Overview

Over 1.5 million Syrian refugees are currently hosted in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Turkey and Egypt - 75% of them are living outside camps. This situation is affecting the hosting countries’ capacity to provide quality health care for both hosting populations and refugees. The risk of outbreaks of communicable diseases is high, especially in situations where people are crowded together in temporary shelters without adequate water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities.

In Lebanon, Syrian refugees constitute about 20% of the total population. In Jordan, refugees will account for 15% of the population by December 2013. This increase is also felt in the health services. From January 2012 to March 2013, hospital visits by Syrian refugees have grown from 300 to 10 000 per month.

For 2013 the priorities are to:
- Strengthen primary health care services,
- Strengthen the integrated management of childhood illness,
- Improve diagnosis and treatment of non-communicable diseases,
- Strengthen the prevention and control of communicable diseases,
- Implement a minimum initial service package for reproductive health and water quality monitoring to prevent outbreaks of water-borne diseases.

**WHO activities and achievements**
- Disease surveillance system (EWARN) upgraded across the country with particular focus on areas with large refugee populations
- Chronic and ambulatory care medication provided
- Health professionals trained in the management of the main health conditions and potential hazards in the context of refugee populations
- Health status monitoring through data on morbidity, mortality and utilization of health services
- Support provided for vaccination campaigns

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### Lebanon

**Health targets**
- 548 000 persons assisted to access primary health care, over 62 000 for secondary care and 9 300 for trauma operations
- 80 000 children immunized
- Medicines and training on the management of tuberculosis provided
- 80 000 pregnant women have access to primary health care centres
- Medicines provided for 250 000 children
- 1 000 staff trained on disease surveillance and 500 sentinel sites equipped
- Over 7 000 health care providers trained on reproductive health, neonatal emergency care, mental health, etc.

**WHO Lebanon funding needs**

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*GoL additional health needs: US$ 273.6 million

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### Jordan

**Health targets**
- All refugees receive at least one medical consultation in 2013
- All Syrian women have access to assistance with child birth
- All victims of sexual violence have access to medical assistance
- 95% of the children in camps receive measles vaccination
- 80% of children with acute malnutrition enrolled in feeding programmes
- 300 000 refugees receiving tuberculosis screening and treatment
- 650 refugees benefit from life-saving essential tertiary health care
- 86 400 refugees and vulnerable Jordanians receive mental health services
- 160 providers/volunteers trained in mental health and psychosocial services
- 300 health workers trained on reproductive health management
- 30 000 mothers reached with infant and young child feeding services

**WHO Jordan funding needs**

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*GoJ additional health needs: US$ 67.3 million

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### WHO activities and achievements
- Support mental health services through three community centres and one in-patient unit
- Purchase essential medicines and drugs for non-communicable diseases
- Strengthen communicable disease surveillance through EWARS
- Conduct nationwide measles and rubella vaccination for Syrians and Jordanians in collaboration with MoH, UNICEF and UNHCR
- Train 300 MoH and NGO health workers on health emergency response
- Strengthen MoH coordination and response at central and provincial level
Iraq

Health targets
• Access for 262,800 refugees to essential health services
• 44,000 children under five vaccinated
• All malnourished children have access to nutrition programmes
• All women in camps have access to reproductive health services. At least 12,000 antenatal visits supported
• 75,000 patients with chronic diseases have access to care
• 17 training activities for health practitioners conducted

WHO activities and achievements
• Immunization provided for children under five (measles vaccination extended up to 15 years of age)
• Prevention of epidemics through the establishment of a disease early warning system, strengthened laboratory services, hygiene promotion and water and sanitation, and training for physicians and nurses in case management
• Essential medicines and medical supplies provided for camp health clinics and government health centres and hospitals

WHO Iraq funding needs

Requested (WHO) US$ 3,473,480
Received US$ 399,721
Funding gap US$ 3,073,759

Turkey

Health targets
• 12 mobile clinics procured to complement primary health centres
• Medical equipment and essential medicines provided
• Disease prevention, health information management and health promotion enhanced
• Sexual and reproductive health services made available

WHO Turkey funding needs

Requested (WHO) US$ 2,400,000
Received US$ 586,591
Funding gap US$ 1,813,409

Egypt

Health targets
• All refugees, especially women and children, have access to primary care
• 10,000 refugees benefit from preventative health care, community health education and routine vaccination services

WHO activities and achievements
• Upgrade of the disease Early Warning and Response System (EWARS)
• Provision of equipment and training for health staff to implement the EWARS
• Outreach activities conducted to immunize Syrian children
• Support to laboratories in selected health centers
• Training of health staff in emergency preparedness and response

WHO Egypt funding needs

Requested (WHO) US$ 500,000
Received US$ 133,240
Funding gap US$ 366,760

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