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1. Recent Developments:

New Refugee Camp in Zarqa:

- Work is underway to establish Jordan's second tented Syrian refugee camp. **The government** started infrastructure works on a planned Syrian refugee camp in the region " Mreijeb Al Fhoud" some 22 Km east of the city of Zarqa. the camp is to host 5,000 Syrians in its initial phase and is expected to receive first batch of Syrian refugees by early December. The cost of the second camp will be at least \$ 20 million that covers the costs of tents, roads, drinking water and sanitation. Bazalt layers and pebbles cover the area, which allows less dust storms to happen.
- **UNICEF** has proposed an overall Education Strategy for contingency planning. Educational spaces as well as learning materials and equipment are to prepared to respond to the expected changes of number of Syrians in Jordan. As of the opening of the temporary learning spaces at the Zaatari Camp in October, the number of Syrian students increased from 1700 to 2400. Currently, there are 1359 girls and 1043 boys attending the classes in the camp, supervised by 120 Jordanian teachers and 30 Syrian teachers who are assisting their Jordanian counterparts. UNICEF has identified additional temporary learning spaces which will bring the total school capacity to 3000 students children. The contingency plan will be based on three scenarios:
 1. Continued refugee influx -250,000 refugees in need of assistance in Jordan by the end of April 2013.
 2. Escalating refugee mass influx -500,000 refugees in need of assistance in Jordan by the end of April 2013.
 3. Conditions in Syria improve-180,000 to 230,000 returnees by the end of April 2013
- Protests over living conditions in the Zaatari Camp continued as around 50 residents of the camp staged a sit in, closing the main access road into the camp to protest against food rations, which residents claim they receive only three pieces of bread a day and for changing food rations from pre-packaged meals to dried pre-cooked



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items. Meanwhile, as part of their efforts to prevent demonstrations from escalating to violence, camp community leaders are holding workshops on peaceful protests and are actively preventing unknown single men from taking part in gatherings. *JHCO*

- A growing number of Syrian refugees are seeking to return to their homeland as Interior Ministry officials reporting that they have received 10,000 requests for repatriation since the beginning of the year, 5000 of them in the last two months. According to security sources, Jordan has facilitated the voluntary repatriation of 7,797 Syrians since the beginning of the crisis, the majority of whom had been residing at the Zaatari Camp. % 75 of the refugees inside the camp are women and children. *UNHCR*
- In preparations for the winter season, the Jordanian authorities are working hard to improve Zaatari Camp situation, which hosts nowadays over 39,000 refugees including those have been bailed out, repatriated and escaped. The Ministry of Public Works and Housing has allocated JD 500, 000 to pave several roads in the camp as well as to open a one-kilometer road linking the camp with the town of Zaatari. All necessary measures are to be taken to provide the camp with adequate infrastructure in terms of water drainage system as a precaution in case of any floods that might happen in winter. *JHCO*
- Syrian refugees are classified in 3 categories in terms of receiving medical assistance at public facilities: those who are registered with UNHCR and holders of protection documents are entitled to full medical coverage, meanwhile those who obtained registration appointments are covered with medical treatment at public facilities by UNHCR partners according to the ongoing projects, whereas those who are not registered with UNHCR are treated as foreigners who are 60% covered by public medical facilities . *UNHCR*

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2. Caritas Response:

- The following table shows the numbers of Syrian refugees registered in Caritas database, which reached **52,087** individuals, with a total of **10,285** families until October 31, 2012:

Centers	Mafraq	Zarqa	Irbid	Amman	Madaba	Total
Registered cases	4317	1910	3213	541	304	10, 285
Average per/day	25 cases	15 cases	17 cases	45 cases	5 cases	107 cases per/ day
Families	4317	1910	3213	541	304	10,285
Individuals	25772	8570	15087	1418	1240	52, 087
Average Family size	5.97	4.49	4.7	2.61	4.08	



Saffa`a and Rabi`a: Syrian female refugees receive blankets and hygiene kit by Caritas Jordan staff & volunteers at Caritas Center/ Zarqa area.

Benefiaries come to Caritas Center for registration first then assistance distribuiotn according to the case study and field visit done by Caritas emergency staff upon the need.

Caritas Center has also wo main clinics; dentistry and Gp to which syrian refugees are transferred if their cases require.

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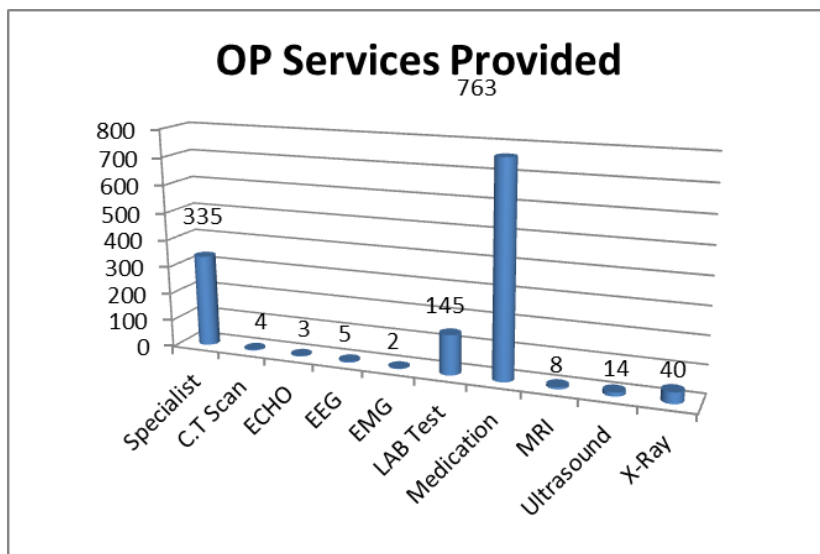


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- **Medical assistance** is provided to Syrian families, which entails screening of cases, carried out by hired Caritas staff. This aims at detecting different diseases and determining medical interventions that are implemented through the project. Currently, Caritas Jordan is implementing an Emergency medical project (until end of the year) for screening the Syrian cases at our PHC centres clinics. It is observed that during two months , **4175** cases received primary check-up screening. With reference to the offered primary health services, **1364** received secondary health services, comprising two categories: **Out-patient: 1319, In-patient: 45**

The chart shows that the majority of beneficiaries received medication and specialists’ health care through Caritas, which suggests that there is a high demand on these services.



- **Winterization commodities** like Hygiene packs, heaters and winter blankets are likely to reach vulnerable Syrians who are not able to purchase such expensive items and live in remote and cold areas of Jordan. Besides, Syrians are viewed as guests and have no legal access to labour market, thus their situation becomes precarious when they seek to work illegally. Another factor that prevents provision of winterization items is the depletion of their savings as they spend most of their expenditures on rents and purchasing food. Caritas is currently providing these fundamental items through implementing two emergency projects in cooperation with Caritas Germany and Caritas Denmark.

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➤ **Informal Education**

Caritas Jordan is implementing Educational Projects for Syrian students, aged 6-15 with our partners Caritas Poland and AVSI in Zarqa and Mafraq.

The Informal Education entails social activities intergrated with Education Skills and Values under specific themes for each activity.

Starting from August, Caritas has implemented many different Informal Activities with different themes:

Zarqa	Mafraq
<p>Parents, Teachers and Students Gathering</p> <p><i>It aimed to orient the parents about the project goals and the importance of remedial session for the parents in order to extract negative energies and improve their psychological situation.</i></p>	<p>Peace and Solidarity</p> <p><i>One week activities including games, sports, music, drawing and cultural events carried out by Italian and Jordanian volunteers.</i></p>
<p>Emotional Intelligence</p> <p><i>The students express themselves and talk about the things they missed the most and reflect their feelings through drawing then divided into four groups to practise different artistic works.</i></p>	<p>Life Skills Games</p> <p><i>Practising collective games from which some values are learned such as friendship, solidarity and respect.</i></p>
<p>Back to School</p> <p><i>A full day of activities and fun. Music, face painting, cartoon characters and competitions. The students picked their own bags and stationary according to the color they like the most.</i></p>	



A group of syrian chidlren refugees at one of the non-formal education classes at Zarqa area.

Caritas Jordan is holding this Non-formal Education Project funded by Caritas Poland at both Zarqa and Mafraq areas with the participation of 200 syrian kid each area.

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3. Additional Comments/ Remarks:

- A humanitarian delegation of Malaysian volunteers distributed 300 tonnes of humanitarian aid to camp residents including medicines, food , heaters, blankets, stationery, schoolbags, mattresses, hygienic materials and warm clothes to Syrians at the Zaatari Camp. The delegation comprises 140 volunteers of different backgrounds including doctors, journalists and students.
- A fifth Saudi Convoy that contains 41 trucks laden with tents, hygienic items and food arrived in Jordan to assist the Syrian refugees. The shipment was received and unloaded in the JHCO warehouses. Saudi Arabia is enlarging its 8 clinics that are operating inside the camp to receive more patients as well as determining the site in which the donated 2500 caravans and 2000 tents will be placed, together with recreational facilities, safe places for children and other basic services.
- The government of Cyprus provided in-kind assistance for Syrian refugees in the Zaatari Camp. The aid included around 210 tonnes of mineral water, food and clothes. More assistance will be delivered by the Cyprus government before winter.
- UNICEF received \$ 10 million from the EU allocated for the education of the Syrians inside and outside the Zaatari Camp. UNICEF is currently conducting a census to know the exact number of the students inside and outside the camp as well as the conditions of the schools that are hosting Syrian refugees. Meanwhile, “Save the Children” have been working on the registration of children, providing teachers’ support and training as well as community mobilization and crowd management in the camp.

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- The UN Population Fund (UNFPA) distributed hygiene kits to Syrian refugees at the Zaatari Camp. The assistance also included clothing for women and girls. UNFPA earlier distributed large quantities of medical kits to UNFPA clinics in the Cyber City, Bashabseh Complex and the King Abdullah Park in Ramtha.

4. Restored Hope

“Is it ok if I choose another color...?”

Ftima, a female Syrian refugee, a widow who recently fled to Jordan, approached **Caritas Jordan Center in Mafraq area** to receive a non-food item package consisting of blankets, quilts, hygiene kit...

She goes first to the caseworker table where she registers her name and then heads towards the volunteers’ side to take her package.

Among the assistance, there are big boxes with different colors of quilts from which the volunteers take one or two, depending on the family size, and hand it over to the refugee.

Ftima comes near one of the volunteers after taking her package and with shy low voice asks **“is it ok if I choose another quilt, I don’t like the color I have?”**

The volunteer along with Caritas staff there directly gave space to Ftima to go to the box and choose the color she prefers. With

indescribable face expression, she ran happily to the box and took few minutes to pick the color she likes **“this is my favorite color, is it ok to have this one instead?”** Ftima asks holding a blue one. “Of course!” answers back the volunteer **“this is actually yours and you have the right to get the one that you like most”**.



Fatima receiving the quilt she picked from a Caritas Jordan volunteer at Caritas Center/ Mafraq area



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“Caritas Jordan makes sure to treat the beneficiaries and the refugees, in particular, with dignity. Ftima like all the other refugees have the right to choose since she is not a mere beneficiary who is only receiving a regular package and then

leaves. Caritas along with its volunteers and employees believe that assistance distribution is part of the act of love done for and with those refugees who construct Caritas Mosaic Tableau.” Says one of Caritas Jordan emergency staff

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