened at the UNICEF-supported Growth Monitoring unit. In Al-Qaim, UNICEF supported a rapid nutrition assessment for 583 children aged 6 to 59 months.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition enrolled in Therapeutic Feeding programmes	1*	1	100%	1	1	100%
Children <5 with Moderate Acute Malnutrition in supplementary feeding programmes	2*	2	100%	2	2	100%
UNICEF Operational Partners: Directorate of Health, Dohuk, WFP						

\* For Domiz only

**Human Resources:**

	Number staff
Country Office staff	48 (18 international & 30 National)
Temporary staff	6
Surge	0
Standby partners	0
Under recruitment	18
Standby partners: None	

## TURKEY

### **Highlights**

- 22,000 people accommodated in regional boarding schools have been relocated to the newly opened camps.
- Although there are no restrictions on the admission of those seeking temporary protection into Turkey, the process continues to be slow due to security checks and other procedures.

### **Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:**

<b>Estimated Affected Population</b> <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 13 September 2012)</i>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	80,104	42,455	37,649
<b>Children Affected (Under 18)</b>	39,251	20,026	19,225

There are currently 80,104 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey and it is estimated that children represent between 50-56 per cent of the overall Syrian population.

The number of Syrians awaiting admission into Turkey on the Syrian side of the border are reportedly around 10,000 at the moment; half of them across the border in Kilis and the other half across the Hatay border. This week, 201 new arrivals have been admitted and transferred to camps, while 135 Syrians voluntarily returned to Syria. Although there are no restrictions on the admission of those seeking temporary protection into Turkey, the process continues to be slow due to security checks and other procedures.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** UNICEF, through the UN Country Team (UNCT), is closely following the situation of Syrian children and women waiting at the Turkish/Syrian border. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the Regional Response Plan.

**Programme response:** Apart from camp centres, Syrian families are also being sheltered in regional boarding schools, dormitories and gymnasiums in different cities around Turkey, while tent cities are being established. Priority placement of Syrians accommodated in regional boarding schools continues, with 22,000 Syrians relocated to the new settlements.

UNICEF is monitoring the situation of children in refugee camps run by the Government of Turkey through the UN. UNICEF Turkey plans to reach some 22,500 Syrian children with key interventions in education and child protection. The supplies to support these activities have been procured and are being distributed in the camps by the Turkish Red Crescent.

## Regional Support and Funding

The Syria Crisis Support Hub at the UNICEF Middle East and North Africa Regional Office is supporting Syria and neighbouring countries with their supply and logistics operations. During the reporting period, the Support Hub began training for Country Offices on the use of the common information system (VISION) warehouse module. Once training has been completed, Country Offices will be able to receive, dispatch and hand over supplies in compliance with VISION and accounting standard (IPSAS). Training was completed for the Syria Country Office this week, and will be followed by trainings for the Jordan and Lebanon Country Offices next week.

Regional Human Resources have assisted Country Offices and the Regional Office in placing 34 staff in support of the Syrian Crisis.

**Funding:** Across the sub-region UNICEF has a funding gap of \$40 million. Funding requirements are based on the SHARP and the revised RRP. The RRP significantly understates the needs and is under revision. It is expected that the requirements will more than double.

<i>Funding Status</i> <i>In millions of US Dollars</i>		Child Protection	Education	Health & Nutrition	WASH	NFIs	Coord. & Comm.	Safety, Security ITC	*Being Allocated	Total
Syria	Required	7.7	10	4.7	8.5	10.5	1.4	1.2		<b>\$44.0</b>
	Funded	1.4	1.1	1.1	2.9	0.2			2.7	<b>\$9.4</b>
Jordan	Required	1.6	5.2	0.4	7.6					<b>\$14.8</b>
	Funded	0.8	6.2	0.2	2.5				1	<b>\$10.7</b>
Lebanon	Required	0.9	0.7	0.1	0.7					<b>\$2.4</b>
	Funded	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5				0.9	<b>\$2.4</b>
Iraq	Required			0.2	1					<b>\$1.2</b>
	Funded									<b>\$0.0</b>
Turkey	Required	1.5								<b>\$1.5</b>
	Funded	0.2	0.1						0.1	<b>\$0.4</b>
MENARO	Required	0.2	0.2		0.2		0.3	0.1		<b>\$1.1</b>
	Funded								1.7	<b>\$1.7</b>
Total (\$ MM)	<b>Required</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>		<b>\$65.0</b>
	<b>Funded</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>\$24.6</b>
	<b>Gap</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>\$40.4</b>

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

The funding figures for the Syrian crisis are being modified and will be reflected in next week's Situation Report.

**Next Situation Report:** 20 September 2012

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