



The vast majority of Syrian refugees in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun governorates are scattered in urban and rural areas, living outside of camp settings. In these host communities, they rent and share accommodation and access essential services, including education and health care. FOI conducts registration of new cases and renewals of Asylum Seeker Certificates, provides counselling, manages Help Desks, and works with partners to provide protection services, shelter assistance, and community support projects. UNHCR also manages, in cooperation with Jordan's Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD), two camps that were established at the beginning of the crisis: King Abdallah Park and Cyber City.

**KEY FACTS**

 <p><b>26%</b> Percentage of 628,160 Syrian refugees in Jordan residing in FO-Irbid's AoR (As of 28 May 2015)</p>	<p><b>120,137</b> Total active caseload registered since 2013 at Field Office-Irbid (As of 31 May 2015)</p>	<p><b>Feb 2013</b> Establishment of Irbid Registration Centre</p>	<p><b>Jan 2014</b> Establishment of FO-Irbid and decentralization from BO-Amman</p>
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**Population of concern**

(As of 28 May 2015)

**Irbid: 143,029**

**Jerash: 10,699**

**Ajloun: 9,327**

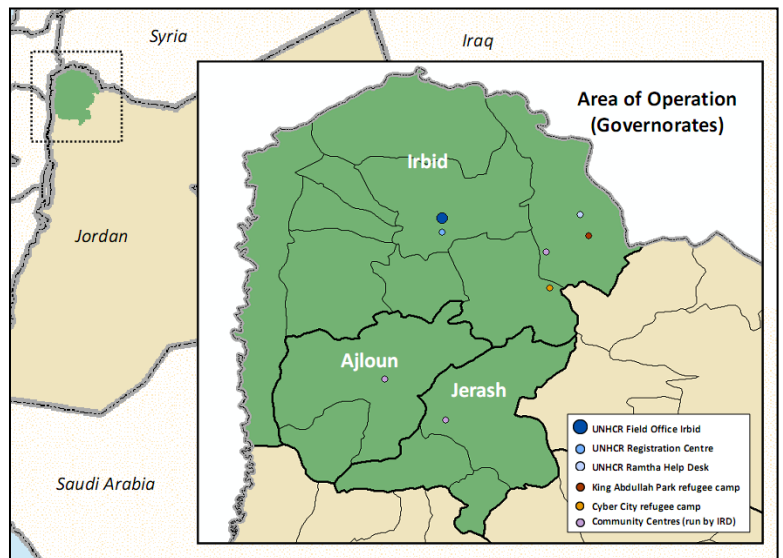
*Camp populations*

**King Abdallah Park: 670**

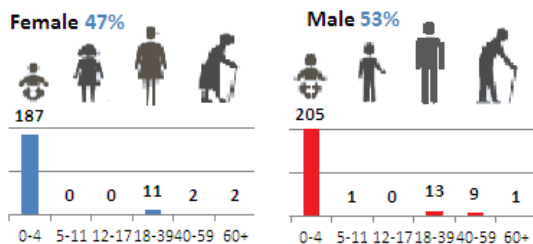
**Cyber City: 311**

**UNHCR Presence at FO-Irbid**

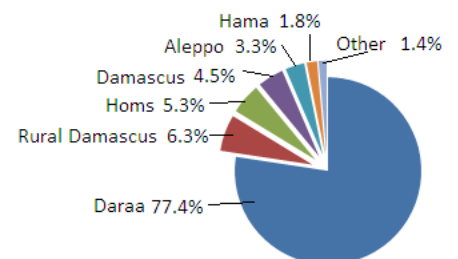
Staff: 23 UNHCR (3 international, 20 national), 29 UNOPS



**Age/Gender Breakdown for May Registrations:**



**Place of Origin:**



**2,777**

Queries answered by UNHCR staff at Irbid, Jerash, Ramtha, and Ajloun Help Desks in May and June

**357**

Cases supported by FOI's Protection team in May and June, including 62 CP/GBV

**7,574**

Total number of document requests processed by Irbid Registration Centre for urban verification

## HIGHLIGHTS

### FO-Irbid Welcomes New Governor of Irbid



On 11 May, the Head of Field Office Irbid (FOI) paid a courtesy visit to the new Governor of Irbid, Mr. Saad Al-Shehab. Deputy Governor Radwan Otoum and Irbid Police Commander General Obeidallah Maaytah were also present. The Head of Office briefed the new Governor on UNHCR's operational activities in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun governorates, including the Community Support Projects. The Governor described the pressure on infrastructure due to the presence of Syrian refugees and asked for UNHCR's continued support to the local authorities. The Head of Office thanked the Governor for his support to UNHCR and assured him of its continued advocacy for more support.

### FOI Celebrates World Refugee Day With Activities in Urban Areas and Camps

FOI hosted numerous activities in Irbid, Jerash, Ajloun urban areas, as well as King Abdallah Park (KAP) and Cyber City (CC) camps, in order to commemorate World Refugee Day. These activities were geared towards Syrian and Iraqi refugees with involvement of the Jordanian community, in recognition of this year's national WRD slogan, "Standing Together." In addition, FOI conducted the WRD handprint activities in four locations and contributed its canvases to the banner assembled in Amman.

On 10 June, FOI hosted an event to celebrate World Refugee Day at the Community Support Committee in Irbid, located at the Princess Basma Centre in Idoun. 175 people participated, including 114 Syrians and 61 Jordanians. On 15 and 16 June, FOI organized celebrations at KAP and CC respectively. These included plays, songs, poems, painting, and a section for a wish tree. 325 people participated in KAP and 180 in CC. On 15 June, FOI held a WRD activity through the Iraqi Community Support Committee in Irbid; 156 people participated. In addition, a celebration involving 150 people was held in Jerash on 15 June.



### Health: Routine Immunization Campaign

FOI supported a comprehensive media campaign from 22 April to 18 May on the importance of routine immunization, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, UNICEF, and WHO. FOI distributed 5,000 flyers in the locations of nine partners. It also organized awareness sessions on this issue for Syrian refugees in Ramtha, Ajloun, and Jerash, in cooperation with JHAS, Um-Khashab Association, and JOHUD.

### Community Support Committee Event Encourages Youth Cultural Exchange

On 26 June, a group of 15 Syrian and Jordanian youth enjoyed an activity with 11 Arabic language students from Georgetown University. The event was held by UNHCR's Community Support Committee in Irbid, co-organized by IRD. All of the youth participated in a conversation activity at the Princess Basma Center to meet each other and exchange ideas. Following this activity, the youth continued to Um Qays, where they toured the archaeological site. *[Photo on page 1]*

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

UNHCR's implementing partners in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun include:

[Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development-Legal Aid \(ARDD-LA\)](#) | [International Medical Corps \(IMC\)](#) | [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#) | [International Relief and Development \(IRD\)](#) | [Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development \(JOHUD\)](#) | [Jordan Health Aid Society \(JHAS\)](#) | [Mercy Corps](#) | [Noor Al Hussein Foundation \(NHF\)](#)

In addition, UNHCR works with and coordinates the activities of several other operating partners on the ground. In the urban setting, FOI holds monthly Operational Coordination Meetings for all partners operating in Irbid, Jerash, and Ajloun, as well as biweekly Referral Coordination Meetings for field-level caseworkers. For King Abdallah Park and Cyber City Camps, FOI holds biweekly protection coordination meetings as well as biweekly general coordination meetings. Together with coordination from Amman and the use of online tools, these efforts increase cooperation and awareness among partners, minimize duplication in projects, improve knowledge sharing, and help actors to address gaps more efficiently.

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