

Support to the Jordanian Border Guards in Provision of Humanitarian Assistance to Syrian Refugees

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IOM Organizes Delegation of Ambassadors to Syrian-Jordanian Borders

On February 3, IOM and the Jordanian Border Security Forces organized a day trip to the Syrian-Jordanian borders for foreign diplomats to visit the irregular crossing points through which refugees are entering Jordan.

This was attended by 74 members representing 23 countries, a group of EU diplomats, and five international organizations. The trip gave the international community an idea of the trials suffered by fleeing Syrians as well as of the of the Border Guards' difficult working conditions.

The trip was facilitated by the EU's generous donation to IOM for assistance to the Guards, and Brigadier General Hussein Al Zyood took the opportunity to thank the EU warmly for their support.

IOM Holds First Workshop on Humanitarian Border Management with Jordanian Border Guards

On February 27 & 28, IOM launched the first of a series of capacity building workshops funded by the EU for Jordanian Border Guards coping with the arrival of thousands of refugees from Syria.

This is a chance for the Guards to discuss areas in which they could use support, both materially and in terms of technical training.

The Guards' workload has recently expanded to include providing services, including emergency first aid and protection, which previously fell outside their remit. The first IOM training addressed these issues by training 23 Guards on human rights and effective communication methods.



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IOM Donates 15 Laptops to Border Guards for Refugee Registration

On February 13, IOM finalized the procurement of 15 laptops to be used by the Jordanian Border Guards for registering new arrivals from Syria. In addition to the stationary PCs the Guards were relying on to register refugees entering the country, they will now have computers at all entry points. The new system will greatly increase efficiency, benefiting both the Guards and refugees.

IOM Announces Public Tender for Vehicles to be used by Border Guards for Transport of Syrian Refugees

On February 9, IOM began procuring vehicles to be used by the Guards transporting Syrians from the borders to transit centers and refugee camps. This is considered one of the most urgent areas of assistance, as to date the Guards have been using their own

vehicles, which are intended for cargo, and have been consumed due to over-use. As such, the EU's contribution is greatly appreciated.

Diplomats witnessed the arrival of refugees at the borders in harsh weather conditions



23 Jordanian Border Guards received certificates upon completing the training



The 15 laptops donated to the Guards will greatly assist in speeding up the time it takes to register new arrivals



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