

## Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey Date: 30 August 2012

### Highlights

- Significant deterioration of security in Syria.
- To date, UNICEF Syria has provided access to 100,000 people to improved hygiene and 6,000 people to drinking water. 27,000 children benefited from psychosocial support; 18,000 children are in remedial education programmes; and 285,000 children were vaccinated against measles.
- UNICEF is supporting preparations for the new school year in Syria and the neighbouring countries, with a particular focus on integrating displaced and refugee children.
- In the surrounding countries, the number of registered refugees increased by 7 per cent from 171,459 to 184,008; more than 90,000 are children and around 35,000 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 Turkey and Lebanon.
- In Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon 57,500 people are provided daily with safe water and sanitation services. 13,000 children are benefiting from psychosocial support and 19,000 students, are in remedial education programmes.
- In the coming weeks in Jordan, 228,000 refugee and host family children under the age of five will be vaccinated against measles and will receive vitamin A supplementation.

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, 184,008 Syrians are currently registered as refugees and more than 40,100 are awaiting registration (UNHCR, August 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, 30 August 2012)</i>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>Total registered refugees</b>	184,008	92,004	92,004
<b>Children refugees (under 18)</b>	95,684	49,682	46,002
<b>Children refugees (under five)</b>	34,962	18,401	16,561

## SYRIA

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- 450 schools across the country are still hosting IDP families. The new school year is set to start on 16 September.
- UNICEF currently supporting 92 school clubs, providing remedial classes and recreational activities to 17,700 children in Rural Damascus, Deraa, Lattakia and Tartous.
- With UNICEF support, vaccination teams visited 25 schools used as IDP collective centres in Damascus this week, and vaccinated some 320 children.

### 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.

### Programme response:

UNICEF and partners are providing assistance to Syrian children in need (both displaced children and children of host communities), in the areas of Health, Nutrition, Education, Child Protection, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and provision of Non-Food Items (NFIs). However, the increase in the number of checkpoints across the country has caused significant delays in programme delivery.

**WASH:** According to a preliminary rapid assessment in Hassaka and Rif Damascus, there is a clear shortage of water, in terms of quantity (and possibly quality), in IDP collective centres. Several cases of diarrhoea were reported, especially among children. Around 45 per cent of the IDPs are estimated to be children under 18. Other issues reported include the limited number and poor maintenance of toilets, which adds to the risk of disease transmission; many IDPs reported not having received hygiene kits; and lack of systems for waste management and solid waste disposal is adding to challenges.

The WASH sector group, co-chaired by UNICEF and SARC, is now operational and the following actions were taken this week: distribution of 17,800 hygiene kits; water trucking for around 6,000 people in Rif Damascus; and development of rapid response action with operational partners.

UNICEF is working on scaling up its WASH response, with a rapid assessment planned for next week; signing of Project Cooperation Agreements (PCAs) with operational partners; and working on increasing the number of potential implementing partners, including SARC and local authorities.

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

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners			Sector
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved	Cumulative results (#)
to appropriately designed toilets				

\* Covers only the distribution of 17,800 kits

**Child Protection:** UNICEF is supporting SARC to in the operation of five Child Friendly Spaces and four multi-disciplinary clinics providing psychosocial and mental health services to children and families in Damascus. UNICEF-supported psychosocial and recreational activities also continue through three Child Friendly Spaces in Aleppo city, two in rural Aleppo, and two in Homs, as well as through the UNICEF network of 103 school clubs in seven governorates.

UNICEF supported the local NGO Syrian Society for Social Development (SSSD) in facilitating training in Psychosocial First Aid for 70 volunteers, followed by the provision of Psychosocial First Aid and recreational activities to children from IDP and host communities in the Mazze, Jaramana and Tabbaleh areas of Damascus and Rural 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	27,000	45%

\* Figures from the first version of the SHRP

**Education:** According to the latest information from the Ministry of Education (MoE), more than 2,000 schools in Syria have been damaged, looted, destroyed or otherwise affected, while a further 450 schools are currently hosting IDP families. The school year is scheduled to start on 16 September and MoE is working with the Ministries of Labour and Local Affairs to identify and move families from schools to other locations.

In coordination with the MoE, UNICEF is currently supporting 92 school clubs providing remedial classes and recreational activities to 17,700 children in Rural Damascus, Deraa, Latakia and Tartous. Due to the security situation, 11 school clubs were not operational during the last week.

UNICEF is working on a contingency plan to address the urgent needs of IDP children in Hassakeh, in collaboration with partner NGO Action against Hunger (ACF), which has a small office there. 52 schools and one university dormitory are currently used as collective centres, hosting around 1,000 IDP families. Main concerns include looting and minor damages to schools, and rehabilitation will be required before the new school year, and as soon as families are moved to an alternative location. Work is also needed to integrate the increased number of potential students who will require education supplies.

UNICEF's education PCAs with Premiere Urgence and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) are currently delayed due to the prevailing security situation.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
School-aged children in affected areas in schools/learning programmes	52,500	17,716	34%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	52,500	17,716	34%

\* Figures from the first version of the SHRP

**Health and Nutrition:** With UNICEF support, Ministry of Health (MoH) vaccination teams visited 25 schools used as IDP collective centres in Damascus this week, and vaccinated around 320 children. Regular Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) activities are ongoing.

UNICEF and the Syrian Association for Health Promotion and Development (SAHPD) will provide health services to IDP children and mothers in schools and other collective centres. This will be done through eight mobile medical teams in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Dara'a, targeting around 175,000 IDPs over a four month period.

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

**Nutrition:** The nutrition surveillance system is operational in MoH-run Primary Health Care Centres. Mid-year nutrition surveillance reports are being reviewed by the MoH and expected to be released in the coming days. Initial indications are that data captured is only one third of data gathered last year (100,000 children this year, compared to 300,000 last year).

Following reports of mild malnutrition, a rapid Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) nutrition assessment was carried out in Doma town, in rural Damascus. The implementing partner has not been able to share the findings due to connectivity and access problems and UNICEF is working to get the basic assessment findings by phone.

UNICEF ordered 1,000 boxes of High-Energy Biscuits and Plumpy Doz (a nutritious ready-to-use food) this week, for distribution to vulnerable children, particularly those displaced in schools and collective centres, in cooperation with the SAHPD and the NGO Syria Trust. UNICEF is coordinating with WFP to agree on an operational plan for distribution of supplementary food in collective centres.

**HIV/AIDS:** In cooperation with UNICEF, MoH and a local NGO for AIDS prevention are preparing a proposal for awareness-raising among IDP youth on HIV-prevention. MoH, in cooperation with UNICEF, will conduct a workshop on 20 September in Damascus to present the proposed law on the rights and duties of People Living with HIV/AIDS. A further five training courses for doctors and midwives are planned in September and October in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Lattakia and Tartous, in cooperation with UNICEF.

**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 substantially increased its supply of water and sanitation services to Za'atari.
- With UNICEF support, up to 17,000 Syrian children registered in Jordanian public schools.
- UNICEF initiated routine vaccinations in Za'atari camp, with 63 children vaccinated to date.
- The Government of Jordan and the UN call for funds to cover the needs of Syrian refugees.
- Security concerns at Za'atari camp limiting access, making delivery of services challenging.

### Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR, 30 August 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	45,751	23,791	21,960
<b>Children Affected (Under 18)</b>	23,791	12,353	11,438
<b>Children Under Five</b>	8,693	4,575	4,118

Around 70,400 Syrians are registered or awaiting registration with UNHCR in Jordan, an estimated 50,000 of them hosted in urban settings. More than 50 per cent 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, some 21,000 Syrian refugees have been moved to Za'atari camp, and the number in transit centres remains stable at 1,800. The average rate of Syrian arrivals in the past week was more than 1,400 people a day – nearly double last week's average – with a peak of 2,547 on 28 August. The planning figure for Za'atari camp is now 80,000, and at this rate capacity could be reached in months or even weeks as new arrivals are automatically transferred to Za'atari.

On 27 August, the Government of Jordan together with the UN called for US\$ 429 million in funding to cover the needs of Syrians in the country, including Za'atari Camp. The number of Syrians at community level needing assistance by the end of 2012 is estimated at 70-80,000 people, while the camp's capacity was adjusted to a maximum of 80,000 people.

### Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:

#### Led by UNICEF

- WASH coordination meetings – Daily
- Child Protection sub-group meetings at Za'atari – Weekly
- Child Protection and Gender Based Violence working group meetings – Bi-weekly
- Education coordination meetings – Monthly

#### Led by others agencies, with UNICEF participation

- Area Coordination meetings for Za'atari – JHCO – Daily
- Area Coordination meetings for Ramtha and Ma'an – Bi-weekly
- Health coordination meetings – WHO – Daily
- Taskforce meetings – UNHCR – Bi-weekly

### Programme response:

**WASH:** To meet the urgent WASH needs of children and adults in Za'atari camp (reported as 21,000 people, although exact population is currently being determined) and transit centres (currently 1,800 people), UNICEF is providing and maintaining safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, solid waste management, along with hygiene awareness and water conservation. Bacteriological and chlorine testing of water at Za'atari camp and transit sites is conducted regularly.

As of 28 August, UNICEF had set up 291 latrines, including more than 130 permanent toilets. UNICEF continues to construct permanent blocks of latrines, showers and basins to meet increasing needs. UNICEF and partner ACTED will conduct more than 100 hygiene promotion sessions each day, through 22 hygiene promoters, each running at least five daily sessions. Each session reaches approximately five people, depending on the family size.

Water delivery is increasing to meet the needs of the growing population, despite difficulties with access to the camp due to road blockages and recurrent security concerns. UNICEF now delivers up to 600,000 litres per day. However, as the number of beneficiaries increases, a more sustainable and lower cost approach is needed to providing water. Detailed assessment of water capacity in Za'atari and the potential for new water sources took place in July. Three potential sites were identified, two of which were approved by the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MoWI). One will be established in partnership with Mercy Corps and in close collaboration with the MoWI, in coming weeks. Mercy Corps and UNICEF are also exploring possibilities for sewerage and grey water treatment. UNICEF is providing 25,000 diapers (2,500 packages of ten diapers each) to UNHCR to distribute in Za'atari camp to meet immediate needs.

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	**47,360	237%	30,000	**47,360	158%
Emergency affected population provided with access to soap* and functional hand-washing facilities	20,000	**47,360	237%	30,000	**47,360	158%
Emergency affected population with access to appropriately designed toilets	20,000	**47,360	237%	30,000	**47,360	158%
Population having access to hygiene promotion messages	6,700	4,060	61%	10,000	4,060	41%
Children in schools benefiting from improved WASH facilities	100,000***	0	0	100,000	0	0

UNICEF Operational Partners: ACTED, THW, Mercy Corps

\*UNHCR is providing soap

\*\*This number includes all people who have been accommodated at Za'atari camp and transit sites where UNICEF provided or maintained WASH facilities.

\*\*\*200 schools with approximately 500 students each will be targeted. This intervention will begin soon.

**Child Protection:** In addition to its eight functioning Child Friendly Spaces, UNICEF is setting up two new ones in the UNHCR registration area in Za'atari, to allow newly arrived children to immediately participate in recreational activities in one Child Friendly Space, while administrative procedures are completed. The other Child Friendly Space will be used for unaccompanied minors.

To meet the needs of the 890 children at the King Abdullah Park transit centre, UNICEF and Save the Children International initiated recreational activities. UNICEF also supported the training of 28 staff from community-based organizations in child protection and psychosocial support. In the past week, a further 1,700 vulnerable Syrian children (including those in King Abdullah Park) benefitted from access to safe places for recreational activities. Work is also ongoing to establish registration, family tracing and interim care for unaccompanied minors in cooperation with UNHCR, International Committee of the Red Cross and implementing partners, focusing on Za'atari camp and transit sites.

An interagency baseline survey led by UNICEF, UNHCR and Save the Children was completed, aiming to determine the number and ages of children, their schooling, potential vulnerabilities and access to Child Friendly Spaces. Results are expected within one week.

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	8,892	296%	7,000	8,892****	127%
Separated and unaccompanied children registered in family tracing and receiving family-based or appropriate alternative care	300*	234**	78%	800*	234**	29%
Children and family members accessing psychosocial and child protection activities	3,800	3,829	101%	10,300	3,829****	37%

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 2,950 adult family members who have access to safe spaces

\*\*\*\* data may be incomplete due to lack of inputs from sector

**Education:** More than 9,000 additional Syrian children have registered in Jordanian public schools in urban settings for the upcoming school year. UNICEF is working with the MoE to enrol more vulnerable Syrian children in public schools in the next three weeks. UNICEF distributed 4,400 education kits (out of 7,000 procured) to Syrian and Jordanian students.

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	17,160	101%	18,000	17,160	94%
Children with access to psychosocial support in education programmes	5,500	5,200*	94.5%	9000	5,200	57%
UNICEF Operational Partners: Ministry of Education/ 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.

**Health and Nutrition:** With UNICEF support, the MoH began routine immunization of under-five children in Za'atari camp. MoH teams will visit the camp each Saturday to provide essential vaccines, including Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Tuberculosis, Polio, Diphtheria and Tetanus. 63 children were reached with the first round. The campaign is targeting 228,000 refugee and host family children under the age of five.

In early September, UNICEF and the MoH will conduct a measles vaccination and vitamin A supplement campaign targeting Syrian and Jordanian under-five children in Ramtha, Irbid and Mafraq, 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	60	1%
Children < 1 receiving essential vaccines	2,800	60	2%
Children < 5 receiving vitamin A supplements	11,900	60	1%

\*Breakdown of immunizations and ages not yet available.

**Communications for Development (C4D):** To support parents in Za'atari camp and transit sites in dealing with the stress their children are experiencing, UNICEF printed 1,000 information sheets to be distributed to parents, and 450 posters to be displayed in the sites, on how to support children in situations of crisis. This will help parents to assist their children and alleviate their own stress.

**Supply and Logistics:** Fifteen prefab classrooms have been ordered from Lebanon, and a tender for school furniture is in process. This week, UNICEF is replacing Child Friendly Space tents damaged by weather conditions in Za'atari with new ones. UNICEF stock previously stored in the JHCO warehouse at Za'atari camp has been moved to UNICEF's newly established Rubb Hall at the camp. Two new Rubb Hall tents have been procured and will be erected at Za'atari camp this week.

**Human Resources:**

	Number staff
Country Office staff (ft)	5
Temporary staff (on mission from HQ/COs)	4
Surge (TAs and SSAs)	8
Standby partners	4
Under recruitment	7*

Standby partners: RedR Australia; Canadem; MSB

\*Two of the staff under recruitment will replace existing surge and standby staff.

## LEBANON

### Highlights

- Last week’s deteriorating security situation hampered UNICEF and partners’ response.
- With UNICEF support, a rapid needs assessment is underway to assess the needs and identify priority emergency interventions for Palestinian refugees from Syria.
- As part of its contingency planning, UNICEF ordered supplies for WASH, Health, Education and Child Protection.

### Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR, 30 August 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	41,949	19,716	22,233
Children Affected (Under 18)	21,394	10,907	10,487
Children Under Five	7,970	4,195	3,775

A total of 41,949 refugees are currently registered with UNHCR and the Lebanese High Relief Commission (HRC) and an additional 15,533 Syrians are awaiting registration. More than 50 per cent of the registered refugees are children under 18. As most refugees are living with host families in the poorest areas of the country, UNICEF emergency response also covers host communities.

Last week’s deteriorating security situation hampered UNICEF and partners’ response and several missions were cancelled due to fighting in Tripoli and the tense situation in Bekaa. The situation has stabilized this week and field missions are proceeding as normal.

Recent field visits to villages in the Bekaa revealed that many families have not registered or been in contact with UNHCR. The host communities are overstretched as refugees are arriving on a daily basis and UNICEF will follow up with the municipalities to get a more accurate overview of the situation and numbers of refugees. There are currently around 100 families living in four schools and finding alternative accommodation is a priority, as the school year is about to start.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** With UNICEF support, the Palestinian Association for Human Rights ‘Witness’ is conducting a rapid needs assessment to identify priority emergency interventions to address the needs of Palestinian refugees from Syria. Final results are expected in the first week of September and will be shared with UN agencies, donors, local and international NGOs and the media in order to mobilize human and financial resources.

UNICEF participated in an UNRWA coordination meeting this week, attended by more than 30 local/international NGOs and UN agencies, to discuss coordination of emergency interventions for Palestinian refugees from Syria. UNICEF will discuss with UNRWA this week the issue of schooling of Palestinian children from Syria.

### Programme response:

**WASH:** UNICEF partner NGO ACF delivered 810,000 litres of potable water in the Bekaa this week, reaching 4,200 children and 2,006 women. A redeemable water voucher system (1,000 litres per voucher) has been introduced and will be rolled out in all areas of response. To respond to the urgent water needs of refugees in the north, a PCA is being developed with Premier Urgence (PU-AMI) and activities are expected to start mid-September.

Estimated #/% coverage (80%)	UNICEF & operational partners	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results ( # )
Emergency affected population provided with access to safe water	40,000	Approximately 8,266 people daily
UNICEF Current Operational Partners: ACF (Bekaa)		

**Child Protection:** UNICEF is operating 20 Child Friendly Spaces in North Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley, and scale up is planned through existing and new partnerships. UNICEF is negotiating with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) to undertake a coordination role in the emergency, as well as to introduce the delivery of child protection programming through their Social Development Centres (SDC). Initial discussions were held with International Medical Corps (IMC) on developing parenting programmes for the SDCs as well as collaborating on focus group discussions on the scope of Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV). The Lebanon Mining Action Centre has expressed interest in working with UNICEF and the Mine Action Group to build national capacity in Mine Risk Education.

Estimated #/% coverage	UNICEF & operational partners		
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	% of Target Achieved
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning	10,000*	3,700**	37%
UNICEF Operational Partners: Save the Children, THD, War Child, Association Culturelle du Hermel, Mercy Corps			

\* This is the target set for the immediate scaling up and represents 50 per cent 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 (around 2,500). We are revising target figures upwards to accommodate the possibility of 100,000 Syrian and take into account Palestinian children from Syria

\*\* 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:** Due to the high influx of Palestinian refugees in the south of Lebanon, UNICEF is mapping partners for interventions in these areas as Palestinians are currently not covered by the emergency response. UNICEF is finalizing a partnership agreement with Sawa Group for outreach activities in rural areas around Balbek in the Bekaa valley, expected to reach 1,000 children. A partnership agreement is also being finalized with Save the Children to reach and enrol 2,000 children in schools. UNICEF is working on scale up plans through existing and new partnerships, to ensure that all Syrian children, registered and unregistered, as well as Palestinians and other minority groups in the 4 to 17 age group have access to education.

Preparations are underway for the Back-to-School campaign. In the coming weeks, UNICEF and partners will initiate outreach activities to ensure Syrian refugee children are enrolled in school.

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 received a request from Caritas for WASH non-food items, currently in the UNICEF warehouse, to be distributed to refugees and host families in Terbol and Dalhamiye in Central Bekaa,

**Human Resources:**

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

## IRAQ

### Highlights

- Al-Qaim border crossing point closed since 13 August, with around 400 displaced Syrian families waiting on the Syrian side, cut-off from essential services.
- The first and second phases of the Al-Qaim camp are complete, with a total of 720 tents for 4,300 refugees. UNICEF and partners are working to set up WASH facilities in the third phase of the camp, which will include 240 additional tents.

### Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR, 30 August 2012)			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	15,898	7,949	7,949
Children Affected (Under 18)	3,576*	1,748*	1,828*
Children Under Five	338	174	164

\*These figures are projections from the UNHCR regional disaggregated data.

There are currently 15,898 Syrian refugees registered in Iraq. The Al-Qaim border crossing has been closed from the Iraqi side since 13 August and there are around 400 displaced families on the Syrian side of the border waiting to cross into Iraq. A total of 720 tents for 4,300 refugees have been erected in Al-Qaim, and the third phase of the camp has started and will include an additional 240 tents.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** UNICEF-UNHCR coordination meetings take place at Baghdad and Central Zone level to improve the response to refugee needs. UNICEF coordinates with the Government and stakeholders in the field for assessments.

### Programme response:

**WASH:** With UNICEF support, the Dohuk Directorate of Health (DoH) started a ten day hygiene promotion campaign in Domiz camp, targeting 450 families and 150 singles. In Central Iraq, UNICEF is leading the WASH sector, specifically the construction of potable and non-potable water networks and sewage disposal systems within the UNHCR camp.

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%

UNICEF Operational Partners: Islamic Relief Worldwide – Iraqi Salvation and Humanitarian Organization

**Child Protection:** UNICEF-supported Child Friendly Spaces in Domiz camp are receiving 100 to 200 children daily. Particular attention is given to 30 children separated from their parents who are taken care of by members of their extended families. UNICEF is also supporting awareness sessions on abuse prevention and the development of referral mechanisms. Children identified as requiring psychosocial follow up are taken care of in the Domiz camp.

In Al-Qaim, child protection partners indicate a high level of stress among the population, aggravated by the recent shelling that took place on the other side of the border, as well as by the situation of the families stranded on the Syrian side. UNICEF recruited a Child Protection facilitator to be based in Al-Qaim to support and coordinate Child Protection interventions and data collection.

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	400	5%

UNICEF Operational Partners: ACTED, GEC, Dohuk Child Protection Committee

**Education:** The UNHCR-UNICEF summer school in Domiz camp currently has 150 children registered. As the new school year approaches, a shortage in space is anticipated for almost 500 children who have already registered to join regular school. In Al-Qaim, UNICEF-supported rehabilitation work is ongoing, with 11 of the 13 schools previously hosting IDPs now vacated.

**Health and Nutrition:** During the reporting period, the UNICEF-supported growth monitoring unit screened 27 under-five children, bringing the total number of children screened to 78. No cases of malnutrition were observed.

The UNICEF-supported immunization campaign in Al-Qaim continues, and results so far are: 630 under-five children vaccinated against MMR and 250 under-five children vaccinated against Hepatitis, Tetanus Toxoid + diphtheria Toxoid, and Meningococcal meningitis.

**Communications for Development (C4D):** UNICEF-supported hygiene promotion activities were initiated in the North to improve prevention of common diseases such as diarrhoea. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials including 2,500 leaflets on safe drinking water and 200 posters on hygiene practices, were distributed in the Domiz Camp this week.

**Human Resources:**

	Number staff
Country Office staff	39
Temporary staff	6
Surge	0
Standby partners	0
Under recruitment	18
Standby partners:	

## TURKEY

### Highlights

- 2,800 people of 9,100 reportedly waiting at the border have been admitted to the Turkish side and before being transferred to one of the camps.
- Syrian families are being sheltered in regional boarding schools, dormitories and gymnasiums in different cities around Turkey, while tent cities are being established. The hosting of Syrians in education institutions is causing public concern as the new school year will start on 17 September.

### Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR, 30 August 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	80,410	42,617	37,793
<b>Children Affected (Under 18)</b>	39,401	20,103	19,298

There are currently 80,410 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey, housed in eight tent cities and a container city established by the Turkish Government. Based on different reports shared by local authorities during the last few weeks, it is estimated that children represent between 50-56 per cent of the overall Syrian population.

The UN was informed that 2,800 people of 9,100 reportedly waiting at the border have been admitted to the Turkish side and are now waiting to be transferred to one of the camps. Turkish Government authorities have announced that the border is not closed for the 6,000+ people waiting on the Syrian side of the border and that they will be admitted in smaller groups and placed in camps that are under construction.

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. The hosting of Syrians in education institutions is causing public concern as the new school year will start on 17 September. Plans to establish tent cities in Gaziantep, Karkamis, Nizip, Kahramanmaras city centre, and Osmaniye-Cevdediye are underway to host newly arrived Syrian families.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** The UN is working closely with the Government of Turkey to determine needs and assist Syrian refugees in need of protection.

### Programme response:

UNICEF is monitoring the situation of children in refugee camps run by the Government of Turkey through the UN. For the time being the Government of Turkey has not sought UNICEF's direct support to assist children.

UNICEF Turkey was granted funding to provide safe educational and recreational and psychosocial care for children affected by the Syrian crisis, in alignment with the RRP. UNICEF 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.

At 15 August, the Government of Turkey provided the UN a list of relief items which are immediately needed in view of the rapidly increasing number of arrivals. UNICEF Turkey will mobilize support to be able to procure the requested 'playfield and sport equipment' covering the needs for up to 50,000 children and youth.

UNICEF & operational partners	UNICEF Target
Children with safe access to community spaces for socializing, play, learning	22,500

## 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. This week, the Hub, in close coordination with the Supply Division, assisted the Syria and Lebanon country offices with their local procurement and supply plans.

Regional Human Resources have assisted Country Offices and the Regional Office in placing 32 staff in support of the Syrian Crisis.

**Funding:** Funding requirements are based on the Second Regional Response Plan and the Syrian Humanitarian Response Plan. As a result of the rapidly evolving situation, both of these are currently under revision and significantly understate the needs. More than doubling of requirements is expected to be announced shortly.

<i>Funding Status</i>		Child Protection	Education	Health & Nutrition	WASH	Coord.& Comm.	Safety, Security, ICT	Total \$MM
<i>In millions of US Dollars</i>								
Syria	Required	3	3	5	7	0.7	0.2	<b>\$18.80</b>
	Funded	1.4	1.1	1.1	0.3			<b>\$6.60</b>
Jordan	Required	2.6	5.2	0.4	9.6			<b>\$17.8*</b>
	Funded	1.9	6.9	0.2	2.5			<b>\$11.50</b>
Lebanon	Required	1.7	1.6	0.2	1.3			<b>\$4.7*</b>
	Funded	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.6			<b>\$2.50</b>
Iraq	Required		0.1	0.3	1			<b>\$1.30</b>
	Funded							<b>\$0.00</b>
Turkey	Required	1.5						<b>\$1.50</b>
	Funded	0.2	0.1					<b>\$0.40</b>
MENARO	Required	0.2	0.2		0.2	0.3	0.1	<b>\$1.00</b>
	Funded							<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>\$45.10</b>
	<b>Funded</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$18.20</b>
	<b>Gap</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>\$26.90</b>

\*Funding requirement revised up from RRP2 to meet increased need

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