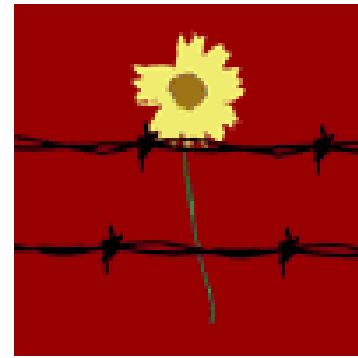




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Syrian Refugees in Jordan Field Update

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Background

- Civil war in Syria with 70K dead since 2010
- Collapse of economy, shortage of food, fuel, shelter and water as well as medical services
- UN estimates 4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance
- Situation “nothing short of catastrophic” (ICRC)



Medical Situation in Syria

- Contaminated water supplies causing hepatitis A and Typhoid
- Leishmaniasis
- Shortage of medicines, equipment and medical personnel
- Trauma units overwhelmed with burn victims and wounded
- Damage to 55% hospitals, 10% health centers, 78% ambulances (WHO, DEC 2013)
- Threat of chemical warfare



Overview of Humanitarian Response

- UNHCR and partners providing non food items
- WFP scaling up food assistance to 2.5 million
- WHO and UNICEF addressing waterborne illnesses
- UNFPA targeting women for essential assistance



Syrians Flee Across Border

- 858K Syrians now in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq , Egypt, and Turkey
- Estimate 1.1 million by June 2013
- Refugees stressing neighboring countries' weak economies and fragile health care systems

Syrian Refugees in Jordan

- GOJ estimates 282K Syrians in Jordan
- Large numbers continue to cross daily – about 1558/day
- Age breakdown: 29% 18-35 yo, 21% 5-11yo, 19% 0-4 yo
- Females represent 49.6%



Flight to Safety

- Refugees get picked up at border points
- Jordanian military busses them to registration in Al Ramtha
- Half go to Za'atri refugee camp (54%)
- Others go with relatives and tribal kinsman in community (46% in Mafraq, Irbid, & Amman)
- Sick and wounded transferred to hospitals

Za'atri Refugee Camp

- 90K men, women and children in tents
- Overcrowded, poorly organized, and minimal services
- Located in desert: winter, wind, rain and sand
- Health services provided mostly by Jordanian Health Aid Society
- French, Moroccans, and Saudi's also on site
- Second camp being



Major Health Issues in Camp

- Respiratory illnesses including influenza
- Dysentery
- Chronic illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease
- Maternal and child care
- Depression, schizophrenia and anxiety

Community Based Services

- Mobile units, primary health care sites and secondary care hospital
- Refugees access Government facilities or special clinics run by JHAS
- Refugees overwhelming community services shared by Jordanians



Immediate Future

- More violence, chaos and infrastructure collapse inside Syria
- More refugees fleeing to neighboring countries
- Situation “nothing short of catastrophic” (ICRC)

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