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NORTH EAST SYRIA RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT

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Highlights

- UNICEF partners reported that water shortages caused by the damage done to the Alok water pumping station in Alok village, Ras Al Ain subdistrict, which was allegedly hit during the ongoing hostilities, continues to affect some 400,000 people. Local sources are reporting that the price of bottled water has more than doubled due to the increased demand, reaching 200 to 250 SYP (0.39 - 0.49 USD) per 1.5 liters.
- DoH supported by UNICEF and WHO successfully launched Sub National Immunisation Days (SNIDs) in Ain Al Arab and Manbij. Through these campaigns over 8,400 children were reached.

Humanitarian Situation

- Turkish and Russian troops conducted their first joint ground patrols in north-east Syria on 1 November in accordance with the 22 October Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two countries.
- On 2 November, local sources reported that 13 people were killed, with many others sustaining injuries, in a car bomb explosion in Tal Abiad. No one claimed responsibility for the explosion that took place at the market.
- As of 31 October, according to UN OCHA the movement of total 215,119 people had been recorded. Of these some 108,514 people remain displaced while 106,605 people have returned to their areas of origin
- Out of those still displaced, 91,721 are residing in host communities in Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Deir-ez-Zor governorates, while other 16,793 (3697 families) are being accommodated in 79 active collective shelters in Al-Hasakeh (78) and Ar-Raqqa (1) governorates. Twenty-six collective shelters previously hosting displaced populations mostly in Ras al-Ain are now empty.
- In Iraq, as of 4 November 2019, 14,040 Syrian refugees (including approximately 7,000 children) from North East Syria, have entered Dohuk, in north-western Iraq. The majority of refugees entering the country continue to be women, children, adolescents and young males. Among these refugees, 811 people have been given approval by security in northern Iraq to join their family members in other areas of KR-I. UNHCR continues to advocate with authorities for an out of camp alternative for new refugees as there are limited number of readily available camps in northern Iraq.
- As Bardarash camp in Dohuk is now full, newly arriving refugees are being hosted in Gawilan camp, and to date 1742 new refugees have arrived in the camp, where services and infrastructure are being expanded. Authorities in Dohuk are considering hosting additional Syrian refugees in Qaymawa camp, which has the

capacity to host around 1,000 families but would require some rehabilitation for service provision to be established for the population.

- In Erbil, EJCC and partners (including UNICEF and UNHCR) have established a new reception center in Darashakran camp. A site for the establishment of a new refugee camp in Erbil governorate has not been identified yet, however, in Sulaymaniah, a multi-sectoral assessment mission with the government took place to Surdash camp to determine its suitability to host new refugees. Surdash camp was closed earlier this year but has facilities which can accommodate around 500 new families.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

WASH

- UNICEF and partners have been supporting displaced people in Hasakeh, Raqqa and Tel Tamar through distribution of 12,353 hygiene kits, benefiting 64,190 IDPs in collective shelters and surrounding host communities. UNICEF and partners have also installed 52 latrines and 80 showers in 17 IDP shelters benefiting 3,625 IDPs and provided 62 waste containers in 17 IDP shelters benefiting 3,704 IDPs
- Given the acute needs for safe drinking water, UNICEF and partners have been providing water tanks as part of the responses. To date 15 tanks of 1m³ capacity and 87 tanks of 2m³ capacity have been installed in 33 IDP shelters benefiting approximately 7,500 IDPs
- In Tel Tamer, UNICEF and partners have provided the total of 926 m³ of water benefiting 15,285 people in 3 collective shelters and in 11 villages / host communities
- In Hassakeh city, 754 m³ of water have been trucked benefiting over 180,140 people and continuing at a rate of 50m³/day
- UNICEF provided 16,000 litres of fuel, 3 electrical circuit breakers with the capacity of 20 KVA and 8 batteries with the capacity of 200 AMP to the Directorate of Water Resources (DoWR) to operate the generator in Alok station to provide water for 400,000 people in Hasakeh governorate. However, SARC and DoWR technical teams still awaiting confirmation of deconfliction arrangements through UNOCHA to allow them safe passage to operate the pumping station
- Iraq - UNICEF is working to cover the rehabilitation of WASH facilities in two sectors of Bardarash camp. UNICEF and WASH partners are working to ensure the remaining 15% of the population (who currently share latrine and shower with neighbors) are reached with their own sanitation facilities. Water quality monitoring continues to be conducted on a regular basis through PAH and REACH.
- In Gawilan camp, safe drinking water is supplied on a daily basis through the existing camp water supply system. UNICEF, in partnership BRHA is in the process of installing 150 emergency latrines and showers, while GOAL and NRC are installing an additional 50 communal latrines and showers to cover the new refugee population. Over the past week, UNICEF distributed 280 family hygiene kits to the new population in Gawilan camp.

Health and Nutrition

- As UNICEF and partners continue to support displaced women and children in collective shelters in Hasakeh Governorate, cumulative reach of different services are given as below, to 2 November:
 - A total of 3,724 children under 15 and 1,316 women were reached for outpatient consultations
 - 2,462 children under 5 were screened for malnutrition with 3 Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 10 Moderate Acute malnutrition (MAM) cases identified and treatment initiated
 - 828 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) were screened for malnutrition and 11 MAM cases were detected among them and given treatment
 - 2750 children benefitted from plumpy doz (fortified spreads), and 2,851 children received High Energy Biscuits (HEB) along with 33 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW)
 - 560 PLW received Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) individual counselling and 191 received group counselling
- UNICEF and partners continue providing services to both displaced and host communities, working through mobile teams in Ar-Raqqa city and rural areas as well as in Deir ez Zor city, Al-Bokamal and Mayaden:
 - A total of 2178 children under 15 and 1211 women were reached for outpatient consultations

- 1946 children under 5 were screened for malnutrition, 1 SAM and 22 MAM cases were detected and treated accordingly
- 2201 PLW were screened for malnutrition and 3 MAM cases were detected among PLW and treated
- 2184 PLW received IYCF individual counseling and 100 received group counselling. 432 children benefitted from plumpy doz (fortified spreads), and 730 children received HEB
- DoH supported by UNICEF and WHO launched SNIDs in Ain Al Arab on 27 October. DoH could access rural Ain Al Arab only as the city was unsafe. To date, the overall coverage in Ain Al Arab is 10% of the targeted 14,504 U5 children. The reach during the campaign period, ending on 31st of October 2019, is:
Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV): 1,464 children, Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV): 593 children, Measles and Rubella (MR): 117 children and Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR): 713 children
- Vitamin A supplementation was provided, along with measles vaccination reaching 830 U5 children. In total 1464 door-to-door visits were conducted for community mobilizers to support the vaccination campaign
- In Manbij, DoH through support of UNICEF and WHO, reached 7013 children (original target 6,000) with Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV), 3807 children IPV, 526 children with MR and 3366 children with MMR during the SNIDs during the same period. Vitamin A supplementation was provided along with measles vaccination reaching 3892 U5 children while 7013 families were targeted during the door-to-door awareness raising campaigns
- Iraq - nutrition assessment teams are undertaking rapid nutritional assessments in Bardarash and Gawilan camps, and to date, a total of 1,778 children aged 6-59 months were screened with 4 cases of severe acute malnutrition and 23 cases of moderate acute malnutrition identified and referred for management. This data shows a low malnutrition rate among new refugee arrivals.
- In Erbil, in preparation for new refugees, health and nutrition partners have planned the following services for the new reception centre in Darshakran: the primary health care centre will provide comprehensive primary health care services through the Directorate of Health in Erbil, while two ambulances which are available in Darashakran camp will be used to support the newly arriving refugees. Regarding the establishment of a new camp in Erbil, health and nutrition actors have voiced their interest in supporting services for the new refugees.
- Bardarash camp has 3 ambulances available through the Directorate of Health, however, the health clinic in Bardarash community does not have the capacity to meet the needs of all referred cases from the camp and the community health clinic has a shortage of medicine and medical equipment. Currently, most health-related referrals from Bardarash camp are being sent to Duhok and Akre hospitals for follow up. Similarly, the Gawilan primary health care unit is overstretched and in need of additional staff, ambulances and medication stock. Mental Health psychosocial support (MHPSS) is being provided throughout Bardarash camp through MSF, SEED Foundation and ACF, while MHPSS is being covered through SEED Foundation and SCI in Gawilan camp for new refugees.

Child Protection

- From the onset of the NES response, UNICEF and partners have provided a full child protection package of services (PSS, MRE, CP awareness and case management) to 59 locations in Hasakeh and Raqqa governorates including 37 collective shelters hosting IDPs. These interventions have reached 9,548 HHs including 13,860 children with CP services that are delivered through fixed Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) and mobile teams using/ consuming recreational kits, art kits and risk education kits
- Iraq - Cases of child labour have been reported in the camps which will be addressed through education and awareness sessions for all families on the risks and consequences of sending children to work.
- In Bardarash camp, UNICEF, through DoLSA, has established a new centre for children and youth. DoLSA is currently recruiting a child protection team who will provide child protection services and run activities out of the new centre for both children and adolescents. In Gawilan camp, UNICEF and DoLSA have a child protection centre where child protection services and activities are conducted on a daily basis covering the new refugee caseload.
- UNICEF partner SOSD, continues to provide emergency child protection services at the border, and to date, 180 separated and 51 unaccompanied children have been recorded at the Sahel border with the majority of these cases already reunified with their families. Among the separated children received at the border, no age trend has been noticed, however, unaccompanied children have almost all been boys in the late adolescent age group. Those cases who have not been reunified yet, there has been contact with family members, with reunification planned for these children in coming days.

Education

- UNICEF and partners continue monitoring the situation to gauge the opportunity for provision of educational services in the area in response to the ongoing crisis: a main contentious issue being about the curriculum to be adopted in NES Schools
- Attendance rates increased in Qamishli from 0.6 % in 27 October to 60 %, as more displaced people are returning
- Education in Mahmoudli and Areesha camps continues to be impacted by the crisis, especially due to the closure of Mabrouka camp. In Mahmoudli camp, 627 children aged 10-18 have been enrolled in Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS), while 202 needy students were provided with school bags. UNICEF Partners are planning to expand the current TLS with three additional tents to accommodate ECE services.
- Iraq - UNICEF and NRC met with the Directorate of Education in Dohuk to agree on the construction of a formal school building in Bardarash camp, with the agreement that DoE will provide qualified teachers in the school. The school is expected to be opened in December 2019, however, there may be a challenge in finding qualified teachers and determining the curriculum and language of instruction that will be used as many refugee children have learned in different languages to date (Arabic, Kurdish, Turkish and Latin) and using different curricula.
- In Gawilan camp, new Syrian refugee students are being registered in the existing formal school if they have official certification from Syria to show the last grade that they have passed. If students do not have official certification from their previous schools, the Directorate of Education will begin education assessments soon to determine the appropriate grade for children.
- Other students have approached existing refugee schools in Domiz and Gawilan asking to be enrolled, however, class instruction is in Kurdish language and these schools do not have the capacity to receive additional students due to the limited availability of teachers in these locations.

NFI / Children winter clothing packages

- UNICEF and partners have provided winter clothing kits to 10,315 children U15 displaced in over 70 collective shelters and in host communities in Al Hasakeh and Tal Tamer. An additional 686 children U1 received newborn baby kits. Stock replenishment ongoing with more kits transferred to partners in Qamishli to continue the response effort.
- Iraq - as many families arrived at the border without any personal belongings, many people entering Iraq are in need of clothing and shoes. To meet this need, Lotus Flower has been distributing clothes to women and is now planning to target children for clothing distribution in Bardarash and Gawilan camps. In addition, UNICEF is planning to target children from 0 to 14 years of age with winter clothing kits as the winter season is now approaching northern Iraq.

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