

Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey Date: 20 September 2012

Highlights

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- 2,000 schools in Syria are estimated to have been damaged and 607 schools are now used as shelters by displaced families. Some schools will operate double shifts this year.
- UNICEF procured and delivered 5,000 school bags with stationery for distribution to vulnerable children attending 102 UNICEF-supported school clubs in Syria.
- In Jordan UNICEF will next week establish temporary learning spaces in Za'atari camp to accommodate 5,000 children in double-shifts. The MoE agreed to operate double shifts in four schools in Ramtha for Syrian refugee children in the host communities and transit sites.
- The overall enrolment of Syrian children in Lebanese public schools is progressing well.
- This week in Syria UNICEF and partners reached 9,000 newly-arrived IDPs in Yarmouk camp, half of them children, with Food for Children, Family and Baby Hygiene kits and recreational kits.
- In Syria, to date, UNICEF has provided access to 100,000 people to improved hygiene and 6,000 people to drinking water. 32,000 children benefited from psychosocial support; around 19,600 children are in remedial education programmes; and 285,000 children were vaccinated against measles.
- In the surrounding countries, the number of registered refugees increased by 5 per cent from 202,729 to 213,530; more than 111,000 are children and more than 40,500 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.
- In Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon, around 67,000 people are provided daily with access to safe water; around 18,800 children are benefiting from psychosocial support; and more than 21,200 students are in remedial education programmes.

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, 213,530 Syrians are currently registered as refugees and 60,689 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.

Estimated Affected Population in Syria <i>(Estimates 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
Total Displaced Population (a proportion of the above)	^(*) 1,200,000

Estimated Registered Refugees in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 20 September 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total registered refugees	213,530	106,765	106,765
Children refugees (under 18)	111,036	57,653	53,383
Children refugees (under five)	40,571	21,353	19,218

SYRIA

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- The Minister of Education announced on 15 September that the MoE had taken all necessary measures to launch the new school year, including the hiring of an additional 15,000 employees under the youth employment programme.
- The MoE estimates that 2,000 out of the 22,000 schools in the country have been damaged and 607 schools are now used as shelters by displaced families. Some schools will operate double shifts this year.
- UNICEF procured and delivered 5,000 school bags with stationery for distribution to vulnerable children attending 102 UNICEF-supported school clubs.
- UNICEF and partners reached 9,000 newly-arrived IDPs in Yarmouk camp, half of them children, with Food for Children, Family and Baby Hygiene kits, recreational kits etc.
- On 19 September, UNICEF dispatched a multi-disciplinary field mission to Tartous to prepare for an outpost, as part of a plan to establish outlying presence in Syria.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population	
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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.

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).

Programme response:

WASH: In Aleppo, problems with the water supply continue throughout the city, with frequent interruptions due to maintenance issues.

With UNICEF support, NGO partner Premiere Urgence (PU) has been providing emergency daily water supply in ten public schools since 23 July. To date, 2,350 cubic metres of water for washing and potable water were provided to internally displaced families in Rural Damascus. In the past week, PU provided daily water supply to 750 IDPs in four collective centres in rural Damascus (three private buildings and one mosque). Discussions are ongoing to continue the supply of water to these locations for a further three months.

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	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: According to UNICEF partners providing Psychosocial First Aid in shelters, despite the official announcement of the start of the new school year, many parents are afraid to send their children to school, or not sure which schools to enrol their children in.

From March to August this year, UNICEF-trained Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) volunteers provided Psychosocial First Aid and psychosocial activities to more than 5,000 children in 32 schools which are currently being used as shelters for IDPs in Rif Damascus. In Homs, four UNICEF-trained Psychosocial Support trainers from SARC trained a further 120 SARC and NGO volunteers. One of the main challenges is the limited specialized Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services outside Damascus area for the referral of complex MHPSS and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) cases. From June to July, SARC volunteers supported Psychosocial Support activities for around 1,400 children in 12 school clubs in Rif Damascus.

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	32,000	53%

* Figures from the first version of the SHARP

Education: The Minister of Education announced on 15 September that the MoE had taken all necessary measures to launch the new school year, including the hiring of an additional 15,000 employees under the youth employment programme, 1,150 of them for North Eastern and Rural Aleppo governorates. The school year started in Syria this week and the MoE expected over 5 million students to enrol and more than 385,000 teachers and administrative employees to report to work on 16 September. However, the security situation and growing displacement will be a major constraint in accessing schools and safe learning spaces for many children.

The MoE estimates that 2,000 out of the 22,000 schools in the country have been damaged and 607 schools are now used as shelters by displaced families. Therefore, some schools will operate double shifts this year. During the first month of the new school year, enrolment data and teacher information will be collected by schools.

This week, 102 UNICEF-supported schools clubs provided remedial classes, recreational activities and psychosocial support for 19,613 students. UNICEF procured and delivered 5,000 school bags with stationery, which will be distributed to vulnerable children attending the school clubs. In addition, UNICEF is supporting the light rehabilitation of 100 schools in Deraa, Rural Damascus and Lattakia.

The Education working group, co-chaired by UNICEF and the MoE, met this week. The MoE presented its plans and overall needs, including a list of schools that need rehabilitation, teaching aids and stationary. SARC presented its modality for delivering materials to schools and students in vulnerable areas.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	52,500	19,613	37%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	52,500	19,613	37%

* Figures from the first version of the SHARP

Health: As part of the partnership between the Syrian Association for Health Promotion and Development (SAHPD) and UNICEF, the SAHPD reached 968 displaced children with medical services over the past two weeks; 856 of them just in the last week in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Deraa.

This week, Ministry of Health (MoH) mobile teams vaccinated 63 children in schools housing IDPs in Damascus. In the past month, 383 internally displaced children were vaccinated by MoH mobile teams in Damascus. Meanwhile, UNICEF has completed preparations for the measles campaign due to take place in October and the purchase of 1.5 million doses of measles vaccine is underway. UNICEF also provided partners with 1,500 bottles of hair lice shampoo, 1,500 cans of hair lice spray

and 1,500 boxes of scabies medicine. These will be distributed to IDP collective centres in Damascus and Rural Damascus.

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

Nutrition: 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. The screening started two weeks ago and 119 under-five children have been assessed so far in two schools and one collective centre, using Mid-Upper-Arm-Circumference (MUAC) rapid assessment. The children were accordingly provided with High Protein Biscuits (HEB) and Plumpy Doz (a nutritious ready-to-use food). Last week, 30 under-five children (out of the 119 reached to date) were assessed in Al-Fayhaa sport centre, which has been housing 470 people for the past two weeks. No food aid had been distributed in this sport centre before UNICEF’s visit.

This week, UNICEF conducted one-day training for the medical team and volunteers of International Medical Corps (IMC) and SAHPD in nutrition assessments in emergencies. Both IMC and SAHPD have mobile teams providing medical services for IDPs in Damascus and another five governorates. With this training, the mobile teams can now conduct nutritional assessments of under-five children starting from next week.

UNICEF regularly participates in the Food working group meetings headed by WFP. In the last meeting, participants discussed the issue of modifying the WFP food basket to include more ready-to-use food since IDPs are reporting difficulties in obtaining cooking equipment and fuel.

Adolescent Development and Participation (ADAP): As part of UNICEF’s youth and adolescent outreach programme, young volunteers and youth are supporting the delivery of NFIs and facilitation of shelter services, and are providing psychosocial support to internally displaced children. In the past week, 500 adolescents and children were reached with interactive and cultural activities in three IDP shelters in Damascus, Lattakia and Tartous.

UNICEF entered into partnership with a local NGO to provide health services to adolescents, as well as first aid and emergency resilience training for internally displaced adolescents and youth in 16 IDP shelters in Damascus, Rural Damascus and Qunaitera.

Supply and Logistics: Despite the security situation in Al Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp, UNICEF with the support of the General Administration for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) delivered the following supplies to the Palestinian Red Crescent to cover the needs of more than 1,500 families (more than 9,000 people, half of them children) in Rural Damascus: 1,500 kits of Food for Children; recreational kits for 400 children; 2,250 Family and Baby Hygiene kits; 50 stoves; 1,500 pieces of Children’s clothes; and two Delivery Kits.

Human Resources:

	Number staff
Country Office staff	29
Temporary staff	0
Surge	3 internationals, + 2 due to arrive before 23 September
Standby partners	0
Under recruitment	4
Standby partners: none	

JORDAN

Highlights

- Next week, UNICEF will establish temporary learning spaces in Za'atari camp to accommodate 5,000 children in double-shifts.
- The MoE agreed to operate double shifts in four schools in Ramtha for Syrian refugee children in the host communities and transit sites.
- The UNICEF-supported measles, polio, and vitamin A supplementation campaign reached around 5,500 children from six months to 15 years of age in Za'atari camp, since its launch on 11 September. Routine immunizations are also ongoing.
- More than 200 residents of Za'atari camp are recruited as cleaners under a Cash-for-Work scheme. It is expected that all cleaners will be camp residents by the end of the week.
- The number of UNICEF-supported Child Friendly Spaces in Za'atari now stands at 18.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 20 September 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	52,352	27,223	25,129
Children Affected (Under 18)	27,223	14,135	13,088
Children Under Five	9,947	5,235	4,712

More than 92,500 Syrians are registered or awaiting registration with UNHCR. More than half of all Syrian refugees in Jordan are children under 18. The bailing system continues on an exceptional basis, with only 832 individuals bailed out since the opening of Za'atari camp. The Government of Jordan estimates more than 150,000 Syrians are in the country. According to UNHCR, around 32,000 Syrians were 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 bi-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. 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. Camp cleaning is scaled up with increased community involvement, labour and additional solid waste facilities on site. More than 200 camp residents are recruited as cleaners under a Cash-for-Work scheme; it is expected that all cleaners will be camp residents by the end of the week. Awareness-raising activities on water preservation, environmental hygiene and preventive measures to eliminate the risk of waterborne diseases continue through 20 hygiene promoters, reaching an average of 580 people per day. UNICEF also established a WASH committee consisting of camp residents that is expected to take a lead role in hygiene promotion in the camp.

During the week, UNICEF completed 24 new WASH units, bringing the total number of fixed and functional WASH units to 75. This equals 375 permanent latrines, fixed showers, and hand washing units, as well as 285 laundry units. UNICEF is setting up an additional eight WASH units to be completed by 28 September, after which all remaining mobile latrines and showers will be phased out. UNICEF completed a water pipeline connection from a well in a farm next to the Za'atari camp, which will provide the camp with 400 m3 per day and reduce the number of trucks delivering water to the camp by 40 per cent. To ensure outreach to host communities as well, UNICEF and national authorities are upgrading water networks in two areas in Mafraq.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population	20,000	59,830*	299%	30,000	59,830*	199%

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	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Sector Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
provided with access to safe water						
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap* and functional hand-washing facilities	20,000	59,830*	464%	30,000	59,830*	309%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets	20,000	59,830*	144%	30,000	59,830*	96%
Population having access to hygiene promotion messages	6,700	14,838	221%	10,000	14,838	148%
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 in cooperation with Save the Children International has to date completed a total of 18 Child Friendly Spaces at Za'atari camp to meet the needs of 5,400 children on a daily basis. In addition, five UNICEF-supported youth centres are now operational.

UNICEF and Save the Children have begun provision of services to unaccompanied minors in Za'atari. So far, 50 unaccompanied minors have been identified and offered psychosocial support and referrals. UNICEF completed six-day training for 24 partner staff in psychosocial support and management of Child Friendly Spaces. In addition, UNICEF reached more than 1,400 Syrian refugees in host communities in Northern Jordan with case management services. The majority of cases involved families facing problems of violence, distress and lack of access to basic services.

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	13,023	434%	7,000	***	***
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing and receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care	300*	359**	120%	800*	***	***

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

*** data not available

Education: UNICEF jointly with the MoE and Save the Children Jordan continues to register school age children in Za'atari, with over 1,574 children registered to date. Following UNICEF's meeting with the MoE on schooling for children at Za'atari camp, UNICEF will establish temporary learning spaces next week that can accommodate 5,000 children in two shifts. With UNICEF support, the MoE is recruiting teachers through its temporary teacher roster.

The MoE has agreed that all Syrian refugee children in urban settings can attend Jordanian schools this year and that those attending public schools will be exempt from fees. To date, some 17,000 Syrian children have registered in schools, of which 13,000 are attending school, while some 4,000 children are on waiting lists due to capacity constraints in public schools. The MoE has agreed to operate double shifts in four schools in Ramtha for Syrian refugee children in the host communities and transit sites. UNICEF procured and installed 15 prefabricated classrooms in Ramtha. The procurement of furniture is in process. At this stage, UNICEF Jordan urgently needs US\$ 35 million to cover the cost of education for up to 30,000 children in Za'atari alone. 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	18,574***	109%	18,000	18,574**	103%

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
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: Last week, UNICEF and WFP completed a MUAC rapid assessment. About 2.3 per cent of the children assessed in Za'atari Camp had MUAC measurement of less than 12.5 cm, thus requiring supplementation or therapeutic treatment, while about 6.9 per cent of the assessed children showed risk for mild acute malnutrition. Children with MUAC measurement of less than 11.5 cm are considered severely malnourished and need therapeutic treatment while those with MUAC measurement falling between 11.5 cm and 12.4 cm require moderate acute malnutrition management (supplementation). Around half of the children were reported to be suffering from an illness, the most common of which was diarrhoea followed by respiratory infections and fever. A few cases of vomiting, tonsillitis and skin rash were also recorded. The comprehensive inter-agency nutrition assessment, which will confirm the levels of malnutrition and the factors influencing exposure to malnutrition, is expected to start next week covering the camp, transit sites, and host communities in Jordan.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving measles vaccination	11,900	5,000*	42%
Children < 1 receiving essential vaccines	2,800	5,000*	179%
Children < 5 receiving vitamin A supplements	11,900	5,000*	42%
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.

Communication for Development: UNICEF informed parents of its ongoing vaccination campaign in Za'atari by going from tent to tent. UNICEF also conducted awareness-raising campaigns on the importance of education and encouraged parents to register their children in schools. In collaboration with Save the Children Jordan, UNICEF is also conducting awareness-raising among Syrian families in urban settings on the importance of registering their children in schools. To date, some 17,000 Syrian refugee children have registered in schools.

Supply and Logistics: UNICEF will deliver 15 prefabricated classrooms (45 m2 each) to five identified schools in Ramtha on 20 September. Supported by a specialist from UNICEF Headquarters, UNICEF is working on the layout of the first school in Za'atari camp. Fencing of the school site in Za'atari has been completed.

Human Resources:

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

LEBANON

Highlights

- The overall enrolment rate of Syrian children in Lebanese public schools is progressing well.
- Schools directors are working on solutions to better integrate Syrian children and support them through additional English and French language classes.
- UNICEF-supported water voucher distribution continues in the Bekaa Valley, with 442 vouchers distributed in Baalbek, Doures and Sadnayel this week, each valid for 1,000 litres of water. This will cover water needs for 834 individuals over the coming four weeks.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 20 September 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	52,410	24,633	27,777
Children Affected (Under 18)	26,729	13,627	13,103
Children Under Five	9,958	5,241	4,717

A total of 52,410 refugees are currently registered with UNHCR and the Lebanese High Relief Commission (HRC) and an additional 20,503 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: Last week, UNICEF met with Palestinian partners to coordinate emergency interventions. UNICEF confirmed its commitment to mobilize resources to cover the gaps in the UNRWA appeal, particularly in the areas of education, primary healthcare and child protection. The findings of the UNICEF-supported needs assessment on Palestinian refugees from Syria will be made available this week to mobilize financial resources. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the RRP.

Programme response:

WASH: UNICEF-supported water voucher distribution continues in the Bekaa Valley. In the last week, 442 vouchers were distributed in Baalbek, Doures and Sadnayel, each of them valid for 1,000 litres of water. This will cover water needs for 834 individuals over the coming four weeks.

Next week, UNICEF will chair the first coordination meeting of the WASH working group, after it was decided to split the Shelter and WASH working groups.

Estimated #/% coverage (80%)	UNICEF & operational partners	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	40,000	Approximately 4,333* people weekly

UNICEF Current Operational Partners: ACF (Bekaa)

*The number of people receiving water on a weekly basis will change as the redeemable water voucher system has been implemented.

Child Protection: UNICEF amended existing Project Cooperation Agreements (PCAs) for Child Friendly Spaces, targeting an additional 1,800 children. In partnership with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), UNICEF is expanding psychosocial support and other child protection activities through Social Development Centres (SDCs) in affected regions. UNICEF distributed 12 recreational kits and 27 Early Childhood Development (ECD) kits to 11 SDCs in the North and Tripoli.

The Child Protection in Emergencies Working Group co-chaired by UNICEF and MoSA is discussing scale-up plans and will conduct an inter-agency needs assessment and establish common processes for referral, mapping and case management. The Child Friendly Spaces working group will work to improve reporting Child Friendly Space activities and further develop the case management strategy.

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*	5,500**	48
UNICEF Operational Partners: Save the Children, THD, War Child, Association Culturelle 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. In Arsal, issues are emerging over the enrolment of 900 Syrian school-aged children in the three public schools in the area, which can only absorb 100 students. UNICEF is working with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) and other education stakeholders to find alternative solutions. Most of the refugee families who have been living in operational schools have had to relocate, to ensure that the schools are ready to open on 24 September.

The overall enrolment rate of Syrian children in Lebanese public schools is progressing well as most school directors are open to the idea of inclusion of refugee children in schools. To address the challenges of schools' absorption capacity and the barriers facing refugee children in integrating into the Lebanese education system, schools directors are working on solutions to better integrate Syrian children and support them through additional English and French language classes.

UNICEF has shared the Back-to-School strategy with the MEHE and the strategy has been approved by the Director General. UNICEF plans to hold a series of meetings with the Union of Municipalities in the coming days to seek their support to the Back-to-School campaign.

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: UNICEF is developing distribution plans for 151 ECD kits, 105 Recreational kits, 2,500 Hygiene kits and five Health kits. In addition, 15 cartons of water purification tablets and 3,000 Baby Hygiene kits are awaiting custom clearance. A supply specialist (consultant) has joined the Lebanon Country Office to assist with establishing Long Term Agreements (LTAs) with local suppliers.

Human Resources

	Number staff
Country Office staff	19 (3 internationals and 16 nationals)
Temporary staff	11 (3 internationals and 8 nationals)
Surge	-
Standby partners	6
Under recruitment	2 Drivers, one for the North and one for Bekaa
Standby partners: NRC, Irish Aid, RedR	

IRAQ

Highlights

- The Al-Qaim border point was re-opened and 112 Syrians were allowed into Iraq.
- The continued arrival of new refugees in the Domiz camp is straining the delivery of basic services, including education, WASH and health.
- UNICEF is constructing prefabricated WASH facilities in the school at the Domiz camp.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 20 September 2012)</i>	
	Total
Total Affected Population	25,508

There are currently 25,508 Syrian refugees registered in Iraq. The arrival of new refugees at the Domiz camp continues to strain sanitation services in the transit areas. On 18 September, authorities re-opened the border at Al-Qaim allowing 112 Syrians into Iraq. Iraqi authorities report around 100 people will be allowed to enter Iraq every day. The border had been closed since 13 August.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: led by UNICEF, the Education Working Group and the WASH sub-working group met to identify sector response gaps and agree on response, including resource mobilization. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the RRP.

Programme response:

WASH: The arrival of new refugees is straining service delivery in Domiz camp. A UNICEF emergency assessment showed pressure on latrines, overflowing sewage and some cases of open defecation, increasing public health concerns. In the transit area, water is provided daily but latrines and showers are and are below SPHERE standards. UNICEF is constructing prefabricated WASH facilities in the Domiz camp school, which will serve 600 students. The ongoing ten week hygiene promotion campaign in Domiz has reached 224 refugees. UNICEF and the Directorate of Health (DoH) will train community hygiene promoters, thereby increasing the reach of the campaign.

Children and their families in Al-Qaim camp and reception centres have access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices. Children and their families on the Syrian side of the Al-Qaim border continue to lack safe drinking water, and adequate sanitation and hygiene. UNICEF continues the construction of WASH facilities in the camp and has so far completed: 183 latrines, 182 showers, 76 septic tanks, 100 drinking water points, four 10,000 litre tanks, three 45,000 litre tanks, 40 wash basins and 6,500m of water networking. UNICEF also trained 44 participants as hygiene mobilizers.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	15,000	2,650	18%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap and functional hand-washing facilities	15,000	2,650	18%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets	15,000	2,650	18%
Children and women receive critical WASH-related information to prevent child illness, especially diarrhoea	2,850*	224*	13%
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 2,650; the maximum capacity of all three camps, once the construction is completed, will be 4335 people. The remaining refugees are currently receiving WASH facilities in the reception centres.

Child Protection: A UNICEF child protection assessment in Domiz camp showed the protective environment for children to be rapidly deteriorating. Level of stress among children is high and psychosocial assistance needs scaling up. The UNICEF Child Friendly Space increased its reach from 60 to 150 children daily. UNICEF is supporting three-day training for staff and volunteers in Child Friendly Space management, standards of care, and child development. UNICEF is planning to establish an additional Child Friendly Space. Increasing violence in and around Al-Bokamal city in Syria, where most of the refugees in Al-Qaim camp come from, is creating anxiety among children and their families. In Al-Qaim camp, 213 children have attended the Child-Friendly Space. UNICEF is planning awareness sessions on stress management and prevention of child labour.

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	275*	3%
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			

*This figure has been modified from the previous week after an over-reporting was detected.

Education: As of 17 September, 185 new refugee children were registered in Domiz, including 107 for grade one. Overall school registration continues and will be completed in the coming days. The installation of five more UNICEF prefabricated classrooms is nearly complete but may not be enough due to continued arrival of school-aged children. A Back-to-School awareness campaign is under preparation. The Directorate of Education (DoE) plans to open the school by 25 September. In Al-Qaim, eight schools previously occupied by Syrian refugees will be rehabilitated. A Back-to-School awareness campaign is under preparation and will include distribution of supplies to students.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	2,750	600	22%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	1,500	-	-
UNICEF Operational Partners: DoE, AFKAR Society			

Health: The influx of refugees to the Domiz camp continues to strain existing health services. Forty-one children under-five were diagnosed with diarrhoea and referred for oral rehydration therapy and mothers were advised on breastfeeding and proper feeding practices. 1,363 under-five children were vaccinated against Polio bringing the total of children vaccinated to 1,620. The DoH in Dohuk requested UNICEF support for a mobile health team and an immunization team. In Al-Qaim, healthcare systems and referrals need strengthening. UNICEF is planning a tetanus toxoid campaign for pregnant women next week, and will support construction of a new health clinic in the camp.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children <5 receiving measles vaccination	-	2,974	-
UNICEF Operational Partners: DoH			

Nutrition: In Domiz, 65 under-five children were screened at the Growth Monitoring unit with no cases of malnutrition detected. 183 children have been screened over the past two weeks with all malnourished children receiving supplementary feeding. Advice is provided to mothers on breastfeeding and proper feeding practices.

In Al-Qaim, a rapid nutrition assessment covering 580 under-five children found that general malnutrition is affecting 7.6 per cent of under-five children, chronic malnutrition is affecting 15.1 per cent and acute malnutrition is affecting 4.8 per cent. UNICEF provides supplementary feeding and breastfeeding promotion. An assessment of the nutrition centre at the Al-Qaim hospital is underway.

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

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

- Turkish authorities have now opened the border for new Syrian arrivals, and 2,000 Syrians have voluntarily returned.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 20 September 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	83,260	44,128	39,132
Children Affected (Under 18)	40,797	20,815	19,982

There are currently 83,260 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey, an estimated 50-56 per cent of them children. Turkish authorities have now opened the border for new arrivals, while more than 2,000 Syrians have voluntarily returned to Syria. An estimated 8-10,000 people are provided with food packages by the Turkish Government at the zero point of the border.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF, through the UN Country Team, is closely following the situation of children and women waiting at the zero point of the border. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the RRP.

Programme response: 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. UNICEF will mobilize support to procure playfield and sport equipment for up to 50,000 children and youth.

Regional Support and Funding

Syria Crisis Support Hub: The Support Hub at the UNICEF Middle East and North Africa Regional Office is supporting Syria and neighbouring countries with their supply and logistics operations. The Support Hub is working with Country Offices in Syria and neighbouring countries to identify gaps in their LTAs. This week, medical supplies procured for UNICEF Syria were received in Amman and arrangements are underway to ship these to Damascus.

Funding: Across the sub-region, UNICEF has a funding gap of nearly US\$ 40 million. While the current funding requirements are based on the SHARP and RRP2, the upcoming revision of the RRP will significantly increase the requirements for the region given the increasing numbers of the affected population. In addition to the funding reflected in the table below, the United Kingdom has pledged a contribution of GBP 3 million for the sub-region and France will be providing EUR 200,000 to meet the health and nutrition needs in Jordan.

Funding Status <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		\$44.0
	Funded	1.4	1.1	1.1	2.9	0.3			2.6	\$9.4
Jordan	Required	1.6	5.2	0.4	7.6					\$14.8
	Funded	1.0	7.6	0.2	2.7					\$11.5
Lebanon	Required	0.9	0.7	0.1	0.7					\$2.4
	Funded	0.9	0.7	0.1	0.6				0.1	\$2.4
Iraq	Required			0.2	1					\$1.2
	Funded									\$0.0
Turkey	Required	1.5								\$1.5
	Funded	0.2	0.1							\$0.3
MENARO	Required	0.2	0.2		0.2		0.3	0.1		\$1.1
	Funded								2.0	\$2.0
Total	Required	11.9	16.1	5.4	18	10.5	1.7	1.3		\$65.0
	Funded	3.5	9.5	1.4	6.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.7	\$25.6
	Gap	8.4	6.6	4.0	11.8	10.3	1.7	1.3	-4.7	\$39.4

* The funding received for all countries, apart from Syria, is being reported at the total contribution level and includes a maximum recovery rate of 7%. The funding for Syria will be updated in next week's Situation Report.

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

Human Resources: Regional Human Resources have assisted Country Offices and the Regional Office in placing 42 staff in support of the Syrian Crisis.

Communication and Media: Activities in the past week in Jordan focused on education, and on health campaigns at Za'atari camp. A 17 September media release covered education initiatives, while an earlier media release on nutrition and vaccinations was picked up by more than a dozen local and international news and humanitarian websites. Education-related interviews with refugee children in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq, took place to put a child's face on the emergency, and a photographer was hired to document UNICEF activities at Za'atari camp. UNICEF's social media covered field work at Za'atari, including updates on education, WASH and the vaccination campaign.

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