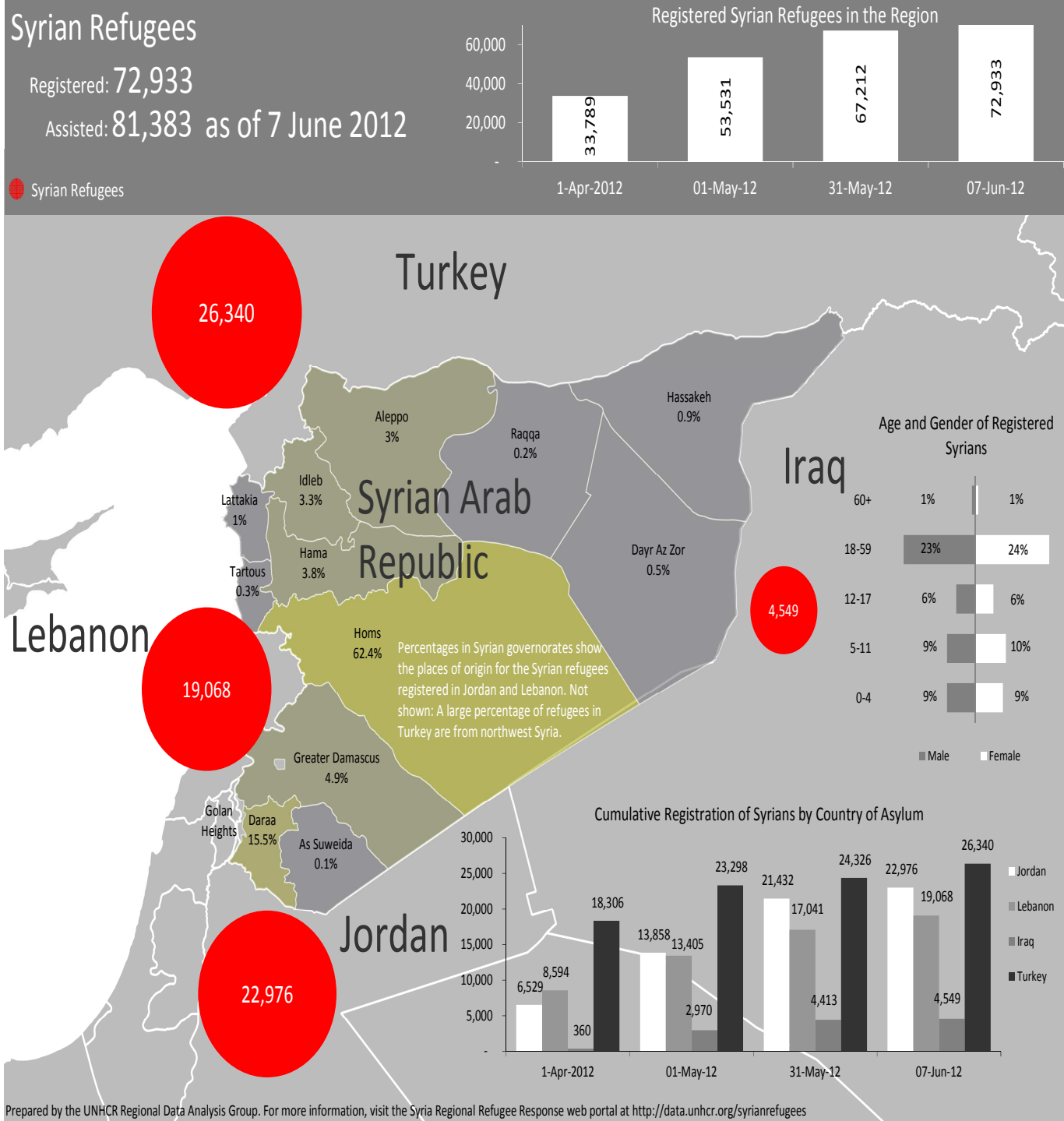


Update No. 8
Syria Regional Refugee Response
 Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey
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This weekly update provides a snapshot of the United Nations and its partners' response to the influx of Syrian refugees into Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. The response is led by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and is undertaken in full coordination with host Governments. This report covers the period from 31 May to 07 June 2012. The next update will be issued on Thursday, 07 June 2012.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of assisted Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey has reached 81,383 persons this week. This marks an increase of 3,246 persons from the previous week. The total number of Syrian refugees registered in these countries stands at 72,933 persons.
- Humanitarian agencies in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey are currently revising the Syria Regional Response Plan (RRP) due to the increase of numbers of refugees. The revised RRP will be presented to donors in Geneva on 28 June 2012.
- The Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS) has established a collaboration network with Syrian doctors currently in Jordan or abroad who would perform operations and provide specialist treatment to Syrian refugees.
- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) provided 65 hosting families in the Bekaa in Lebanon with coupons enabling them to renovate their houses.
- Very few refugee children in the Bekaa have enrolled in schools because of their late arrival to Lebanon.
- Arrangements are in place to launch a summer education plan for 175 Syrian refugee children in Iraq.

II. JORDAN

Highlights

- The total number of Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR stands at 22,976. They are primarily located in the cities of Amman, Ramtha, Mafraq, Irbid, Zarqa and Ma'an.
- An additional 2,500 persons are awaiting registration and some 35,000 - 50,000 have been identified by local organisations as in need of assistance, some of whom have been registered by UNHCR. According to the Government of Jordan, there are some 110,000 Syrians in Jordan who have arrived since the outset of the crisis in Syria.
- WFP is continuing in its efforts to reach vulnerable Syrians in host communities. WFP plan to distribute food rations to up to 25,000 Syrians.

Protection/Numbers

Some 52% of Syrians registered with UNHCR are coming from Homs, with 26% arriving from Dara'a, 7% arriving from Hama and Damascus respectively. A pattern is emerging as to where Syrians are residing, with 80% of Syrians from Homs area that remain in Amman, Irbid and Mafraq in almost equal measure. In comparison, 76% of Syrians originating from Dara'a remain in Irbid. 43% of registered Syrians identify themselves with no occupation; 19% as househusbands/wives; 18% as manual labourers; 10% as students; and just 9% as salaried professionals.

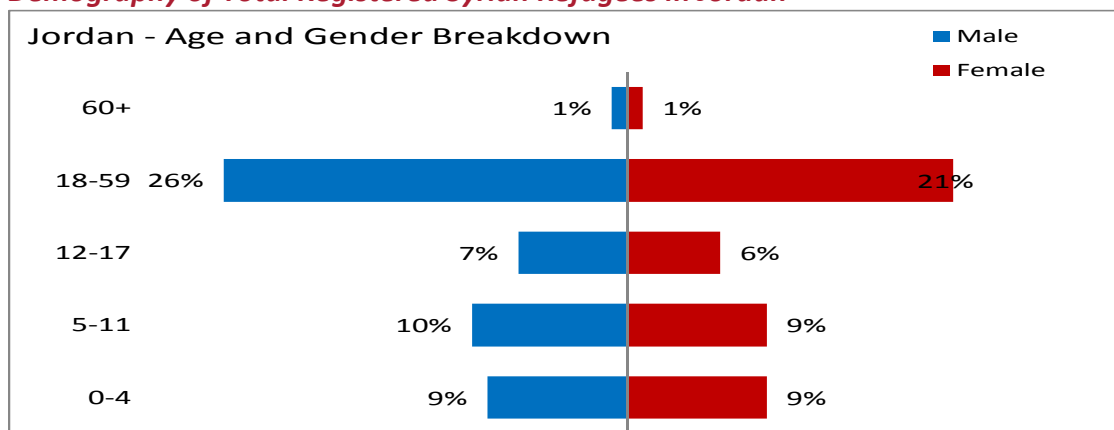


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Assistance/Outreach

Transit Sites in Ramtha: Bashabshe - UNHCR food and NFIs distribution continued to the new arrivals upon their arrival and during their two-three days stay at the transit center. The primary health clinic continues to be operated by MOH with support from Medecins du Monde. UNICEF is providing safe water and sanitation and hygiene services at Bashabshe, Cyber City and Stadium transit facilities. Cyber City - UNHCR is scaling up its distribution of NFI's to those at Cyber City including mattresses, blankets, pillows, kitchen sets, family kits, baby kits, towels, bed linen amongst other much needed items. The Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS) clinic is continuing to be upgraded with better equipment. Stadium for Single Males - UNHCR food and NFIs distribution continued to the new arrivals upon their arrival and to the present population at the Stadium. WFP continued two meals distribution every day at the stadium. **WASH:** A joint assessment of public wells in Ramtha was carried out by UNICEF, UNHCR, Mercy Corp and Japanese Emergency NGO (JEN). As the lead in Emergency WASH, UNICEF, with partner ACTED, has operationalised WASH facilities at King Abdullah Park transit facility in Ramtha. **Food:** Through its implementing partners, the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation (JHCO) and the Jordanian Red Crescent, WFP are reaching out to vulnerable Syrians and host communities through the distribution of food rations. This package is aimed at 25,000 Syrians living in host communities, with the aim of covering Irbid, Zarqa, Mafraq, Karak and Amman. **Health:** 271 unique patients have received primary and secondary health care services mainly through JHAS clinics and mobile medical units. Mafraq clinic had 140 patients, 35 women received antenatal services at Mafraq clinic.

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in Jordan



NFIs and Cash Assistance: International Relief and Development (IRD) are carrying out a series of Quick Impact Projects funded by UNHCR to support host communities, and also looking to implement Community Impact Projects in an effort to boost the absorption capacity of host communities. UNHCR has distributed 77,472 sanitary packs to implementing partners' centres and clinics in Amman, Marfaq, Ramtha, Fuheis, Hosn and Irbid. **Education:** The number of Syrian children attending public schools in Jordan has reached nearly 7,400. UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Education to provide these children with free access to education. Un Ponte per (UPP) Italian NGO together with the Jordanian Women's Union (JWU) started providing psycho-social assistance for Syrian refugees in Ramtha and Irbid with a particular focus on vulnerable women. **Children and SGBV:** UNICEF partner Noor al-Hussein Foundation has supported some 500 vulnerable Syrian children and youths, and 250 parents, with psychosocial activities and remedial education in Ramtha. Reported cases of alleged SGBV were followed upon by UNHCR protection team, as well as unaccompanied minors cases.

Coordination

On May 24th, the third Inter Agency Briefing for donors and operation partners on the Syria Situation was held. The coordination meeting, facilitated by UNHCR, was an opportunity for an update on working groups efforts as part of the Syrian response, to some 50 UN and NGO Partners. The event was also used to initiate the launch of the Regional Response Plan for Syrian Situation (RRP) revision process. The revision is both an answer to increasing numbers of Syrians arriving in Jordan, along with broader contingency planning efforts between UN partners and the Government of Jordan.

III. LEBANON



Highlights:

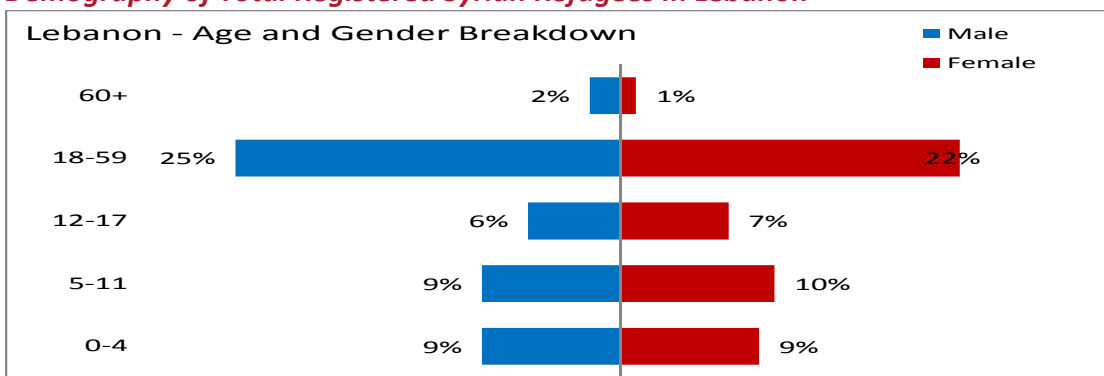
- Some 27,068 Syrian refugees are being assisted throughout the country. More than half of them, 19,068 have been jointly registered by UNHCR and Lebanon’s High Relief Commission (HRC) in the North. UNHCR and partners are assisting an additional 3,000 Syrian refugees in Tripoli and 5000 in Bekaa, who are pending registration.
- UNHCR teams completed registration in Aarsal where a large number of Syrian refugees are residing.

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Protection/Numbers

The majority of Syrian refugees in the North have come from Tal Kalakh in Homs and are living with the host community. Most of those living in Wadi Khaled and its surroundings have entered through illegal border crossings, while those living in Tripoli have entered legally. As calm returned in Akkar last week, UNHCR launched an information campaign throughout Akkar in preparation for the first centralized registration at MoSA’s Social Development Center (SDC) in Bire. The information campaign includes focus group discussions aimed to raise awareness on the process and requirements of registration. So far, 35 villages have been visited in Bire, Akkar Al-Atika and Halba. Centralized registration in Tripoli has not commenced due to the security situation there which has also interrupted house to house registration in the city. The majority of Syrian refugees in East Lebanon have come from Homs, Hama, Halab, and Idlib, with some arriving from the suburbs of Damascus. Almost half of the refugee community is living with the host community while the other half is renting apartments in the area. UNHCR continues centralized registration in Central Bekaa and is expected to conclude an initial round of registrations by the end of June.

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in Lebanon



Assistance/Outreach

Food and NFI: In May, the HRC suspended food distribution because the Coalition of Islamic Charities carried out food kit distributions in Akkar and Tripoli. UNHCR and DRC agreed with the HRC to continue to distribute hygiene and baby kits pending the resumption of the regular distribution programme in June. HRC will resume the distribution of food kits in June for Akkar. It is expected that WFP will contribute to the HRC's efforts in providing food in June in the Akkar region. **Shelter:** In the North, assistance has been focused not just on the refugees, but also on measures to assist host families who have been so generous in spite of their own difficulties. Over 100 families have been provided with coupons that enabled them to renovate their homes. NRC has secured additional funding to rehabilitate 60 more houses and upgrade 12 unfinished homes in Akkar. In northern Bekaa, 80% of the Syrian refugees are residing with host families, 10% are paying rent and the other 10% are living in collective shelters. The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) provided 65 hosting families with coupons enabling them to renovate their houses: 56 houses in Aarsal, 4 houses in Fakiha and 5 houses in Saadnayel. **Health:** In the North, the HRC continues to cover the cost of secondary health care while UNHCR covers the full cost for doctor consultations and diagnostic tests for women and children and up to 85% of diagnostic tests for all refugees through local primary health care centers. UNHCR, International Medical Corps (IMC), and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) have recently started providing psychological and social support services in Tripoli. In the Bekaa, IMC has signed agreements with primary health care centers in Taanayel, Baalbeck and Aarsal to provide doctor consultations, medications including chronic, and diagnostic services to all Syrian refugees. **Education:** By the end of the school registration period in the North, only 552 refugee children have enrolled in schools out of 4,309 children between the age of 5 and 17. Despite extensive and consistent awareness campaigns about the importance of education, the school enrolment rate is as little as 13% among school-aged children. The main reason behind this worryingly low rate is the arrival of the majority of Syrian children after the school registration deadline. UNICEF's implementing partner War Child Holland has planned to establish two Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) in Tripoli in the hope that the social and recreational activities offered by the CFSs will provide opportunities for meaningful participation alternatives to that of armed conflict. Save the Children Sweden (SCS) put in place regular remedial classes, awareness sessions and school empowerment projects.

Coordination

Working alongside the Government of Lebanon, notably the High Relief Commission, the Ministry of Social Affairs and municipalities, UNHCR has worked to ensure a consolidated and coordinated inter-agency response, engaging fellow UN agencies and local and international non-governmental partners. UNHCR teams hold regular inter-agency sector-based meetings on a bi-weekly basis at the central level in Beirut, and at the field level in the North and in the Bekaa.

IV. IRAQ

Highlights

- UNHCR registered a total 4,549 individual Syrian refugees, and 450 Syrian persons await registration.
- MSF has recruited a general doctor to be on duty after working hours four days per week in Domiz Camp.

Protection/Numbers

An estimated 15 families and 60 to 80 singles continue to arrive from Syria in Dohuk Governorate where they approach the Department of Displacement and Migration (DDM) and UNHCR for registration on weekly basis. This represents a stable trend in the number of the new arrivals from Syria. In Erbil, some 2 families and 30 singles approach UNHCR for registration weekly. The families often relocate to live temporary with family members, and approach DDM and UNHCR for registration.

When the resources of the hosting families are drained, the new Syrian families seek relocation to Domiz camp. Among the registered persons all over the Kurdistan region, 30 are unaccompanied minors and separated children under the age of 18, of which 6 are single females living with other families.



©UNHCR Iraq/2012 - Health Clinic in Domiz Camp

Assistance/Outreach

Shelter and Infrastructure: 254 tents were set up in Domiz camp in the families` section and 35 tents in the Singles` section. The construction of 125 individual cooking areas has started for the families` section. UNHCR, through Qandil, placed six playground` equipment for the Children nearby the administration cabinet. Islamic Kurdistan League (IKL) donated 100 refrigerators and 50 air coolers, which DDM has distributed to the most vulnerable families in Domiz camp. **Health:** The medical unit established in the camp by Department of Health (DoH) continues to provide daily services to the new arrivals. The average number of cases screened by the Medical Unit is 40 to 50 cases per day. UNHCR is in the process of procuring an additional caravan for children and maternal care. **WASH:** Fayda Water Department continues the provision of an average 90,000 litres/day of potable water. DoH is distributing chloride tablets for the family's water storage tanks every three days. "Diakonia Germany" NGO has distributed hygiene kits to 233 families and 380 singles, while MCC and REACH NGOs had distributed 1,776 blankets for 209 families and 209 hygiene kits to 209 families **Nutrition:** The Islamic Kurdistan league NGO has distributed the following food items to 284 singles; considering every four singles as one family: 4 kg of rice, 1.5 kg of crushed wheat, 1.5 kg of lentils and 0.75 kg of white beans; 1.6 kg of sugar, 0.75 kg of salt, 0.5 kg of macaroni, 0.4 kg of tea, 1.6 kg of tomato paste, and 1.5 liter of vegetable oil. DDM continues the provision of three hot meals a day pending the reception of NFIs items, planned to be distributed during this week. **Education:** Arrangements are in place to launch the summer education plan for 175 children; UNICEF is deploying efforts to secure the text books and the curriculum from Syria. Barzani Foundation had distributed stationary to some 136 children.

Coordination

UNHCR continues its coordination meetings with Dohuk Government Emergency Cell "GEC", the relevant local departments and various agencies. A Sub-working group meeting on Shelter/WatSan/Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) was organized by the Development and Modification Centre in Dohuk, and was led by UNHCR`s Technical Coordinator. Muslim Aid NGO visited Domiz camp and conducted a general assessment of the needs in the camp.

V. TURKEY

Highlights

- The overall number of Syrian refugees in Turkey now stands at 26,340 persons.
- Newly arrived persons are being transferred to the Ceylanpinar Camp. A 300 % increase was observed in the population of this camp over the last two weeks, with 696 on 15 May and 3,520 as of 4 June 2012.



©Gulf News/Syrian refugees at the Oncupinar camp in Kilis

Protection/Numbers

Syrian refugees in Turkey are assisted by the Turkish Red Crescent Society in the border provinces of Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis and Sanliurfa. Syrian refugees in Turkey by region as of 04 June 2012:

- Hatay population¹: 6,613 individuals
- Gaziantep population in Islahiye²: 5,705 individuals
- Kilis population in Oncupinar container site: 10,443 individuals
- Sanliurfa population in Ceylanpinar: 3,520 individuals

Assistance/Outreach

NFIs and Food: The Government of Turkey and the Turkish Red Crescent Society continue to provide assistance to Syrian refugees registered in their camps.

Education: Reportedly 4,251 children in Kilis, Oncupinar Container Site, 805 in Hatay and 600 in Gaziantep, Islahiye Camps are receiving education.

¹: The population of the Kuyubasi/Karbeyaz, Yayladagi 2 (YIBO), Altinozu I (TEKEL) and Reyhanli camps in Hatay was moved to Islahiye camp in Gaziantep and to Oncupinar container site in Kilis.

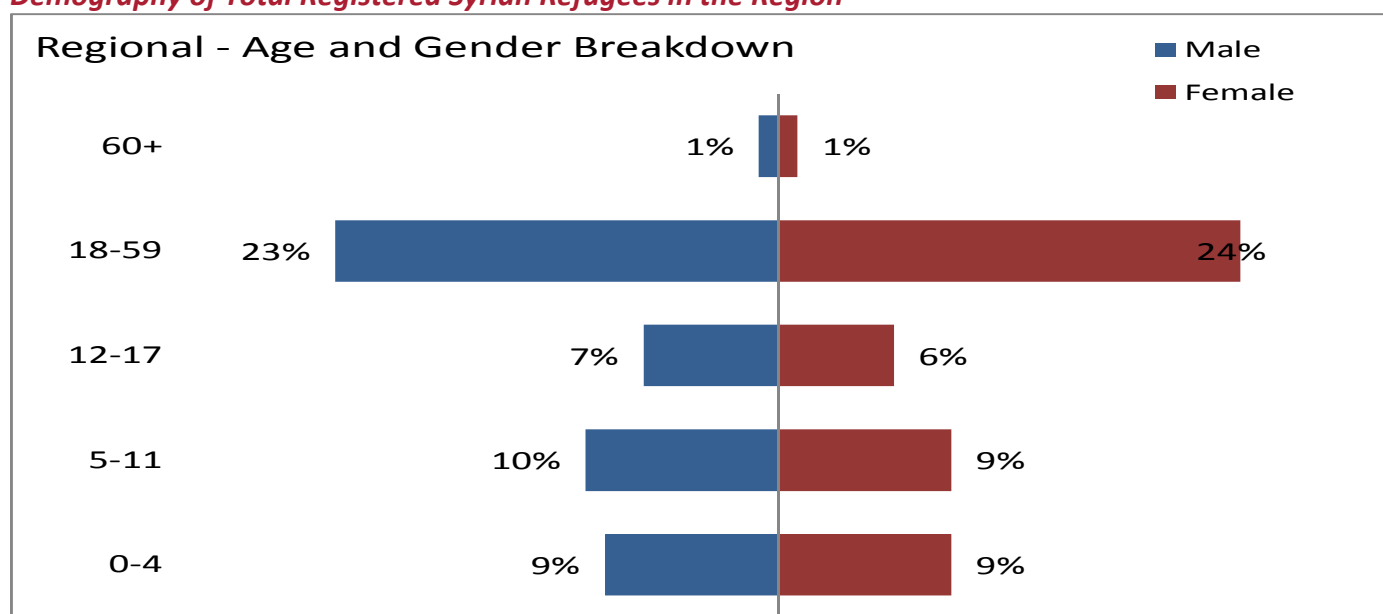
VI. STATISTICS

Statistics on Syrian Refugees in the Region

No. of Syrian Refugees	JORDAN	LEBANON	IRAQ	TURKEY	TOTALS
Registered and Assisted	22,976	19,068	4,549	26,340	72,933
Assisted (awaiting registration)	-	8,000	450	-	8,450**
TOTALS	22,976*	27,068	4,999	26,340	81,383

*An additional 2,500 persons are awaiting registration while some 50,000 have been identified by local organizations as in need of assistance, some of whom have been registered by UNHCR. **Figures are based on estimates and thus might vary.

Demography of Total Registered Syrian Refugees in the Region



Funding: The funding overview for the RRP is provided once a month on the Syria Regional Refugee Response Update of the last week of the month. The last updated overview was provided in Update No. 6 of 24th May where the RRP was funded at the level of 36%. For more details please go to <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

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