IOM REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SYRIA CRISIS • 2016

REPORTING PERIOD | January 2016

Syrian refugee children participating in games as part of the psycho-social support activities in the south of Lebanon (Photo: © IOM Lebanon 2016)

Highlights

- **Syria:** IOM reached over 24,000 most vulnerable men, women, and children with winterization support in Rural Damascus, Tartous, Damascus, and Hama with 18,855 thermal blankets and clothing kits. From its cross-border hub in Jordan, IOM began distribution and instalment of 1,000 shelter kits, as well as distribution of olive pit bricks for 1,000 households as part of the winterization response.

- **Jordan:** IOM organised a study visit to the United Kingdom from 11 to 14 January for nine key Jordanian government actors, including the head of the Counter-Trafficking Unit and the shelter head for victims of trafficking from the Ministry of Social Development.

- **Iraq:** IOM continues to support three food kitchens in Gaziantep province. During the winter months, IOM also provided winterization assistance to the same families benefiting from the kitchens in the form of vouchers to buy NFIs, stoves, and coal.

- **Turkey:** In coordination with US-based academic institutions, IOM launched a MobileHealth tool at eight primary healthcare centres across Lebanon as part of a joint research project on non-communicable diseases in the emergency context.

- **Lebanon:** IOM provides assistance to internally displaced persons, stranded migrants and third-country refugees inside Syria as well as Syrian refugees, Iraqi and Lebanese returnees and vulnerable host communities in the neighbouring countries of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey.

**IOM PRESENCE**

- **Countries:** 5
- **Locations:** 34
- **Staff:** 606
  - International: 47
  - National: 559

**FUNDING Overview 2016**

- **USD 254 million** total requirements
- **0.01%** received
- **USD 0.4 million** funding received

**Number of Assisted Individuals (2016)**

- **19%** in Syria
- **16%** in Lebanon
- **3%** in Iraq
- **4%** in Turkey
- **20%** in Jordan

**Key Sectors of Assistance**

- **NFI Distributions:**
  - **97,248** total individuals assisted
  - 4,228,570 since the beginning of the crisis
- **Health:**
  - **31,824** total individuals assisted
  - 1,081,685 since the beginning of the crisis
- **Transportation Assistance:**
  - **611,314** total individuals assisted
  - 4,510,437 since the beginning of the crisis
- **Shelter:**
  - **15,598** total individuals assisted
  - 230,620 since the beginning of the crisis
- **Psychosocial Support:**
  - **1,947** total individuals assisted
  - 283,266 since the beginning of the crisis
- **Livelihood:**
  - **477** total individuals assisted
  - 22,814 since the beginning of the crisis

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### Update on the Humanitarian Situation

As the security situation continues to deteriorate during the new year, 12,000 IDPs have been displaced in Lattakia in northern Syria since November 2015. In addition to that, at the end of January, increased fighting in Aleppo has resulted in up to 70,000 Syrians moving towards the Turkish—Syrian crossing point, with an estimated 20,000 to 35,000 people already on the Syrian side of the border. In southern Syria, due to the mass displacement from Shaikh Miskein in December, the surrounding areas are overburdened with the influx of IDPs and health facilities are in urgent need of medical supplies.

#### Through Their Eyes

After losing their parents to the armed conflict, 5 year-old Anwaar (pictured) and 7 year-old Afrah from Al-Qadim, south of Damascus city, had to live with a host family for nine months before being reunited with their family.

Now living with their grandmother who had been displaced to Al-Mezzeh, southwest of Damascus, the family is fully dependant on humanitarian assistance, including shelter and basic needs items. As part of the support they receive, IOM provided the girls and their grandmother with blankets and clothing kits as part of the ongoing winterization activities.
Launch of MobileHealth Tool

As part of the collaboration with John Hopkins University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the mHealth tool launched at PHC centres is a tablet-based application with a decision support tool for physicians. It has the potential to improve treatment follow-ups of patients diagnosed with diabetes or hypertension in primary healthcare, particularly among displaced populations.

Psychosocial Support Activities

In January, IOM conducted various PSS activities in order to foster family and community-based support, including recreational activities for children like empowerment through drama classes and art-focused activities such as drawing. For men and women, awareness sessions were held on emotional coping strategies in order to overcome daily issues faced by these families.
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IOM PRESENCE

2 Locations
87 Staff
6 International
81 National

IOM FUNDING REQUESTED

USD 20,434,591

Funding Received
USD 0

IOM PRESENCE

10,145 (10,145) beneficiaries
30 (30) beneficiaries
168 (168) beneficiaries
76 (76) beneficiaries
1,915 (1,915) beneficiaries

Transportation Assistance and Livelihood Support
IOM continues to support Syrian refugees and Iraqis who have fled from Syria in both their movement into Iraq and to other countries, as well as to support their efforts to provide for their families during their time of displacement through livelihood support projects. Since the beginning of the Syrian Crisis, IOM Iraq has provided transportation to over 100,000 refugees.

JORDAN

635,324 refugees
in Jordan as of 19 January 2016

IOM FUNDING REQUESTED

USD 7,518,000

Funding Received
USD 0

IOM PRESENCE

6 Locations
141 Staff
7 International
134 National

Study Visit to the UK
As part of the study visit to Unseen, a UK NGO that focuses on slavery, participants from the Jordanian government had the opportunity to learn about and share their experiences in combating human trafficking. The visit also promoted discussions on counter-trafficking policies, good practices on investigating and prosecuting trafficking cases, shelter management, and how to provide comprehensive support assistance to victims of trafficking.

Through Their Eyes
It took 7 year-old Sameer and his mother one and a half months to reach Azraq camp after fleeing the conflict from his home in Damascus. They had left with only a few belongings, and were not prepared for the harsh winter conditions of the past months. As part of the work IOM does in the camp, Sameer received winter and summer shoes, as well as transportation for him and his family from the border to the camp.

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2.5 million refugees in Turkey as of 31 December 2015

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NFI and Winterization Activities

During the month of January, IOM continued with winterization activities, finalizing the distributions in Gaziantep, Hatay, Sanliurfa and Mardin provinces. A total of 30,129 individuals were reached through in-kind NFIs and winterization items as well as vouchers allowing families to purchase winter items as required. Additionally, IOM provided stoves and coal to one school in Kunlu and seven schools in Kırıkhan district of Hatay where Syrian students attend classes. IOM also finalized its agreement with the Turkish Red Crescent to support an additional 3,000 families in Kahramanmaraş province and Islahiye and Nizip districts of Gaziantep. Distributions for these families will be completed in February.

School Transportation

In the new year, IOM continues to provide school transportation in Sanliurfa, Adana and Malatya provinces, assisting five schools in the area as well as an additional two students living in Kırıkhan. Over the month of January, the students had half-term holiday, therefore IOM only provided transportation for half the month. In the last week of the month, IOM staff travelled to Batman province and met with the Provincial Ministry of Education, as well as the school head teacher of a temporary education facility that requires transportation support. Over 300 children are currently enrolled at the school but as the school is based at the outskirts of the city and parents can no longer afford the cost associated with transport, IOM will provide the transportation starting in February 2016. At the education working group held in January, IOM gave a presentation on its school transportation activities and will be preparing standard operating procedures and policies on this topic, given the huge need of transportation assistance.

NFI distribution in Hatay province (Photo: © IOM Turkey 2016)