



Syrian refugees preparing to return back to Syria from Za'atari camp in September 2015. UNHCR/M.Hawari

HIGHLIGHTS

2nd

Highest per capita
refugee rate in the world

629,034

Syrians registered with
UNHCR in Jordan

170,000

Refugee households
assessed for vulnerability by
UNHCR since 2012 – the
highest number in the world

6,539

Syrians submitted for
resettlement by UNHCR so
far in 2015

Population of concern

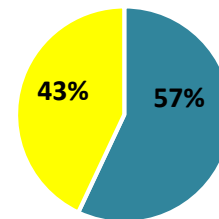
A total of **687,359** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total
Syria	629,034
Iraq	50,856
Sudan	3,480
Other persons of concern	3,989
Total	687,359

Funding

USD 329 million requested for the operation in 2015:



■ Gap ■ Funded

UNHCR Presence

Staff: 319

236 national staff

83 international staff

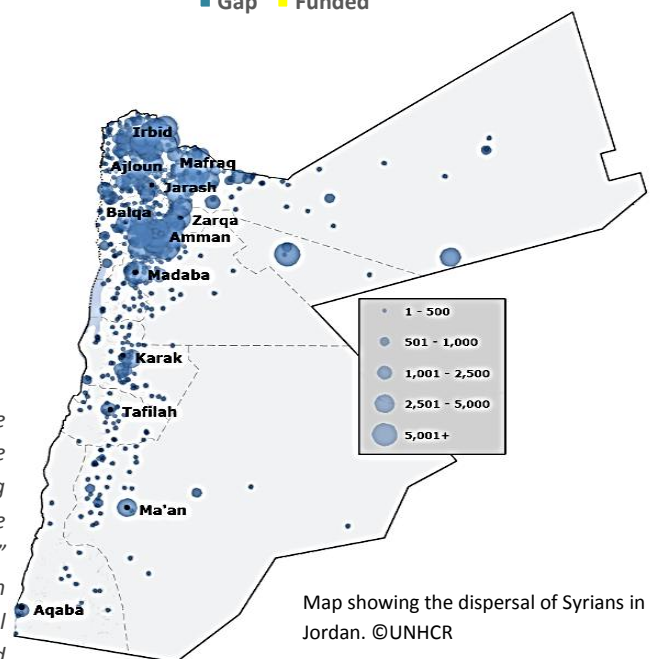
Offices:

4 offices:

Representation in Amman, field offices in Azraq camp and Irbid and a sub-office in Mafraq

Context

The number of refugees returning to Syria from Jordan more than doubled in August. The rise partially reflects the increasingly difficult living conditions that are compelling many to choose the dangerous option of return, or for those with the resources - a life beyond the region. Key "push" factors include the cumulative impact of living four years in exile, the lack of access to livelihoods, the recent withdrawal of free access to life-essential services, like health care, and cuts to precious food assistance due to funding shortfalls.



Map showing the dispersal of Syrians in Jordan. ©UNHCR

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR coordinates the refugee response under the leadership of the Government of Jordan, and through the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), in a collaborative effort between the donor community, UN agencies, international and national NGOs, community-based organizations, refugees and host communities.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- UNHCR supports the Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD) in the management and coordination of Zaatari (pop. **79,317**) and Azraq (pop. **24,463**), King Abdulla Park (pop. **670**) and Cyber City (pop. **283**), refugee camps. UNHCR's role is to ensure that aid is provided in accordance with international humanitarian standards and protection principles, and to maximize the efficiency of funding provided for the refugee response by identifying gaps and targeting assistance.

Cash Assistance

- So far in 2015, **US\$ 29.6 million** has been delivered in cash assistance to over **25,000** refugee families living in urban areas. The delivery mechanism is based on an innovative biometric system using the iris recognition of beneficiaries at iris equipped ATM machines. For budgetary reasons, not all the eligible families can be assisted. The waiting list comprises of **9,601** Syrian families.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- At the end of August, **23** Community Support Committees (CSCs) were active throughout Jordan – **15** for Syrians, **6** for Iraqis and **1** each for Somali and Sudanese communities – in every governorate and major refugee hosting centre in Jordan. CSCs are important community-based outreach mechanisms mandated to listen to and meet the needs and aspirations of refugees in Jordan.

Food Security and Nutrition

- On 31 July the World Food Programme announced that **229,000** refugees classified as “highly vulnerable” would no longer receive food assistance from September to reflect international funding shortfalls in Jordan. Food assistance for another **211,000** refugees identified as “severely vulnerable” will cease at the end of November should no funding be secured.

Health

- In mid-August the Ministry of Health announced the withdrawal of subsidized health care access for Iraqi refugees at the primary level due to funding deficits. Iraqi refugees are now having to pay the same rate as foreigners at the primary level whilst non-refugee Iraqi citizens residing in Jordan are asked to pay the rate applicable to non-insured Jordanians.
- UNHCR healthcare activities included the provision of primary health care services with **23,587** total consultations including **1,137** clinical mental health care consultations and provision of secondary and tertiary lifesaving health services through referrals program with **2,602** referrals in the Zaatari and Azraq refugee camps and in urban settings.

Protection

- The Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF) Baseline Survey for Jordan was launched in early 2015 to facilitate the targeting of humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugee households on the basis of their vulnerability. The survey, produced in a collaborative inter-agency effort, provides yet more evidence of the severe difficulties facing refugees in Jordan. <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/download.php?id=8844>
- The VAF represents a step-change in aid effectiveness, supporting quality and effective humanitarian coordination and delivery, and has been welcomed by the Government of Jordan as a valuable contribution towards the 2016-2018 Jordan Response Plan to the Syria crisis.
- UNHCR is providing support to the Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD) during the roll-out of the Ministry of Interior (MOI) to re-register Syrian nationals, including all refugees registered with UNHCR residing outside of refugee camps. The exercise intends to ensure that each Syrian residing outside of camps is issued with a new identity document in order to access their legal entitlement to services such as health and education.

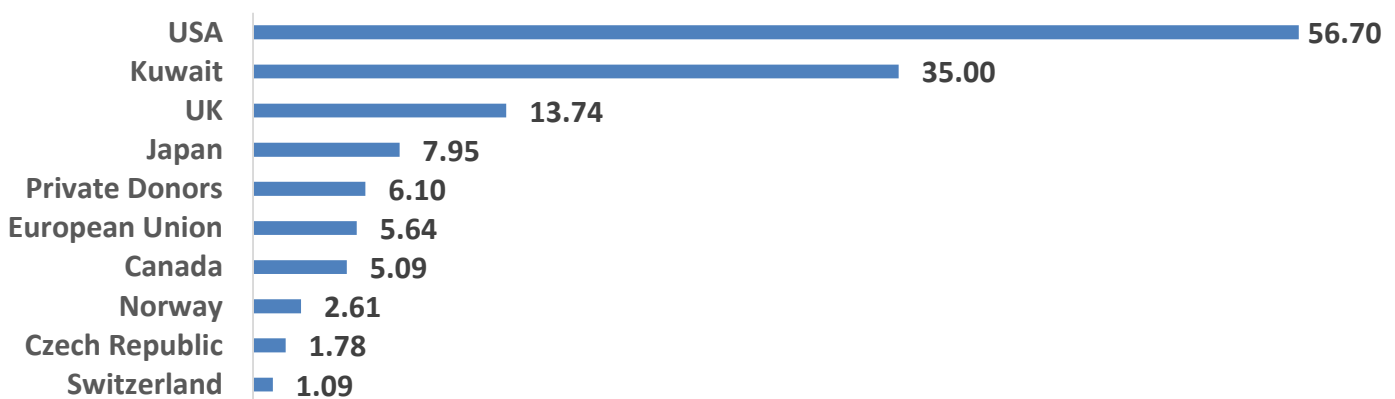
Shelter and Core Relief Items

- UNHCR provides shelter support in its capacity as the sector lead to refugees living in camp and non-camp settings. A total of **89,300** shelters have been provided in the Azraq and Zaatari camps since they opened and, in coordination with sector partners, a further 100 sub-standard housing units in non-camp areas have been upgraded.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to **US \$ 139.4 million**, including **US \$ 139 million** for the **Syria response** and **US \$ 390 thousand** for the **Iraq situation** at the country level.

Funding received for the Syria situation at country level (million US \$)



The funding received for the Iraq situation at the country level is **US \$ 340 thousand** from the **European Union** and **US \$ 50 thousand** from **UNAIDS**. Contributions made at the regional level for the Iraq Situation Response may also benefit Jordan. To date, US\$ 147.8 million have been provided by donors, notably from the **USA (US \$ 146 million)** and **Japan (US\$ 1.25 million)**.

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to the Jordan operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

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UNHCR'S LIFELINE APPEAL

UNHCR's Lifeline Appeal campaign, launched during the holy month of Ramadan this year, has so far raised US \$7,306,258.00. The Appeal provides urgent life-saving cash assistance to the most vulnerable Syrian refugee families living in Jordan's urban areas. To donate please visit:

In Arabic: <http://donate.unhcr.org/ar/lifeline> - In English: <http://donate.unhcr.org/international/lifeline>

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