

UNHCR Delivers Assistance for 14,500 Individuals in Qamishly



Across Borders: UNHCR Syria staff talking with colleagues from Turkey through the barriers on the border crossing
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The recent takeover by Non State Armed Groups of the Naseeb border crossing between Syria and Jordan leading to its closure, continues to have a significant negative effect on UNHCR humanitarian operations in Southern Syria. To mitigate this UNHCR has planned to scale up its cross border movements through the Lebanese and Turkish borders as well as assistance coming through the ports in Tartous and Lattakia. As such on the 16 April 2015 UNHCR carried out a cross border movement through the Nusaybeen crossing between Turkey and Syria in the Hassakeh governorate. This operation was closely coordinated between UNHCR Turkey and UNHCR Syria and resulted in fifteen trucks crossing over carrying Core Relief Items (CRIs) for 14,250 people and were immediately moved to the UNHCR warehouse in Qamishly and unloaded as contingency stock. This was the first of a number of planned cross border movements, which when complete, will have delivered assistance for 25,000 individuals.

HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR successfully conducts Cross Border Mission in Hassakeh
- Cutting Edge Technology Helps Refugees
- Capacity Building in Qamishly
- Yazidi Refugees Celebrate in Newroz camp

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UNHCR Syria Uses Cutting Edge Technology to Assist Refugees

UNHCR Syria has upgraded its registration services by introducing biometrics and issuing secured laminated ID cards. The new biometric system verifies the identity of the persons of concern to UNHCR with an Iris scan, a feature that is completely unique to the individual and stays unchanged for lifetime. Then it records the collected data on special secured application providing a high level of protection and credibility for the registration system, which prevents any attempts of fraud, deception or cheat.

The new system will eliminate problems caused by lost Identity Cards and prevents unauthorized use of lost, stolen or abuse of someone else's ID cards. More than 30,000 refugees and asylum seekers are currently registered with UNHCR inside Syria and will benefit from this protection and security which will assist them to live with dignity and safety and to access all their rights as asylum seekers and refugees in Syria.



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UNHCR Delivers Capacity Building Training to Staff in Qamishly

On 14 April, in order to improve the standard of reporting and public information material coming from the field, UNHCR carried out intensive training in the areas of Reporting, Information Management, Photography and Public Information/ Communications targeting UNHCR field staff in Qamishly in the Hassakeh governorate as part of a series of training courses planned for all field locations and UNHCR partners throughout Syria in 2015.



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UNHCR Visits Newroz Camp to Attend Yazidi Celebration

On April 15, UNHCR, on invitation from the camp management and refugee leaders, visited the Newroz Refugee camp which hosts over 3,000 mainly Yazidi refugees in Hassakeh in order to celebrate the Yazidi festival of ‘Red Wednesday’ a celebration similar to Easter. UNHCR, in a show of respect to the Yazidi tradition, distributed sweets to the children in camp and attended the official celebration, which included both refugee and host community participants in cultural dress performing traditional dance and songs.

UNHCR has been providing protection and assistance such as standard CRI kits, heaters, rechargeable fans, tents and wheelchairs to the population since August 2014. In addition, UNHCR has also provided medicine to residents through local organizations working in the area.



UNHCR Staff Preparing Sweet Packages for the Celebration
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The smile says it all
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Both Refugees and Host Community coming together to Celebrate
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Yazidi Children in Traditional Dress
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UNHCR Assistance in the first Three Months of 2015

So far in 2015, UNHCR Syria has managed to reach **922,830** individuals with **4,255,755** CRIs in 12 out of 14 governorates, reached **83,751** individuals with Protection and Community Services interventions, provided cash assistance to **22,731** beneficiaries and ensured **203,450** individuals had access to healthcare.

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