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**Syrian Crisis in Iraq: Bi-weekly Update**

### UNHCR Iraq

**Persons** 206,137  
**Households** 73,106  
**UNHCR Registration Trends for Syrians**  
Dec 02 2013

#### UNHCR Registered

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This profile is based on 171,822 progress registered persons and 34,315 level 1 registration (new camps population). The total is 206,137 individuals.

#### Demographic Breakdown

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* Includes Syrians registered in Domiz Camp  
** Only age and gender break down, name of the head of household, and vulnerabilities are captured

#### Camps

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** 80,790 Syrians are registered at Domiz camp, however the camp population is estimated to be approximately 45,000.

Prepared by Erbil Data Management Associate
1. Highlights

- Winter preparation continues with 78 per cent of camp refugees and 16 per cent on non-camp refugees in northern Iraq having received winter items; distribution of CRIs to non-camp refugees is ongoing in Al Qa‘im.
- IOM, SCI, Mercy Corps, PWJ and Harikar have also started winter preparedness activities in Northern Iraq.
- The Child Help Line (CHL) was inaugurated on the International Child Right Day on the 20 November
- The Kurdistan regional government held a coordination meeting aiming at establishing a working group to draft the policy of the Kurdistan region vis-a-vis of refugees.
- Level 2 registration has started in Gawilan camp
- SCI distributed start up tool kits and certificates for refugees who participated in the youth technical skills training programme that was completed in Al Obaidi

2. WINTERIZATION UPDATE (19 November – 5 December 2013)

- Winter preparation continues with 78 per cent of camp refugees and 16 per cent on non-camp refugees in northern Iraq having received winter items.
- Distribution of winter kits and kerosene for non-camp refugees in Al Qa‘im is ongoing. Up to 547 winter kits and 27,930 litres have been provided thus far.
- The distribution of 1,200 winterization kits was completed in Suleimaniyah on 2 December including seven host community families.
- The arrival of 5,000 thermal kits was welcomed in the Kurdistan region of Iraq and will be immediately distributed to families living in camps.
- IOM distributed 612 kits including carpets and heathers in Basirma.
- Save the Children provided 290 sets of winter clothing for children (6 – 17 years) in Akra.
- KURDS was provided with a training session for the installation of thermal kits in the tents.
- Mercy Corps began distributing kits to 280 families in Suleimaniyah.
- UNHCR began dispatching winter items for 6,300 non-camp refugee households in Dohuk.
3. Border update

Al Qa'im
Border still closed since 29 March 2013. Syrians with valid visa are still allowed to cross the border toward Iraq after obtaining prior approval from Iraqi authorities. More medical cases of Syrians are received at the border clinic. Patients return back to Syria the same day after receiving the appropriate treatment.

Peshkhabour
Both border points remained closed to any traffic between Kurdistan region and Syria, except for Syrians wishing to return to their country of origin and restricted medical access.

A technical monitoring visit was conducted to Peshkhabour on the 20 November. UNHCR is planning to improve the facilities at the border. Implemented by KURDS, the improvements include setting up shading, two caravans to support the local authorities for processing of the population at Peshkhabour. It was also decided to improve the conditions at the registration centre in Daraboon through which people are returning, by adding containers to provide overnight facilities.

4. Response by sector and location

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

Al Qa'im
The number of Syrian refugees in Al Obaidy Camp is 405 cases (1,911) individuals with 861 cases (3,120) individuals settled in the town of Al Qa'im. The total number of spontaneous return to Syrian during the reporting period is 107 individuals (57 from the camp and 50 from the non-camp). This brought the total number of Syrians returned to Syria from Al Qa'im to 6183 individuals.

Owing to a combination of pull and push factors, the Syrian refugees have opted to return to Syria spontaneously from Al Qa'im. Factors influencing movement are primarily due to frustration over the living conditions, limited freedom of movement, no access to the labor market or other sources of income, the inability to visit relatives in the Al-Qa'im area, the need to return and harvest their land, the need to take care of their properties, school exams and visit relatives that remained in Syria.

UNHCR Al Qa'im registration team resumed renewing refugees’ A/S certificates based on referrals.

Kurdistan Region
A total of 1,754 Syrian nationals have been registered as new arrivals during the reporting period. The registration team also attended to 164 renewals of expired Refugee Certificates.

In addition, some 832 cases living in non-camp settings have been identified and issued appointments for registration. Moreover, 114 newborns (53 males and 61 females) were recorded (added to the case of their parents).

During the reporting period, the UNHCR protection team also conducted 183 litigation interviews with refugees; among which 15 with claims of lost-certificates, 19 cases applied for return to Syria, 20 cases of re-activation following verification, 60 cases with request for transfer (from Erbil-Suleimaniyah-to Dohuk) out of which 14 cases were finalized, 13 cases issued certificates instead of the lost, damaged ones and 38 cases for family-composition and lack-of documents and three cases referred to partners.

Moreover, a total of 521 cases comprising 794 Syrian nationals (all registered with UNHCR) have voluntarily returned to their country of origin during the reporting period, bringing the total number of registered Syrians returned to Syria since January to 26,932 individuals.
During the reporting period, a total of 612 Syrians that were not registered with UNHCR have also returned to Syria from Kurdistan region, bringing total number of non-registered Syrians returned to Syria since May 2013 to 18,818 persons.

**Camps**

Gawilan: A protection/community service team visited Gawilan on 18 and 20 November to provide counselling and also to attend the protection & community services concerns of those living the camp.

Meanwhile Level 2 registration of those living in Gawilan camp started on 20 November. UNHCR through its partner now has a full-time registration team on duty at Gawilan. UNHCR’s partner has also commissioned a protection/ community services staff member on full time basis to address legal and social queries of those accommodated in Gawilan.

**Transit sites**

Akre: UNHCR will begin Level 2 registration of the Syrian refugee caseload in Akre in mid-December, as soon as the process is complete in Gawilan.

Bajet Kandala: The registration center which is being constructed by UNHCR’s partner IRW, is nearing completion.

**Shelter / infrastructure**

Al Obaidy
NTR
Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: The electricity network for Phase 6, being set up by DMC, is nearing completion. The construction of 710 plots, each consisting of a concrete base tent, kitchen, latrine and bathing area is underway. In addition, the construction of the fence around the Phase 6 by the MODM is almost complete. Meanwhile MODM has completed the construction of the electricity network in Transit 6, while the setting up of the water supply in the area is underway. Moreover, the paving of the 1.8 km long main road in the camp is also nearing completion.

Reception Center: Currently 11 families with 52 individuals are living in the R.C.
- 13 families with 59 individuals and 2 singles entered the R.C
- 9 families with 35 individuals went to Gawilan. Three (3) families with 14 individuals left the R.C for Domiz camp.

Gawilan: Site preparation and opening of the internal roads as well as the construction of 400 concrete plots is also underway. The construction of the warehouse is also ongoing.

Darashakran: ACTED has appointed night watch team to prevent vandalism.

Arbat permanent camp: UNHCR’s partner KURDS continued with the construction of the permanent camp. Out of seven plots under prepared, five are ready pending the construction of the latrine and bathroom. Each plot consists of 256 tents.

Transit sites

Akre: The rehabilitation of the sanitation units is nearing completion. In addition, the rehabilitation of the electricity installations is underway. Overall, 75% of the maintenance work is complete.

Bajet Kandala: The construction of 400 concrete plots is underway, while the construction of the 14 communal kitchens is complete. The extension of electricity lines is also complete. Meanwhile a fence is being set up around the site, while the construction of an office for level 2 registration is also nearing completion.

Arbat Transit Camp: Further expansion and rehabilitation of Section N and O includes new tents have been built in Section O and assigned to newly arrived families. As at 24 November, spaces for five tents were left for further expansion in Section O, which could house approximately 30 tents. In addition to this main
expansion area, smaller expansions were made to Section H (addition three new tents), Section B (one new tent) and Section D (one new tent). A total of 13 new tents have been assigned to families and individuals.

As at 24 November, one communal shower was erected in Section O. However, it was not functional, as it was not yet connected to the cesspool. Latrines in the areas remained in disrepair, unhygienic and un-useable for the population in the area. UNHCR undertook to follow up on the issue.

**Water and Sanitation**

**Al Obaidy**

Testing of samples from both water sources to Al Obaidy camp by UNHCR shows that the quality of the water is not fit for drinking. UNHCR is in discussions with UNICEF and partners to resolve this issue.

**Kurdistan Region**

**Camps**

*Domiz:* Some 32 latrines and 32 showers were installed through Qandil between phase 5 and transit 7. Up to 16 septic tanks were installed in the former road between Phase 5 and Transit 7 to accommodate some 82 families. Meanwhile the construction of up to 50 cesspools is underway in phase 5 through KURDS. In transit 7, KURDS also started the construction of cesspools during end-November. The uphill access road to the sewage disposal area outside the camp becomes impassable for de-sludging trucks during the rains. UNHCR is liaising with DMC to seek a solution.

*Gawilan:* PU has taken up a number of activities in Gawilan including the daily collection of solid waste and cleaning of communal toilets and showers (cash for work), dislodging of holding tanks in coordination with DMC and the installation of new toilets and showers cabins in underserved area.

*Arbat permanent camp:* UNHCR WASH plan (sanitation - design) has been endorsed by Arbat municipality and the implementation is expected to start soon.

**Transit sites**

*Akra:* Rehabilitation activities by DMC are well under way. The activities include setting up partition walls and the construction of eight holding and septic tanks.

*Arbat transit site:* UNICEF through IRC installed 25 water tanks, each with a capacity of 5,000 litres and equipped with tap stands.

✔️ **Core Relief Items**

**Al Obaidy**

UNHCR in collaboration with IYL and IRW completed the distribution of winterization CRIs to the camp refugees. Hygiene products for people with disabilities were distributed during the reporting period. Kerosene distribution for the month of November was also completed.
Kurdistan region

Transit sites

Domiz: Students were provided with winter clothes through PWJ and Harikar. In Roj Ava school 961 jackets and 951 coats were distributed among students of all grades. Moreover in Kar school 642 winter coats have been distributed.

Arbat transit site: NFI continues to be distributed by CDO/PARC. All new arrivals were given NFIs.

☑️ Food

Al Obaidy

On 19 November, WFP completed the distribution of food parcels to refugees in the camp. Also, WFP continued the distribution of biscuit on students in the camp school. The total amount distributed to the students in November was 949 Kg.

On 30 November, local NGO (Al Aselah Society for Community Development) distributed food items to refugees in the camp in coordination with Sheik Nader.
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Transit sites

Arbat transit site: As of 20 November, after the completion of food distribution by WFP, UNHCR resumed the issuance of food collection slips to new arrivals which allows them to collect food from the municipality.

Health

In addition to the planned National Immunization Days for polio scheduled to begin on 1 December, the Ministry of Health (MoH) has decided to conduct six sub-national campaigns in the next three to six months in eight vulnerable governorates, including al-Anbar. UNICEF provided the MoH with two million doses of polio vaccine. This shipment will be followed by an additional five million doses to be utilized during the sub-national campaigns.

Al Obaidy

DoH conducted a Tetanus vaccination campaign in Al Obaidy Camp covering women between 14-45 years old.

IRW provided the camp’s PHC with a mini bus to transport patients to Al Qa’im Hospital for further consultation. Iraqi Red Crescent Society conducted First Aid training for refugees.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

UNICEF concluded training of 20 nurses (16 Syrian refugees and 4 from DoH) in Erbil on the topics of breast feeding counselling, growth monitoring, feeding advice and hand washing. These nurses will now provide counselling sessions in the baby huts throughout Erbil (four in each camp).

Domiz: UPP provided psychosocial support for refugees with different psychological problems. This included new and follow-up cases (psychotherapy and medical therapy). Some refugees were also referred to the Mental Health Unit in Domiz camp. The Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Violence also continues to receive patients. The construction of the Primary Health centre in the area between Phase 5 and Transit7 is underway.

Meanwhile, the Directorate of Health is supporting MSF by using the IRC/UNHCR tent as primary health centre.

During the reporting period, UNICEF opened a new baby hut in Domiz camp. The baby hut will promote breast feeding, provide private coaching and counseling for new mothers, and include a child friendly space to entertain children during service provision to their mothers. The baby hut will provide services six days a week.

Gawilan: The construction of the health centre is underway.
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Transit Sites

Akra: UPP continues to carry out psychosocial support to those in need in the site.

Arbat transit site: According to the medical report produced by the clinic in Arbat, an average of 50 cases per day are assessed (common diseases). Diarrhoea and tonsillitis are among the most common health issues encountered. The IRC health promotion team regularly conducts awareness sessions on health and hygiene.

Education

Al Obaidy

The Literacy initiative for Empowerment project in Iraq (LIFE), funded by UNESCO and implemented by Afkar society, has been underway since October. The project targets 200 men and women in the Syrian refugee camp (120 women and 80 men). The teaching will be in the camp’s school two days per week (Friday and Saturday). The project will continue for seven months.

The morning shift will be for the women and the evening for men age between 15 to 45 years old. The curricula were distributed by the DoE (math, reading and culture) which are taught in national literacy schools in Iraq.

UNESCO distributed stationary and fees for the selected teachers (4 female and 4 male Iraqis) who have previous experience in cooperation with the DoE, excluding the head of the school who is a Syrian teacher with previous experience in Syria.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: UNICEF reports that the number of students enrolled in the three primary schools in Domiz has decreased compared to last year. A back-to-school awareness campaign is being considered to address the issue as well as to lobby for enrolment in the three new camp schools.

UNHCR, SCI and UNICEF in coordination with DOE plans to determine the number of Syrian children of school-going ages and their access to education in camp and non-camp areas. Currently the assessment survey form is under review.

Moreover, UNICEF and DOE are assessing if school entry roads need rehabilitation. This assessment is part of the ongoing camp management and improvement of road conditions inside Domiz camp.

The construction of the primary school in Phase 6 is almost complete. UNHCR/UNICEF/PWJ are waiting for DMC and DOE to receive it as soon as possible. Children from Var City will be transported to attend the School in Transit 6 until the Var City School is opened.

Construction work primary and secondary schools in the Transit 7 is complete. Work on the primary school in Transit 6 is nearing completion.
Gawilan: The basic school in the camp opened on 20 November. A new PWJ/UNICEF school building is being constructed. The construction of a 12 classroom-primary school is underway.

Transit sites

Akra: UNICEF though its partner PMJ is constructing a school in the site. Once complete, the school will be able to accommodate up to 1,200 children.

Arbat transit site: UNICEF and STEP are also planning to construct youth friendly space; the process is under its way to be developed.

▽ SGBV

Al Obaidy

Through Women Listening Centre two cases were identified and received psychological and legal support.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

NTR

Transit sites

Arbat transit site: The implementation of IRC’s women empowerment/SGBV program in Erbil started during the reporting period.

During the month of November, CDO protection staff and GBV department reported that two community meetings were organized with refugee women while one training was also conducted. Up to 26 cases received counselling on GBV issues and one woman at high risk was identified and referred to the relevant entities for follow-up.
Community services

Al Obaidy

On 25 November, the fifth cycle of computer and English training (CTA Project) was completed with 100 participants from Al Obaidy Camp.

On 29 November, the sixth cycle of the project started and the number of beneficiaries is 50 participants.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: UPP’s recreation-friendly space continues to receive hundreds of visitors on a weekly basis, between the ages of 18 and 30. They are able to access the information technology and library facilities available in the area as well as engage in sports such as volleyball and table football. During the increasing number of visitors, the space for the library was also increased. The volleyball playground was also fenced. UPP plans to start providing English lessons. In connection with the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, spaces solely for women were also established.

Transit sites

NTR

Child Protection

Al Obaidy

CFS and YFS activities continued with awareness sessions carried out by social workers focused on personal hygiene, the importance of education, the risk of smoking, and theft. In collaboration with the child protection committee, SCI distributed health and hygiene pamphlets to the refugees.

Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: UNICEF in partnership with DOE has a School Based Child Protection System project in progress. The project will create an inclusive Learning and Protection environment for school children in accordance with UN Convention on the Right to Education. Three social workers are already recruited and at work in
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Jyan, Kar and Al Rays school. Four additional social workers will be recruited to work in the new schools in Domiz.

The Child Help Line (CHL) was realized on the International Child Right Day on the 20 November. The CHL received 11 phone calls this week (4 boys- 6 girls). The cases differentiated between school, family, social affairs, and psychological problems. CHL staff are making daily visits to schools, and places targeting children, women, and youth in the camp, and all other organizations in order to coordinate with them.

The four CFS/AFS in Domiz received a total number of 2,273 visits from 1,070 boys and 1,203 girls.

All CFS\YFS’ organized different activities, such as painting, sports, music, and additional awareness sessions about mine risk (in corporation with MAG), dental hygiene and life skills, psychological support, awareness sessions about sexual violence, and telling stories. Ten youth in one of the YFS are being trained for peer to peer activities.

The DoLSA Child Protection Unit (CPU) has three new cases and one case referred to the health unit and held an awareness session for staff in the CFS’. Furthermore, 94 children attended social awareness sessions focusing on social skills and interacting with others. The ACTED/CPU received 26 new cases and a total of 43 consultations were held. Home visits to families for 34 cases have been conducted with 11 closed cases this week.

UPP provided psychosocial support to 11 new cases in Domiz camp (1 youth and 10 children, reported separately also under psychosocial support section). In total, 34 children and youth were provided with support.

Gawilan: DoLSA/ UNICEF have put up tents for CFS/AFS. A fence and wash facilities are under construction. Volunteers are recruited and we are in progress on recruiting managers and social workers. IRC is working on replicating the Child Protection Committee and a Youth Protection Committee which are already set up in Domiz.

UNICEF’s mobile team arranged activities for 137 children to participate in child friendly CP activities. The activities included health awareness, entertainment and games.

MAG visited families in Gawilan. In total, mine awareness raising was carried out among up to 1,000 children (450 boys -550 girls).

Transit sites

Akra DoLSA/ UNICEF constructed tents for CFS/AFS. A fence and wash facilities are under construction. Volunteers are recruited and we are in progress on recruiting managers and social workers. IRC is working on replicating in Akra, the Child Protection Committee and a Youth Protection Committee set up in Domiz.

UNICEF’s mobile team arranged activities for 152 children to participate in child friendly protection activities including health awareness, entertainment and games.

Livelihoods

Al Obaidy

SCI distributed start up tool kits and certificates for refugees who participated in the youth technical skills training programme that was completed on 31 October. The programme was funded by UNHCR.
Kurdistan Region

Camps

Domiz: UPP is conducting a livelihood and employment conditions survey for residents in Domiz camp. The team interviewed 351 individuals.

Darashakran and Kawergosk: Currently the job centre has 2 bases, Kawergosk and Darashakran. Up to 850 people are registered as job-seekers and 39 refugees are currently employed. There are still major challenges in finding employment for these people.

5. Non-camp assistance

✓ Reception, Registration and Protection

Al Qa’im

Distribution is ongoing with winter items being provided to refugees settled in the town of Al Qa’im.

Kurdistan Region

UNHCR is focusing on registering vulnerable households throughout the Dohuk Governorate, in order to assist with the implementation of the ongoing urban cash assistance project. The PARC team submitted 100 new vulnerable cases for possible cash assistance located in Dohuk Centre, Zakho and Sumel which are currently awaiting approval by UNHCR. An additional new 350 families were identified during the report period.

Meanwhile the revamping of the registration area for non-camp population in Suleimaniyah is now complete. The aim of the process was to help streamline the registration and handling of inquiries by the CDO registration team through introducing registration clerks to the more detailed format for registration as well. In addition, the registration database has also being installed in the reception area, so that registration teams are able to ascertain if individuals approaching for registration have already undergone the same process in other governorates. UNHCR is also looking at replacing tents that are currently used for registration within the CDO premises, within prefabs. In addition to the registration area, the prefabs will also serve as waiting and counselling areas.

✓ Core Relief Items

UNHCR completed the distribution of Kerosene (70 litres) to non-camp refugees in Al Qa’im for the month of November. The team started the distribution of winterization CRIs (plastic sheets, mattresses, quilts, stoves, fuel and water jerry cans, and blankets) to non-camp refugees.
In Suleimaniyah CDO/PARC distributed 499 NFI packages (493 Syrian families and 6 host community families); in total 2,108 packages were distributed in November of food for the same amount of families as well as 700 diapers and a total of 975 CRIs.

In November, cash assistance was provided to 204 families by CDO/PARC.

**Health**

UNHCR continued cash assistance and medical interviews with non-camp refugees in Al Qa‘im.

**Education**

In Var city in Dohuk Governorate, a registration committee led by community representatives and in cooperation with UNHCR, UNICEF and SCI started registering children, for enrolment in the newly built Phase 6 School. This school will serve as an interim solution to school about 515 children until the SCI funded school in Var City is built in January 2014. Harikar will implement the UNHCR financed transportation project (QIP) through cash payments to parents.

SCI registered 64 parents in Var City for focus group discussions. SCI also signed MoUs with different basic schools in non-camp areas in Dohuk for the provision of additional learning spaces.

Harikar is progressing with the implementation of the Education QIPs (renovation and material supplies to 10 schools in Dohuk City and Zakho) according to schedule.

The DoE hotline in Dohuk continues to receive call from school managements and Syrian children parents, and directs them to enrol refugee children in schools.

**Shelter**

UNHCR continued with post assistance monitoring of shelter projects in Dohuk governorate. Five families were visited in Zakho town. The same sentiments as with previous visited families continue to surface, i.e. the issue of over priced items and refugees felt they have not really benefited from the assistance as they has expected. More visits are planned in the coming week and UNHCR will also meet with NRC to review progress on earlier issues raised for corrective actions.

**Quick Impact Projects**

The number of approved and ongoing QIPs in Dohuk currently stands at 62 projects with a value over 52 QIPs ($1,051,738). Two more QIPs are pending for review/ approval. The implementation of the 62 projects is progressing in different stages. UNHCR community and field teams are monitoring the sites and assessing needs. 90% of all suppliers have been contracted and delivery is expected through the month of December.

**Community services/livelihoods**

In Al Qa‘im, 131 families received cash assistance by ISHO to benefit extremely vulnerable refugees.
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The Protection/CS team focused particularly on registering vulnerable households throughout the Dohuk Governorate, in order to assist with the implementation of the ongoing urban cash assistance project. UNHCR, NRC and a NGO called N.S.C.O assist with providing data of urban refugees for assessment through Harikar. PARC team identified 109 new vulnerable cases for possible cash assistance located in Dohuk Centre, Zakho and Sumel. 121 of the CA cases were reviewed and approved by UNHCR.

✔ Child Protection

DoLSA/UNICEF has constructed tents for CFS/AFS in Var City. Staff recruited and 370 children registered (168 boys and 202 girls) SCI are in process of constructing tents and have registering for CFS/AFS. SCI is furthermore conducting child protection activities in Fayda.

UNICEF in partnership with DoE has a School Based Child Protection System project in progress. The project will create an inclusive Learning and Protection environment for school children in accordance with UN Convention on the Right to Education. One social worker will be recruited to work in the new school in Var City.

DoLSA/UNICEF started child protection activities this week. 803 children (382 boys and 421 girls) are registered. A total number of 716 children (346 boys and 370 girls) visited and participated in CP activities. Another 10 children were taught to understand how to cope with the environment change in Fayda. SCI is also conducting CP activities in Fayda. They have registered 202 children (103 boys and 99 girls).

SCI is in progress of constructing a CFS/AFS in Var City. 247 children are already registered (120 boys and 127 girls).

6. Stories from the field

Maryem is one among the Syrian refugee population in Gawilan Camp. She, along with her 18 year old son and 19 year old daughter fled Qamishlo into northern Iraq in early September as soon as they heard the border was open. Making a living and providing for the treatment of her daughter who is suffering from kidney failure has become extremely challenging for a divorced woman. Though movement out of Gawilan camp has been problematic until the registration and issuance of residency is finalized, Maryem’s daughter is assisted by UNHCR, the Department of Health and the security officials from Asayesh to regularly visit the hospital in Akra where she can receive regular treatment. “The camp roads are not good for the wheelchair, and though it was given just recently, it needs repair”, said Maryem.

“It is not easy to live in a tent, but we are grateful to have received additional support to warm up our new home”, said Maryem. Her son is trying to get a temporary job in Gawilan camp, but options are limited. As the preparations for the permanent camp are ongoing as well as other works, he hopes to get some casual work soon.

Up to 500 refugee families in Gawilan, including Maryem’s family, will spend this winter in tents. They are preparing through support from MSF-CH, PU-AMI who are carrying out emergency water and sanitation activities in the camp; refugees were trained to make small drainage channels around the tents to prevent flooding.

In addition, the NFI package distributed by UNHCR included two plastic sheets, warm blankets, water and fuel jerry cans. IOM supported the families with fuel barrels and

Maryam with her daughter in Gawilan © UNHCR/ S.Gammah
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DMC provided first round of kerosene distribution. UNHCR is coordinating the winterization assistance and mobilizing partners to fill the gaps. Meanwhile, UNHCR in cooperation with DMC and PWJ works hard to set up permanent camp where each family will have an individual plot with kitchen and sanitation facilities.

### 7. Security

**Al Qa’im**

Security situation remains tense in Al Qa’im and some incidents took place during the reporting period which had a moderate impact on UNHCR operations in Al Qa’im.

**Kurdistan Region**

There has been no change to the security environment in the region.

### 8. Coordination

Announcements of all sector meetings along with respective agendas and minutes along with other information management material reporting sector-wide progress such as 3Ws, dashboards and camp profiles are available on the inter-agency information sharing portal on the Syrian refugee response. See link below.


### 9. Acronyms and abbreviations

- **AFS**: Adolescent Friendly Space
- **CFS**: Child Friendly Space
- **CRI**: Core Relief Items (formerly known as non-food items/ NFIs)
- **DDM**: Department of Displacement and Migration
- **DMC**: Development and Modification Centre
- **DoE**: Department of Education
- **DoH**: Department of Health
- **HOFO**: Head of Field Office
- **HOSO**: Head of Sub Office
- **ISF**: Iraqi Security Forces
- **KR**: Kurdistan Region of Iraq (or KRI)
- **MOMD**: Ministry of Migration and Displacement
- **PARC**: Protection Assistance Reintegration Centre
- **PHC**: Primary Health Centre
- **QIPs**: Quick impact projects
- **YFS**: Youth Friendly Space
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As of 4 December 2013

Total Number of Registered Syrian Refugees in Iraq is 207,035

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