

**Syrian Persons of Concern in Northern Iraq  
(Update covering the period 7<sup>th</sup> May- 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012)**

• **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2012, 3,673 Syrian nationals of Kurdish origin were registered with UNHCR in northern Iraq in collaboration with the Department of Displaced and Migration (DDM). An estimated 10 families and 40 singles continue to enter Duhok Governorate daily. In Duhok; an estimated number of 5 families and 200 singles are in the process of being registered. In Erbil, an estimate of 5 families and 30 singles approach UNHCR for registration weekly, 50 singles are awaiting registration as of today. The new arrivals in Erbil continue to be hosted by family members and the local community while they receive no assistance from the local authorities. In Suleimaniya, additional 52 new arrivals were registered.



The new Camp in Domiz

• **OVERALL GOAL: Emergency Protection Including Assistance**

• **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

**1. Fair protection process and documentation**

1.1. **Administrative institutions and practice: overall practice: See update Number 3**  
In Duhok Governorate the local authorities, notably DDM remains committed to joint efforts with UNHCR in hosting and assisting the new arrivals. The authorities in Erbil had requested the support of UNHCR to organize a conference with different stakeholders in

order to respond to the needs of the Syrians in the KR and to develop a contingency plan in case of an increased influx of the new arrivals. A Coordination Meeting took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May with the attendance of high level KR Government officials, DDM and line departments in Duhok working in Domiz, consulates, NGOs and UNCT.

### 1.2. Quality of Registration and Profiling

As of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012, UNHCR in Erbil, and DDM in Duhok and Suleimaniya had registered a total number of 3,673 Syrians all over the Kurdistan Region. Among those are 389 families, comprising 1,563 individuals, and 2,110 singles. In Erbil, 41 families, comprising 160 individuals, and 499 singles were registered, In Suleimaniya, 5 families comprising 18 individuals and 100 singles were registered. In Duhok Governorate, 343 families, comprising 1,385 individuals, and 1,511 singles were registered, while 5 families comprising 30 individuals and 200 singles are waiting to be registered and subsequently relocated to Domiz new camp. Moreover, some 50 singles are awaiting registration in Erbil. Among the registered persons all over the Kurdistan region of Iraq, 27 are unaccompanied minors under the age of 18, of which 6 are single females living with other families. Duhok remains host to the largest number of Syrian new arrivals, with 2,896 individuals, followed by Erbil with 659 individuals and then Suleimaniya with 118 individuals.

Reporting period	Families	Singles + UAMs	Total Registered	Pending registration	Total arrivals
As of 31 <sup>th</sup> March	21 families (79 individuals)	281 including 15 UAMs	360	400	760
As of 8 <sup>th</sup> April	147 Families (604 individuals)	636 singles including 15 UAMs	1,240	1,000 individuals	2,240
As of 15 <sup>th</sup> April	198 Families (803 individuals)	973 Singles including 15 UAMs	1,776	600 individuals	2,376
As of 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	240 Families (979 individuals)	1,350 Singles including 27 UAMs	2,329	800 individuals	3,129
As of 29 <sup>th</sup> April	312 Families (1,269 individuals)	1,701 Singles including 27 UAMs	2,970	300 individuals	3,270
As of 06 <sup>th</sup> May	330 Families (1,341 individuals)	1,830 Singles including 27 UAMs	3,171	220 individuals	3,391
As of 13 <sup>th</sup> May	389 Families (1,563 individuals)	2,110 Singles including 27 UAMs	3,673	270 individuals	3,943

## **2-Basic needs and essential services (Duhok)**

### **2.1 Shelter and Infrastructure**

As of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 226 tents are established in Domiz camp in the families` section, the construction of walls and casting foundations of 56 tents have been completed in the singles` section of the new site during the reporting period.

The work has started for the construction of two communal kitchens for singles comprising 8 kitchens in the single`s new site; in addition the land has been marked for the constructing of two communal latrines comprising 12 W.Cs and 8 bathrooms in the single`s new site while work has started for the construction of two communal latrines comprising 16 W.Cs and 8 bathrooms in the families` section in addition to the 52 W.Cs and 37 baths already existing.

Fayda electricity department made a survey for the needs of the camp and discussed with their main office the budget needs.



Construction of walls and casting foundations of tents

## **2.2 Health Status**

Following WHO assessment of the needs for additional equipment required for improving health services to women, a separate facility for child care unit in the health caravan and connection with electricity and water was also recommended. DDM checked with the electricity department working in the camp to make the necessary connection in the HC... WHO recommended the distribution of leaflets about tuberculosis and gave some tubes for T.B. test to the medical unit in the camp. Two cases of TB have been identified in the camp, the family of one case is being given prevention medicines. Both cases were taken to hospital and are being treated. UNHCR will continue to monitor progress on their treatment by DoH.

DoH (department of health) has requested UNHCR to provide an additional caravan to be equipped with beds and specialist doctors in order to expand the health services inside the camp, UNHCR will further discuss and assess the additional requests with DG Health and WHO. According to the statistics of Duhok DoH the number of patients screened daily continues to be an approximate of 60 to 70.

A team from the mental health centre of Duhok had visited Domiz site consisting of a specialist doctor and three social workers in order to conduct assessment of the situation of new arrivals. The team agreed to visit the site twice a week and to provide assistance for the cases identified with mental disorders.

## **2.3 Supply of potable water**

Kurds local NGO through IOM fund has completed the construction of the concrete base for the installation of 21 m<sup>3</sup> metal tank that arrived to the site. Kurds water proposal has been revised technically by Qandil Engineers; it will be shared with UNHCR Erbil either for approval or sharing with the ICRC for possible contribution, which they have kindly offered. The proposal consists of installation of three metal tanks of 23 m<sup>3</sup> each water storage capacity and the installation of internal water network for around 200 families. Fayda Water Department has taken two samples of water provided by tankers for lab test and the result was positive as the bacteriological examination of water proved to be suitable for human consumption. Presently the water supply is steady and above the standards, however beneficiaries have requested additional 30,000 liters of potable water per day for families section. .

## **2.4 Nutrition**

Barzani Charity Foundation continues to assess the needs of the families and Syrians in terms of food rations and continues to distribute dry food items, food rations are being monitored by UNHCR field staff and reported to be sufficient by the new arrivals.

However, WFP plans to carry out a nutrition survey to assess the needs and adequacy of food rations.

DDM Duhok continued provision of three hot meals to Syrian singles in Domiz camp; however DDM reported that by end of May, DDM will stop provision of hot meals due to

budget constraints. An alternative solution should be sought to fill out this gap, until cooking areas are in place for the singles. The plan for community cooking areas for singles is being revised.

### **2.5 Sanitation and Hygiene**

Garbage collection truck of Fayda Municipality conducts daily trips to collect the garbage of the new Syrian arrivals camp of Domiz. On 07<sup>th</sup> of May 2012, host community distributed babys' diapers (confy baby type) and detergent to 180 families (each family received 20 diapers and 600 grams of detergent).

### **2.6 Services for persons with specific needs**

UNHCR continued its field visits to the Syrian families and singles in order to assess their needs. The UNHCR community services team had identified a case of a two years old child who is paralysed, after assessing his needs, he was provided with a wheelchair through Qandil. The overall concerns of the population in Domiz camp continue to be lack of job opportunities, however around 100 singles were reported to have access to informal jobs in Duhok districts and are currently working in factories and construction.

During reporting period, UNHCR community services staff collected lists of names of 175 males and females within families for job opportunities, also collected another list of 112 singles who are willing to be engaged in different jobs that are matching their skills and education degrees, the lists will be shared with DDM and Directorate of Employment and Vocational Training for possible job engagement.



On going procedures of construction in Domiz Camp



## **2.7 Access to Education**

. Initial information of available education facilities and list of identified teachers in the camp have been prepared and shared with DoE, the latter has interviewed the teachers for possible engagement in the teaching process. DOE is carrying out the needs assessment to prepare a plan of action, which will be approved by the MoE for implementation. DoE plans to accommodate all the school age children in the existing school by using the facilities during the summer holidays starting from end of May. The additional prefab six classrooms cabinets will also be utilised.

## **3. Security**

The Asaayish continues to ensure the security in the camp and the surrounding areas. No security incident was reported in the camp so far. The Assayish has installed a cabinet for daily presence of security officers outside of camp and placed a soil fence around the camp to ensure security and entrance control.

## **4. Coordination and Partnership**

UNHCR office in Erbil had organized its third inter-agency coordination meeting with various stakeholders involved in providing assistance and response in Domiz camp in Duhok. The meeting aimed at the following: Briefing the Government Authorities, Diplomatic Missions in Erbil, UNCT, IPs INGOs, NNGOs about the progress achieved so far in response and assistance to the Syrian arrivals in KRI. Highlighting the gaps observed so far, enhancing coordination and assistance among all stakeholders for a well-coordinated inter-agency response and information management. Ensuring coordination in camp management, assistance and activities related to Syrian response in Domiz as well as in KR for delivery of assistance based on international standards for emergency response. Sub-Working Groups for each sector were established to determine the needs and gaps and indicators and intervention in key sectors, health, education, WASH, protection, community services and Psycho-social assistance, shelter, etc. A total of 45 persons attended the meeting. All expressed interest and commitment for the participation in the Sub Groups under the overall lead coordination role of UNHCR.

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