

Syrian Persons of Concern in need of international protection in the Kurdistan Region: 9-15 April 2012.

• EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Increasing number of Syrian new arrival families and singles continues to flee towards the Kurdistan region. An estimated number of 10 to 15 families and 30 to 40 singles enter Duhok on a daily basis through the crossing border with Kurdistan region. Similarly in Erbil Governorate, the number of new arrivals continues to increase, the latest are registered by UNHCR while the local authorities did not engage in the registration or in providing assistance. During the reporting period, no new arrivals were recorded in Suleimaniya Governorate, and those who had arrived in the past were entirely registered by the Bureau of Displacement and Migration and UNHCR.

In Duhok Governorate, new arrivals are going to Domiz camp established by the local authorities. An estimated number of 50 families and 400 singles are in the process of being registered by DDM in Duhok.



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 Erbil Governorate, it is reported that the number of singles who had entered the KR is high comparing to those who entered through Duhok Governorate.. The families in Erbil are hosted by the local community in overcrowded houses but are encouraged to relocate to Domiz camp

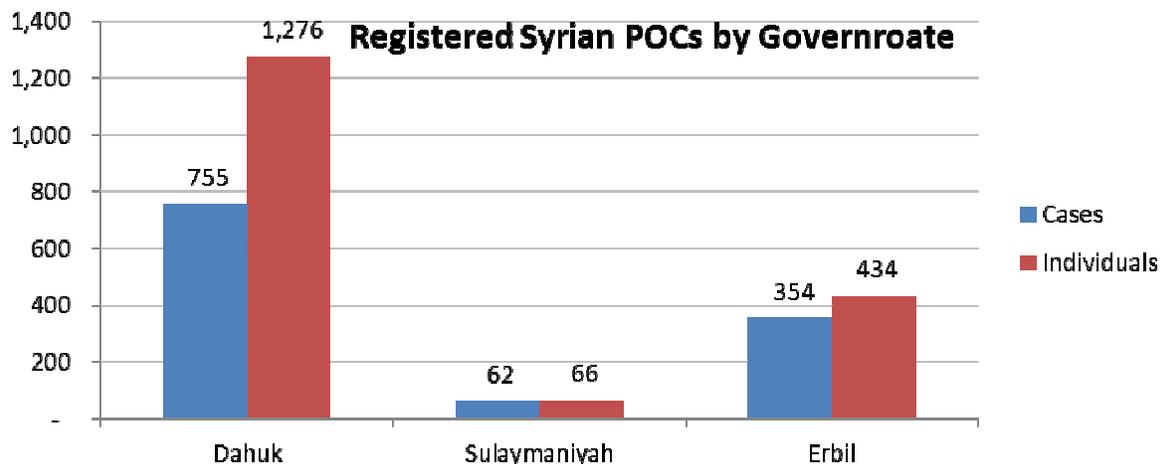
Among the registered new arrivals in Suleimaniya (who came prior this reporting period), 54 singles were army deserters while only 8 had fled the civil unrest. BDM register the Syrian arrivals and refer them to the Residency Department for issuing temporary residency card valid for ten days. The main concerns of the new arrivals are lack of access to employment and overcrowded accommodation.

1.2. Quality of Registration and Profiling

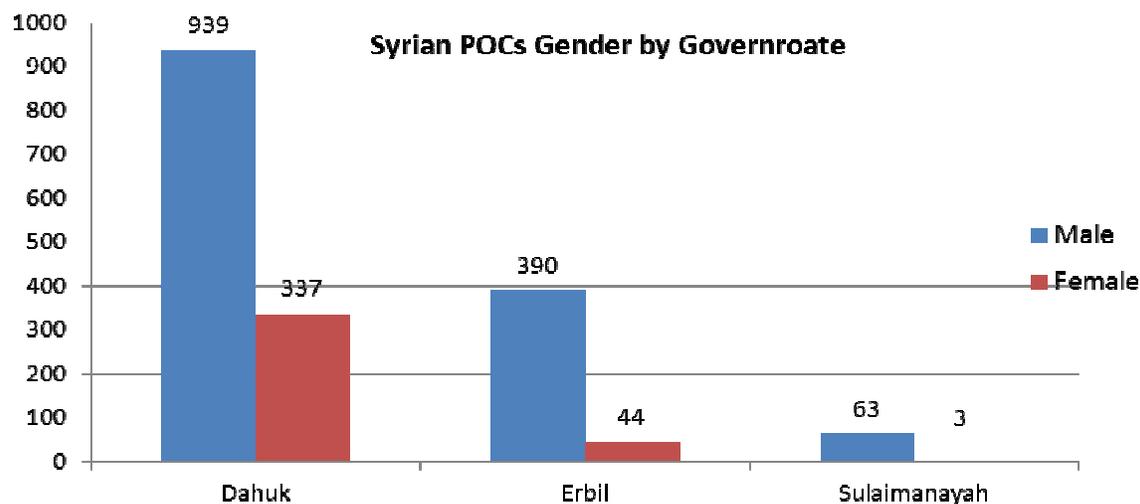
As of the 15th of April 2012, UNHCR in Erbil, DDM in Duhok and BDM in Suleimaniya had registered a total number of 1,776 Syrians all over the Kurdistan Region. Among those 1,776 registered (198 are families in 803 individuals) while 973 are singles. In Erbil; 28 families in 108 individuals and 326 singles were registered, In Suleimaniya, 2 families in 6 individuals and 60 singles; while in Duhok Governorate; 168 families in 689 individuals and 587 singles were registered, an estimate number of 50 families and 400 individuals from different districts and sub districts in Duhok are waiting to be registered and to be relocated to Domiz new camp.

	Families	Singles + UAMs	Total Registered	Pending registration	Total arrivals
As of 31th March	21 families (79 individuals)	281 including 15 UAMs	360	400	760
As of 8th April	147 Families (604 individuals)	636 singles including 15 UAMs	1,240	1,000 individuals	2,240
As of 15th April	198 Families (803 individuals)	973 Singles including 15 UAMs	1,776	600 individuals	2,376

Dahuk is the host of the largest number of Syrian POCs with 1,276 (IND) then Erbil 434 (IND) and Sulaimnyah 66 (IND).



Out of 1,776 Individual registered, 78% (1,392) are males and 22% are females (384).



2-Basic needs and essential services (Dohuk)

2.1 Shelter and Infrastructure

As of the reporting date; 106 tents were established in Domiz camp; the construction of 60 cm eight wall around each tent and cast foundation of the tents' floor was completed. A total of 70 families were provided with non-food items during the second round of distribution jointly organized by UNHCR and IOM bringing the total families who benefited from non-food items distribution to 104. While UNHCR distributed the essential items such as (plastic sheeting, jerry cans (water and Kerosene), mattresses, cooking sets, kerosene heaters and hygiene kits, IOM complemented by necessary additional items such as (floor carpet for the tent, rechargeable fans and torch, stove for cooking, blankets, pillows, gas cylinder and plastic shelves for kitchen items). 77 families were relocated to the tents, the remaining families are planned to relocate to their tents in the coming days.



New Tents in Domiz Camps

DDM continues to coordinate efforts with the Government authorities, and with UNHCR and its implementing partners and is currently negotiating with Fayda Municipality to allocate additional plot of land near the Mosque in order to accommodate the increasing

number of the single Syrian new arrivals. If this does not materialize DDM is suggesting levelling another section in the far end of the camp in order to dedicate additional space to be assigned for families.

DDM Dohuk is also negotiating with Fayda Municipality for camp expansion to accommodate additional 80 families by levelling internal roads and constructing of tent foundations, the second stage of the work will start tomorrow. For that purpose, UNHCR hired additional field support staff with partnership with its implementing partner Qandil

2.2 Health Status

The health caravan is at the final stage of completion. In order to ensure an adequate health environment the Directorate of Health had ensured the permanent presence of a health unit in the camp consisting of one male doctor and three medical support staff; additionally one female doctor will visit the camp twice a week to look at the specific medical needs of the Syrian females. The Department of health had deployed an ambulance in the camp for emergencies.

In order to ensure an adequate environment for the health screening and medical assistance, UNHCR ordered a pre-fab unit for health centre to be installed in the camp. The DoH has already provided the furniture and medical equipment for the unit as well as medicines. They will also ensure that a female doctor visits the site regularly. The Department of health will ensure an ambulance is deployed in the camp for emergency cases and had conducted a fumigation campaign to clean up the camp against insects.

2.3 Supply of potable water

A total of 100 water tanks with a capacity of 1,000 litres storage capacity were distributed to 100 families. Water tanks will continue to be distributed along the relocation of the families to the tents. Water Department in Fayda district agreed to establish a water storage tank of 40 Cubic meters near Domiz new camp and to connect the water source (well) to the storage tank. The water Directorate plans similarly to extend water main piping lines from the storage tank and to connect it to the existing communal baths and latrines.



Water tanks next to tents in Domiz Camp

2.4 Nutrition

The Directorate of Migration and Displacement continues to provide the single new arrivals with three hot meals a day, while families get assistance from the already existing Syrian families in Domiz old camp with dry food. There is an increasing need to supply the families with dry food, which DDM lacks the capacity to provide.

2.5 Sanitation and Hygiene

UNHCR, its implementing partner along with DDM ensure satisfactory sanitary conditions are in place in Domiz camp. As of the reporting date, five units of baths and communal latrines for the family sections were in good progress with 80% of completion. 32 W.Cs and 23 baths are at the very final stage pending casting of the foundation and installation of metal frame base for water tanks. For the single's section, 12 W.Cs and 8 baths are similarly at the final stage of construction.



Constructions of latrines and bathrooms in Domiz Camp

In order to ensure sufficient latrines are in place for the singles accommodated inside or near the Mosque, 8 W.Cs were maintained in the Mosque, 6 water tanks were installed, soap and water jacks were made available.

2.6 Services for persons with specific needs

UNHCR's community services team had visited the camp during the reporting period in order to assess the situation of persons with specific needs, and to make referrals to the health directorate as needed. The team came to know about the increasing fatigue of the new arrivals, mostly the singles who adding to their fatigue endured during the long journey from Syria to Kurdistan; they have to wait for assistance to be provided in the camp. The singles suggested to support DDM, UNHCR and Qandil in their efforts to put in place essential services in the camp and mentioned this should be their coping mechanism with stress and lack of activity.

2.7 Access to Education

The 6 caravans aimed at serving as school classes were completed during the reporting period; the local authorities in Domiz will support with equipment to level and lay the gravel before the final installation of the caravans. The latest will be installed near the existing primary school in Domiz camp and will provide additional space for school age children and ensures an adequate education environment.

3. Security

The Asaayish security continues to ensure the security in the camp and in the surrounding areas round the clock.

4. Coordination and Partnership

The Governorate of Dohuk is strongly engaged in the set-up of the camp and in the overall management. UNHCR continues its coordination efforts with NGOs, the UN agencies, namely IOM for the distribution of complementary non-food items, and UNICEF for education. Through the registration, UNHCR ensured age breakdown and education level is captured in order to allow the initial assessment of UNICEF to support in education initiatives.



Joint UNHCR-IOM NFI distribution

The UNHCR Head of Office conducted its second briefing meeting with the UNCT on the 10th of April and continues to engage all stakeholders in the joint efforts to respond to the needs of the new arrivals

UNHCR –Iraq

For More Information

irqpi@unhcr.org