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1. Recent Developments:

- According to the latest UNHCR Regional Response Plan, 300,000 Syrians are expected to register with UNHCR as of January- June 2013, with an average number of 700 new comers per day, 180,000 Syrians in camp setting and 120,000 in host communities. UNICEF has estimated the number of school aged children in camp settings 54,000 students and 36,000 in host communities for the same period.
- Meanwhile, UN Secretary General, who has visited the refugees camps in Jordan and Turkey, has predicted that the number of fleeing Syrians outside their country will reach 700,000 by January 2013. According to UN figures, there are 460,000 Syrian refugees in the neighbouring countries and north Africa, in addition to 20,000 Syrians in Europe. Unofficial reports state that 40,000 Syrians have been killed since March 2011.
- UNICEF has signed an agreement with the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) to provide the Zaatari Camp with hot water as of this month, with a nominal cost of \$ 5000. Meanwhile, the spokesman of the Syrian refugees' affairs in Jordan has stated that 1300 caravans have been erected in the camp. Bakeries will be allowed to open their doors to the refugees in the camp to purchase bread through vouchers distribution. The expected number of the caravans that will be installed in the camp before the end of the year will be 3,000, in addition to 1,000 big tents that can bear the tough winter season, donated by Saudi Arabia.
- Over 3,400 students (56% girls) are now registered in the Zaatari Camp. The students were transferred from the temporary learning spaces to the new Bahrain funded school complex in the Zaatari Camp. The school, which was opened recently, comprises four clusters of classrooms, administrative space, a kitchen and schoolyard and accommodate some 4,200 children in double shift.



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- The Ministry of Health has carried out a polio and measles vaccination campaign in Mafraq and Irbid. The campaign has targeted 1611 Syrian children whose ages are less than 5 years in addition to 251 Jordanian children. Meanwhile, 25 Syrians suffering from TB have been treated in “ Al Noor “ hospital for chest diseases in Mafraq. 2 other patients are still receiving medical treatment in the hospital. The Ministry has sent a medical team to the camp to detect the reasons behind the increasing number of children who are suffering from diarrhea, which might be attributed to water purity.
- More riots have taken place in the camp following the death of a 7 year old boy. The Gendarmerie forces have dispersed Syrian crowds after they started pelting the security with stones in protest against the death incident. According to the father of the deceased, the boy was admitted to King Abdullah Hospital in Irbid where he underwent an open heart surgery. The boy died in the ambulance on his way back to the camp, which triggered the riots.
- The Jordanian authorities are planning to distribute identification service cards to Syrian refugees across the country in a bid to boost humanitarian outreach to the rapidly growing community, and to better assess and meet their needs and classify refugees from Syrian nationals who had resided in Jordan prior to the crisis and prevent non-vulnerable Syrian expatriates from taking advantage of growing humanitarian operations in Jordan. Furthermore, the cards aim to improve relief coordination efforts in order to better distribute aid among Syrian community. Authorities are to begin accepting requests for service cards on December 10, with cards to be distributed by late January.
- In response to some of the refugees’ demands , the Ministry of Interior has decided to issue the Syrian refugees in the camp birth and death certificates. Accordingly, 95 birth certificates were issued, whereas a very small number of deaths were recorded due to the availability of proper medical care and services; 6 marriages were registered and marriage certificates were issued.



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2. Caritas Response:

- The following table shows the numbers of Syrian refugees registered in Caritas database, which reached **60,039** individuals, with a total of **12062** families until November 30, 2012:

Centers	Mafraq	Zarqa	Irbid	Amman	Madaba	Total
Registered cases	5143	2295	3604	649	371	12,062
Average per/day	30 cases	15 cases	30 cases	20 cases	5 cases	100 cases per/ day
Families	5143	2295	3604	649	371	12,062
Individuals	27303	11934	17655	1626	1521	60,039
Average Family size	5.31	5.20	4.90	2.51	4.10	

Winterization:

As part of a humanitarian response to emergencies that are stemming from man-made crises, Caritas Jordan has been taking significant steps in dealing with an increasing number of Syrian refugees' needs, who are crossing the borders on a daily basis under difficult weather conditions, lacking winter supplies and immediate seasonal requirements, along with underprivileged Jordanians who are barely securing their basic needs and make their ends meet.

Caritas Jordan is implementing three winterization campaigns, in cooperation with Caritas Germany, Caritas Denmark and Association of Volunteers in International Service (AVSI) – ECHO funding project- during December 2012 through March 2013. The three projects are expected to cover **5190** families, comprising **23,610** families residing in Amman and the remote areas, where Caritas services are extended.



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Heaters, blankets, stoves, food and non-food items vouchers are distributed through Caritas winterization projects in Amman, Irbid, Zarqa, Madaba, Mafraq.

The following table illustrates the distribution of winterization items in cooperation with the above partners:

Projects	Emergency Winterization Intervention			
Partners	Caritas Germany	Caritas Denmark	AVSI	Total
Families	1340	3000	850	5190 Families
Individuals	5360	14000	4250	23,610 Individuals
70% Syrians	940	2400	595	3935 Syrian families
30% Jordanians	400	600	255	1255 Jordanian families
Winterization package/ Per each family	1 heater 1 stove 4 blankets 1 food voucher 1 non-food voucher	1 heater 4 blankets 1 non-food voucher	1 heater 2 jerry cans 5 blankets 1 kerosene voucher (for 3 months)	
Heaters	1340	3000	850	5190 heaters
Blankets	5360	12000	4250	21610 blankets
Stoves	1340			1340 stoves
Food vouchers	1340	3000		4340 vouchers

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Non-food vouchers	1340	3000		4340 vouchers
Jerry cans			1700	1700 jerry cans
kerosene voucher			144,500 ltr (170 ltr/family/ 3 month)	144,500 ltr kerosene

Detailed (Tailored) Assistance :

One of the Emergency Approaches that Caritas is implementing combine many types of assistance delivered to Urban Syrian refugees in Jordan. In cooperation with Caritas Switzerland, Caritas Luxembourg and Caritas Czech, the consolidated “Detailed Assistance” project is implemented based on different assistance mechanisms including conducting home visits, needs assessments and data analysis.

These types of assistance are concerned with urban refugees and offer :

1. **Food:** Dry food items such as (rice, sugar, bulgur, tea, pasta, lentil, oil and others. Fresh food Items such as (meat, fish, chicken, frozen vegetables, eggs, dairy products, fruits and vegetables).
2. **Non-food items:** such as clothes and shoes.
3. **Bedding materials:** such as mattresses, sheets,quilts,covers, pillows, plastic ground mats.
4. **Home adaptation:** maintenance of shelter, paying rents and fumigation.



A syrian volunteer at Caritas Center in Zarqa handing food & non-food vouchers for a female syrian refugee



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located in many places. The process and specifications are abided by International and Sphere Standards. The project included three phases of implementation:

Phases	Items								
Phase I	Food & Non-food Items								
T.G	650 vouchers (1 voucher per family)								
Phase II	Fresh food	Clothes	Shoes	House rent	Home maintenance	Fumigation			
T.G	100	500	500	50	100	500			
Phase III	Fresh food	Dry food	Clothes	Shoes	Home maintenance	Fumigation	House rent	Bedding materials	Infants kits
T.G	100	1250	500	500	100	500	100	500	200

Emergency Appeal (EA):

Caritas Jordan has launched an emergency appeal submitted to Caritas Internationalis in a bid to collect funds and respond to the tremendous needs of Syrian refugees who are pouring to Jordan in big numbers. The intended 1 year project appeal seeks to fill the gaps in the services provided to the Syrians, who are spreading in Amman and the remote governorates where Caritas is presented, particularly in Food and Non-food aid, Medical assistance and Protection. The expected budget of the project will reach \$ 1,700 targeting 25,500 individuals, including poor Jordanians assisted according to vulnerability criteria .

Total affected and targeted population will include 5000 families, 5500 individuals: 4000 Syrians and 1500 Jordanians.

Total provided services will include 5000 families who will be served with Food and Non-food items. 8600 individuals will receive Medical assistance (PHC,SHC,MHA) and 500 Syrian individuals will receive Protection assistance (therapy counselling, awareness sessions, psycho-social activities). The project seeks to reach Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians who are living in Amman and the remote areas of Jordan and provide them with the most needed assistance.

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Duration of the project will be from 1st January 2013 to 28 February 2014 (including 2 months period of evaluation, submission of final report and financial audit).

Caritas Jordan plans to design the appeal to be an annual funding project, through taking into consideration the current and future circumstances and concerns of the refugees by handling the government procedures for medical, education, job opportunities and legal status.



A female Syrian refugee holding the vouchers she received from Caritas Jordan

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3. Additional Comments/ Remarks:

- World Food Program (WFP) is distributing hot meals to the Syrians in the crossing points near the Syrian- Jordanian borders as well as providing daily meals to the patients in the French and Moroccan hospitals in the Zaatari Camp, apart from dry food like bulgur, lentil, pasta and oil that are regularly distributed to the refugees in the camp following the installation of the communal kitchens that allow them to prepare their own meals.
- The Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) distributed 700 heaters to Syrians in the Zaatari Refugee Camp. The assistance was distributed in cooperation with the UAE Red Crescent and the Norwegian Refugee Council. Another 60,000 heaters will be distributed soon.
- “Al Kitab Wa Sunna Society” has distributed 1000 heaters in addition to 2000 mattresses and 4000 blankets in the camp. The society, in cooperation with JHCO, will arrange a convoy to distribute 50,000 blankets to the Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- The Saudi campaign to support Syrian refugees distributed 7670 blankets to camp residents in addition to 700 food packages inside the camp, King Abdullah Gardens in Ramtha and in Sahab area. This distribution is the sixth convoy of assistance that reached Jordan 10 days ago.
- Jordan Red Crescent and Qatari Red Crescent have signed an agreement to implement the third phase of treating the injured Syrians in Jordan. Accordingly, Qatari Red Crescent will fund the treatment of the injured Syrians and emergency cases in the well- equipped Jordanian hospitals in Amman and Irbid for \$ 1 million.

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- “Save the Children” has identified the location for KGs in the Zaatari Camp and these will be inaugurated soon. The KGs can accommodate 640 children in double shift.
- “Mercy Corps”, in collaboration with UNICEF, will establish one playground and two sports facilities in Zaatari and if the space allocations allow it, one in both King Abdullah Park and Cyber City.

4. Restored Hope

An activity day was held at Mafraq on Tuesday 4th Dec 2012 for 100 Syrian students for the ages 6-14 years old, the activity was in cooperation with Mariam Center for arts and crafts and Caritas volunteers.



The teacher from Mariam Center guiding Syrian refugees' children on how to make a mosaic decoration for a mirror

The activity was for three hours, students were divided into age groups 20-25 students in each one, and the total number of the trainers from Mariam center was 5 trainers plus one supervisor.

This day included a Mirror Mosaic activity; small mirrors were distributed for the students with some colored small stones, glue and a model drawn on a paper so they can imitate it. The trainers for this activity explained for the student's

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the way of making a mosaic mirror and they all followed their directions, in addition to Step By Step drawing, using colored pencils and oil pastel...

Students were very happy and excited for these activities, they spent this day with learning and

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playing, and they also had a lunch meal.



Two children working together to decorate their mirrors upon the steps they learned from the teacher

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