HIGHLIGHTS

**Syria:** During the reporting period, IOM monitored the distribution of 12,515 NFI kits to 42,260 affected beneficiaries in host communities, cross-line areas and collective shelters in As-Suwayda, Damascus, Hama, Homs, Idleb, Rural Damascus and Tartous.

**Turkey:** During the reporting period, IOM and partners transported 1,091 Syrian nationals from Adiyaman camp to medical facilities and social service centres. Since July, a total of 10,746 Syrian nationals have benefitted from transport assistance.

**Iraq:** From 20 to 31 October, IOM teams conducted vulnerability assessments of 96 Syrian refugee households (493 individuals) in Baghdad, Kirkuk and in Ninewa governorates.

**Jordan:** During the reporting period, 3,172 Syrian refugees were transported from the Rabaa’al Sarhan Screening Centre to Za’atri camp and Emirate Jordanian camp. Since January 2013, IOM has transported 277,916 Syrian refugees from border areas to camps.

**Lebanon:** On 30 October, 175 Syrian refugees departed from Lebanon for Kassel, Germany under the Humanitarian Admission Program (HAP).
Non-Food Item (NFI) Distribution: During the reporting period, IOM monitored the distribution of 12,515 NFIs kits (including hygiene and house cleaning kits, mattresses, undergarments, wheelchairs jerry cans, rechargeable lights and baby diapers) to 42,260 affected beneficiaries in host communities, cross-line areas and collective shelters in As-Suwayda (2,732 IDPs), Damascus (2,568 IDPs), Hama (13,067 IDPs), Homs (14,250 IDPs), Idleb (2,830 IDPs), Rural Damascus (2,598 IDPs) and Tartous (4,215 IDPs). IOM staff worked alongside representatives from the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC), Syria Trust, Alber Society, Oun Society, Inshaat, Slaiem Charity Association, Al Baraam for Children Care, Dar Anis Saadeh, and Greek Orthodox Patriarchate Antioch (GOPA). During the distribution, 17,646 beneficiaries from As-Suwayda (1,218), Damascus (2,568), Hama (8,707), Homs (2,669), Idleb (330) and Qudasaya (2,154) received more than one kit including family hygiene and house cleaning kits, mattresses, jerry cans, rechargeable lights, and baby diapers.

Since January 2013, IOM has assisted 504,263 IDPs in 12 governorates in Syria through the provision of 140,124 NFI kits including mattresses, blankets, cleaning items, insecticides, adult and baby diapers, kitchen sets, undergarments, jerry cans, and disability support items.

Identification and Assessment of Emergency Collective Shelters for Rehabilitation: On 24 October, IOM started rehabilitation works for nine new shelters in Damascus targeting 383 households (1,936 IDPs), and five new shelters in Lattakia targeting 256 households (1,209 IDPs). IOM is also planning to rehabilitate 67 shelters for the next phase (until the end of December 2013) in seven governorates (As-Suwayda, Ar-Raqqaq Damascus, Dier ez-Zor, Hama, Homs and Rural Damascus) and targeting 2,804 households (14,542 IDPs). In 2013, IOM has rehabilitated 41 collective shelters housing 3,023 IDP households (15,039 individuals).

During the reporting period, IOM identified 128 shelters in As-Suwayda (1), Al Hassakeh (35), Aleppo (20), Damascus (1), Dar’a (13), Deir ez-Zor (10), Hama (14), Homs (11), Rural Damascus (15), and Tartous (8) for consideration for the next rehabilitation work plan. The total number of the hosted IDPs in those shelters is 7,761 households (42,384 individuals).

The majority of IDPs living in shelters or buildings are extremely vulnerable to low winter temperatures as the buildings they occupy have inadequate insulation and protection from the weather. In addition to the rehabilitation of collective shelters, IOM teams are planning on supplying and installing sealing-off kits in Aleppo (500 kits), Al Sabboura (50 kits), Al-Tall (100 kits), Homs (200 Kits), Jaramana (700 kits) and Qudsaya (200 Kits) targeting 8,750 IDPs.

Minnah’s Story

During an assessment of the Judaidet Artouz Shelters, IOM staff met with Minnah*, a resident of one of the shelters.

Minnah is fifteen years old, already married, and she cares for her six-month old baby as well as her 6, 11, and 13 year-old brothers. “We moved from Darayyah to Al-Moadamiyeh under the threat of being killed by growing clashes every day.” Minnah was married at a young age as her father could not provide for her.

Minnah moved to Judaidet Artouz Shelters after she got married as her husband had no source of income and could not support her. She took over caring for her younger brothers after her father was unable to look after them.

Minnah currently lives with eleven individuals (including her child, mother-in-law, and her three brothers) in a small room. She feels secure in that tight space, as she is surrounded by other people in the shelter.

Since August 2012, IOM has provided essential non-food items (NFIs) to 567,000 vulnerable beneficiaries in 12 governorates. As winter approaches and the temperatures across the country fall, IOM teams are focusing on distributing winter NFI items, including thermal blankets to 500,000 IDPs by April 2014.
Repatriation to Stranded Migrants: IOM provides assistance to vulnerable stranded migrants to leave Syria and return to their countries of origin. From 25 October to 5 November, IOM provided repatriation assistance to 39 stranded migrants, including 34 adults and 5 children to return to Afghanistan (9), Burkina Faso (6), the Philippines (23) and Vietnam (1). IOM has a remaining caseload of 100 stranded migrants that require assistance to leave Syria. Since January 2013, IOM has assisted 750 stranded migrants (589 adults and 161 children).

Assistance for Refugees accepted for Resettlement from Syria: From 25 October to 5 November, IOM provided resettlement assistance to 289 refugees from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, occupied Palestinian territory and Syria. The refugees were assisted to travel to Australia (43), Canada (184), Norway (2) and the United States of America (60). Since January 2013, IOM has provided resettlement assistance to 5,153 refugees who have been escorted by road from Damascus to Beirut and flown out of Rafic Hariri International Airport. IOM is planning to assist an additional 300 refugees before January 2014.

IOM SYRIA OPERATIONS cont.

IOM OPERATIONS IN TURKEY

Transportation services for residents of Adiyaman camp: During the reporting period, IOM and partners transported 1,091 Syrian nationals from Adiyaman camp to medical facilities and social service centres. A total of 10,746 Syrian nationals have benefitted from the transportation services in Adiyaman camp since the project began on 1 July 2013. IOM secured additional funds to continue this activity till next year and expand it to another camp.

Training of Trainers (ToT) Sessions in Urfa: On 25 October, IOM facilitated training sessions for a workshop organized by UNICEF and the Ministry of National Education (MONE) in Urfa. This was the second workshop hosting Syrian teachers from several camps in South East Turkey, MONE camp focal points and Turkish trainers from the Ministry of Education. The aim of the workshop was to train the trainers on education in emergencies. The IOM sessions focused on psychosocial approach and support in emergencies. As per UNICEF, following the completion of the ToT workshop, trainings will be rolled out to approximately 1,410 Syrian teachers who are teaching over 45,000 Syrian students in the camps.

World Humanitarian Conference: The World Conference on Humanitarian Studies was held in Istanbul from 24 to 25 October where IOM Turkey’s Chief of Mission, Meera Sethi, co-chaired a panel on ‘New Players on the Humanitarian Arena’. IOM presented the Migration Crisis Operational Framework (MCOF) at the conference as there were discussions on Turkey’s role in the Syria response.
Non-Food Items (NFI) Distribution: Between 29 October and 6 November, IOM distributed NFIs kits (including hygiene and house cleaning kits, mattresses, carpets, gas cookers, plastic cabinet drawers, blankets, cool boxes and plastic food containers) to 55 vulnerable Syrian refugee households in Rusafa district in Baghdad, 50 households in Kirkuk and 20 households in Ninewa, reaching a total of 643 individuals. The distributions followed vulnerability assessments conducted by IOM’s Rapid Assessment Response Teams (RART). To date, 57,504 Syrian refugees and Iraqi returnees from Syria have benefitted from IOM’s NFI distributions.

Vulnerability Assessments of Syrian Refugees: From 20 to 31 October, IOM teams -in coordination with Adhamiya local council, Asayish and Zummar sub-district governorate- conducted vulnerability assessments of 96 Syrian refugee households (493 individuals) in Adhamiya and Rusafa districts in Baghdad (50 households, 188 individuals), in Kirkuk governorate (26 households, 161 individuals), and in Nineja governorate (20 households, 144 individuals). These assessments will determine which beneficiaries are eligible to receive NFI assistance in priority.

The assessments show that:
- All the assessed households are living in rented houses with poor living conditions and have no source of fixed monthly income;
- Around half of the assessed households are registered with UNHCR;
- 30 households are headed by women;
- None of the households have received NFI assistance in the last three months;
- Five households have at least one person with a chronic disease;
- All of the assessed households are eligible to receive NFI assistance from IOM.

Transportation Assistance to Syrian Refugees to reach Camps and Transit Sites: At the request of the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) on 24 October, IOM transported 361 Syrian refugees from Qasrok to Akre camp. They had been living in a football stadium and sport youth centre in Qasrok for 40 days, waiting for more secure living conditions to be available. Some households were living without a tent, while others were staying inside the building with more than 10 individuals in each room.

From 3 to 5 November, IOM transported 109 Syrian households from different locations in Zakho district to Guelam camp in Duhok.

Since mid-August 2013, IOM has transported 47,554 persons.
IOM OPERATIONS IN JORDAN

Emergency Transportation of Refugees: During the reporting period, 3,172 Syrian refugees were transported from the Rabaa’ al Sarhan Screening Centre to Za’atri camp (3,106 refugees) and Emirate Jordanian camp (66 refugees). As IOM teams routinely continue to medically screen all arrivals to Za’atri camp, they reported that 53 individuals were identified with medical conditions requiring immediate referral for treatment. Since January 2013, IOM has transported 277,916 Syrian refugees from border areas to camps. All new arrivals received refreshments, hygiene kits, and shoes upon arrival at the IOM reception centre in Za’atri camp.

Immunization of New Arrivals: During the reporting period, IOM immunized 3,922 newly arrived Syrian refugees (6 months to 30 years) against Measles, 2,040 refugees (new-born to 5 years old) against Polio, and 974 children (6 months to 5 years old) received Vitamin A supplements. Since March 2013, 77,108 Syrian refugees have been immunized against Polio and Measles in Za’atri camp.

As a response to the Polio outbreak in Syria (Deir-er- Zor governorate), the Department of Health for Mafraq, in collaboration with IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF, organized a polio campaign from 28 to 30 October 2013. IOM supported the Department of Health for Mafraq through the provision of 36 staff trained in administering vaccines, and transportation facilities (four vehicles). IOM’s vaccination team was able to vaccinate 7,986 Syrian children in Za’atri camp.

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening and Awareness-Raising Activities: 3,524 Syrian refugees were screened during the reporting period and two new cases were identified. Since March 2012, IOM has confirmed 90 suspected cases and is providing directly observed therapy (DOT) and follow up for 52 of these cases; 33 cases have completed their treatment successfully. IOM provides screening for suspected cases, DOT, and awareness-raising through a team of 42 healthcare community workers who work in the camps and urban communities. Since March 2012, 236,201 beneficiaries have participated in TB information and awareness-raising sessions. IOM continues to work with partners and the Ministry of Health to screen for and treat active cases of TB and since March 2012, IOM has screened 322,755 Syrian refugees.

Health Assistance for Syrian Refugees in Karak: On 30 October, IOM in collaboration with the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development, and the

Crown Office Initiative Youth “Haqeq”, arranged for a free medical day for Syrian refugees living in Karak governorate (southern Jordan). Specialist physicians, internists, gynaecologists, paediatrics, and ophthalmologists provided consultations and medicines to 150 Syrian refugees, and some cases were referred to the nearby governmental hospital. IOM also provided transportation to Syrian refugees from different villages in Karak governorate to benefit from this medical day. The aim of the free medical day was to assess the unmet medical needs of Syrian refugees in Karak governorate and to fulfil part of those needs.

Community Mobilization at Emirate Jordanian Camp: IOM has increased community mobilization efforts during the reporting period to inform residents of the vocational training options available at the camp. Following these efforts, IOM has monitored an increase in the number of participants attending training sessions/activities.
A young boy holds up a painting depicting where he feels safe - fishing with his friends. An IOM mobile, multi-disciplinary team in South Lebanon provide psychosocial support to Syrian refugees living at a collective centre in Sarafand. © IOM 2013

Transit Assistance to stranded migrants and refugees accepted for resettlement from Syria: During the reporting period, IOM provided assistance to 289 refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and Syria who were accepted for resettlement, to transit through Lebanon. The caseload included 144 female and 145 male passengers (46 of whom were children). Since February 2013, IOM has assisted 5,155 refugees and 672 stranded migrants with transit through Lebanon.

Humanitarian Admission Program (HAP): On 30 October, 175 Syrian refugees departed from Lebanon for Kassel, Germany. This was the third group of refugees to travel to Germany under the German Government’s HAP. IOM assigned two medical doctors as escorts to accompany one stretcher case and three persons with mild disabilities from departure in Beirut to the reception centre in Friedland.

Prior to departure all refugees travelling to Germany attend a 3-day cultural orientation (CO) course provided by IOM. During the CO sessions, participants are provided with information on what they can expect once they arrive to Germany. Seven CO sessions were held for the Syrian refugees travelling on the third charter flight. Participants asked questions related to housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

A fourth charter of approximately 286 passengers is expected to leave on 18 November 2013.

Since September 11, IOM has assisted 388 Syrian refugees to leave Lebanon under the HAP programme. Over the next 12 months, IOM, in coordination with the Government of Germany and UNHCR, will assist approximately 4,000 Syrian refugees to be resettled to Germany.

Shelter Assistance to Vulnerable Syrian Refugee Households: Access to shelter remains a concern for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Many households are in need of financial assistance to pay their rent or they are forced to relocate to informal tented settlements and abandoned buildings. During the reporting period, IOM distributed cash-for-rent subsidies for the month of October to 175 households in Zahrani, South Lebanon, and to 55 households in North Lebanon.

From 30 October to 1 November, IOM assessed and identified 130 households of the most vulnerable Syrian refugee families in need of rental assistance in North Lebanon (100 households) and Mount Lebanon (30 Households). Since August 2013, IOM has been assisting 639 households with monthly cash-for-rent grants.
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support: During the reporting period, 691 individuals in South Lebanon (371 beneficiaries) and Bekaa (320 beneficiaries) were provided with psychosocial support implemented through a mobile team (in the South) and a community centre (Dari Centre) in Bekaa. 180 Syrian and Lebanese women, 29 Syrian men, 80 Syrian and Lebanese adolescents and 402 Syrian and Lebanese children participated in recreational, educational, and artistic mediation activities, physical, awareness sessions, family support groups, focus group sessions, individual counselling sessions, family orientations and referrals to specialized services. In addition, 31 families were referred to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) for medical services and 59 women were referred to the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) to obtain hygiene kits.

Identification and Assessment of Emergency Collective Shelters for Rehabilitation: On 30 August 2013, IOM identified and assessed the Manana shelter in South Lebanon in need of repair and rehabilitation. In subsequent visits, the shelter was assessed by both UNHCR and IOM to identify the needs in terms of shelter, WASH and protection. Rehabilitation is expected to start next week and once rehabilitated, the Manana shelter is estimated to benefit 73 households (around 400 individuals). IOM will hire and supervise a contractor to conduct the rehabilitation work. This work will include basic repairs, fencing, installation of mosquito nets, bathroom repairs, and the installation of drainage pipes, water tanks for both drinking and cleaning water, and a generator for the water pumps. Lamps with solar panels will also be installed around the building. In the future, IOM will expand its role in the area to include a management component of the shelter, in coordination with protection colleagues.

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