

Making a Difference IOM and Kuwait

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INTRODUCTION

Since the establishment of the IOM office in Kuwait in 1991, and the signing of the cooperation agreement with the Kuwait Government in 1994, IOM and Kuwait's partnership has been growing from year to year. The generous support from the Government of Kuwait to IOM's activities in **Kuwait**, but also in **Vietnam** and more recently in **Syria** (and neighboring countries : Jordan , Lebanon, Turkey) and **Iraq** show the increasing importance of our partnership.

To show our appreciation to the State of Kuwait for its generosity, and to illustrate the impact of our work together, we are pleased to present the State of Kuwait with this photobook: Making a Difference: IOM and Kuwait. This photobook illustrates some of the activities made possible thanks to Kuwait's support.

We hope you enjoy these photos and look forward to continuing our fruitful partnership in the coming years.

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SYRIA CRISIS

With the ongoing armed conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic, it is estimated that over 12.2 million individuals inside Syria now require humanitarian assistance; 7.6 million are internally displaced and over 3 million Syrians have fled the country. Since the advancement of ISIS into Kobani in September 2014, over 190,000 Syrians have crossed the border through Ain Al Arab into Turkey, the majority being women and children, who fled with little to no belongings.

In **Syria**, activities include the procurement and distribution of NFI and shelter kits, the prepositioning of winterization stocks, the provision of disability support items and medical supplies, the procurement of mobile clinics, the evacuation of civilians from besieged areas, the emergency evacuation and repatriation of stranded migrants in Syria, as well as counter-trafficking activities.

In **Turkey**, IOM supported the Government through the assistance in distribution of mattresses, pillows, jerry cans, food baskets, packets of baby diapers and hygiene kits. IOM also provides transportation to Syrians living in camps to access health facilities and local markets, as well as to children for them to attend schools.

In **Lebanon**, rental subsidies were provided to vulnerable Syrian refugees and Lebanese returnees, as well as weather-proofing shelter kits. Collective centres were rehabilitated, including through bathroom repairs and the installation of drainage pipes and water tanks.

In **Jordan**, transportation services were provided from border crossing areas to both refugee camps. Currently, refugees are benefitting from health screening, vaccination and tuberculosis tests.



IOM staff prepare blankets to be distributed to Syrian refugees as part of the winterization campaign in Lebanon 9 January 2014



Prosthetic limbs help children who lost their legs regain mobility. Damascus, Syria - 9 April 2014



Diabetes and dialysis kits are being provided to people in need in public health facilities in coordination with Ena'ash Al Fakeer Association. Al Tal Hospital, Rural Damascus - 8 April 2014



هذه المنظمة تقدم مجالاً
من قبل
للنظمة الدولية للهجرة

Women take a sewing workshop, as part IOM's livelihoods programme in As Sweida, Syria - 4 September 2014



Evacuation and repatriation of stranded migrants from Damascus, Syria - 23 October 2014



Non-food items purchased thanks to the Kuwaiti contribution arrive at an IOM warehouse in Gaziantep, Turkey. IOM has two warehouses in South East Turkey, in Gaziantep and Hatay provinces.



NFI kits providing essential relief for displaced families include mattresses, blankets, a solar lamp, a jerry can, hygiene kit, plastic sheet and a floor cover



In coordination with Syrian, Turkish authorities and other UN agencies, IOM arranged several cross-border convoys of relief items through Turkey to locations in Al Hasakeh, Aleppo and Idlib Governorates. As of November 2014, IOM shipped over 99,000 items, including mattresses, blankets, pillows, kitchen sets, solar lamps, jerry cans, hygiene kits, adult diapers and plastic sheets to support 80,000 vulnerable persons in Syria. Civilvegozu/Bab al Hawa transshipment hub, Turkey - 13 November 2014

A UN Monitoring Team, as a part of their mandate given by the SCR 2165, checks all the consignments being shipped from Turkey to Northern Syria and confirms that the items are of humanitarian nature



Syrian school children living in the Sanliurfa province are provided with daily transportation to and from school. Over 1,800 children are transported daily to two schools. Distance and transportation costs are one of the main obstacles for Syrian children to access schools. Sirrin School - Sanliurfa, Turkey - 14 October 2014



Refugee children board a bus to take them to a drop off point near their homes in Sanliurfa province - 14 October 2014



Working with local authorities, IOM provides one hot meal per day, six days a week, to over 4,000 Syrians in Gaziantep. The meals change daily and there is usually one stew or main meal along with rice and bread. For some families, this will be the only meal they eat that day. Gaziantep, Turkey - 15 October 2014



The food is prepared in a separate location and is distributed at the three IOM distribution sites across Gaziantep. Families receive food after being assessed by social workers as vulnerable and are given a card which gives them access to the distribution site.



Loading IOM trucks with humanitarian aid at the Jordanian-Syrian Border - August 2014



IOM trucks in southern Syria en-route to Dara'a Governorate to deliver aid to IDPs and hosting communities - August 2014



IRAQ

Since the outbreak of violence in Iraq in 2014, almost 2 million Iraqis have fled the terror and conflict. Many are in dire need of proper shelter and basic services, especially as temperatures drop with the onset of winter. To support vulnerable families, especially those who have experienced multiple displacements and those who live in informal settlements, IOM has provided full winterized essential relief kits to hundreds of displaced families.

The displacement resulting from the Sinjar Crisis in early August led to the additional displacement of 132,090 IDP families, approximately 45% of the entire IDP population. Many of the IDPs that were trapped on Sinjar Mountain were forced to retreat through Syria with the assistance of the Kurdish Peshmerga. IOM provided transportation assistance to some of these families from the Syria-Iraq border to reception centers in the city of Duhok.

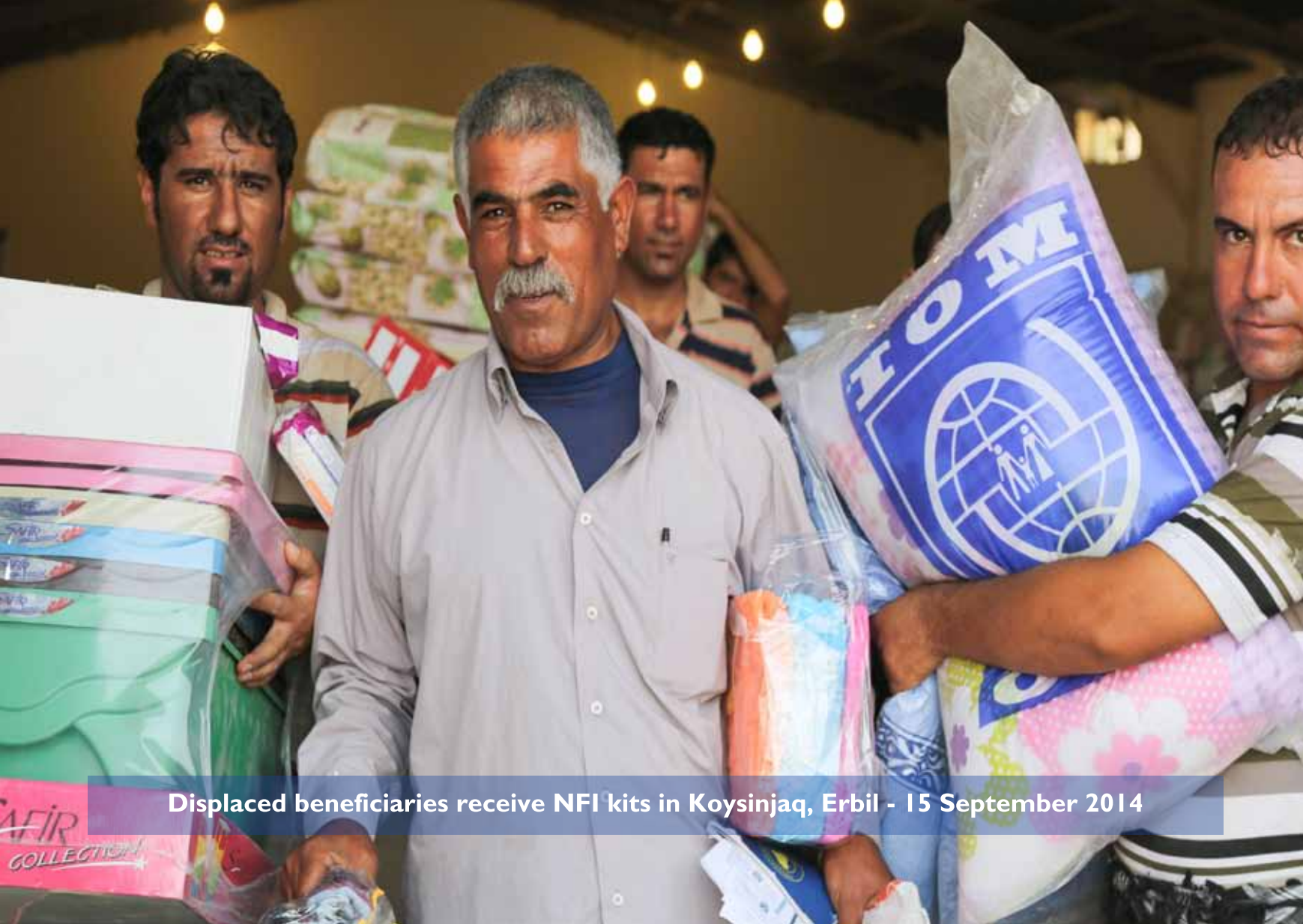
In the coming months, IOM will continue providing winterization and transportation assistance to the IDPs as needs arise, in coordination with humanitarian partners and local authorities. IOM will provide transportation to enable IDPs to access basic and essential services such as schools and hospitals. By the end of March, IOM plans to have assisted over 10,000 IDPs with transportation activities across Iraq, informed by needs based assessments and coordinated with local authorities and humanitarian partners.

IOM staff unload NFI kits at a distribution site in Koisinjaq - 15 September 2014





IOM staff organize non-food item kits at a distribution in Koisinjaq. IOM puts together tailored NFI kits according to the needs of the displaced families - 15 September 2014



Displaced beneficiaries receive NFI kits in Koysinjaq, Erbil - 15 September 2014

AFIR
COLLECTION

In Ainkawa Erbil, IOM NFI distribution includes items such as carpets, blankets, heaters, and mattresses which have helped displaced families prepare for the winter months - 30 October 2014





IOM beneficiaries at a winterized NFI distribution in Amedi - 12 November 2014



A displaced family receive IOM winterized non-food items in their shelter - Ainkawa Erbil, 30 Oct 2014

VIETNAM

Funded by the State of Kuwait, this IOM project strengthened the Vietnam Government's efforts to prevent human trafficking and support the return and reintegration of trafficked women in the An Giang and Mekong Delta Provinces.

This was achieved through activities to increase prevention of various forms of trafficking and by developing and implementing an effective return and reintegration model for victims of trafficking.

Furthermore, IOM strengthened the capacities of local authorities and partners, among others, to continue undertaking these tasks in an independent and sustainable manner after the completion of the project.

With the remaining project funds the State of Kuwait agreed to finance a workshop on illegal international marriage brokerage as a means of human trafficking.



The closing workshop in An Giang organized by IOM and local authorities reflected on outcomes, lessons learnt and outline future sustainable counter-trafficking activities in the presence of the Consul General of State of Kuwait - 20 April 2012

KUWAIT

Since the establishment of the IOM office in 1991, and the signing of a cooperation agreement with the Kuwait Government in 1994, IOM has reinforced its partnership with the State of Kuwait. IOM has carried out many activities and programs in the country in cooperation with the concerned Kuwaiti ministries and organizations in the following areas:

- ESSENTIAL MIGRATION MANAGEMENT;
- TEMPORARY CONTRACTUAL LABOR;
- Qualifying ToT National Cader on Counter Trafficking
- Qualifying ToT National Cader on Labour Issues
- ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS;
- INCREASED THE GOVERNMENT'S CAPACITIES IN LABOUR MIGRATION MANAGEMENT;
- INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS;
- MEDICAL EVACUATION FOR VULNERABLE CASES;
- FACILITATING VOLUNTARY RETURN ;
- ASSISTANCE TO STRANDED THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS (TCNs)

**H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah
The Amir of the State of Kuwait
is the first leader to receive the Medal of the Inter-
national Organization for Migration (IOM) from
the Director General , in
Recognition of the humanitarian achievements of
His Highness. 2012**



Training Course for MoFA Officials:
“Human Rights and Counter-Trafficking Training Program”
10 – 12 February 2013 Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Kuwait



Training Course for MoI Officers: “Commonalities between Local Security Performance and International Standards” In Partnership with UNDSS 4-8 May 2014



“Arab Symposium on “The Role of Media in Combatting Human Trafficking
January 2014 UN House - Kuwait 8 – 7



Regional Symposium on “The Role of Corporations to Promote Social Responsibility Towards Labour in the GCC” 7 – 9 January 2013



International Conference on Labour Rights, International Conventions, Migration Organizations and Counter Trafficking in cooperation with KIJLS 20 - 23 March 2011



Advanced counter-trafficking training course for Ministry of Foreign Affairs diplomats 18-19 May 2014



Regional Workshop for MoI in partnership with UNHCR:
“The Nexus Between Human Trafficking, Asylum & Protecting Victims & Refugees in
Conflict & Disaster Settings”
26 – 28 March 2013 United Nations House – Kuwait



Opening of Kuwait Shelter Expats
Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh - Kuwait 23 December - 2014



Study Tours



Yemeni high officials visit to the State of Kuwait to Explore Kuwaiti Experience on Counter Trafficking
December 2011

Kuwaiti High Officials in on visit to shelters in Holland
June 2011



Regional Workshops



A Regional Workshop on:
Management of Temporary
Contractual Labour in the GCC
United Nations House – State of Kuwait
May 2011



A Regional Workshop on:
The Sponsor System in Kuwait:
Opportunities & Challenges

→ United Nations House – State of Kuwait
January 2011



**The rehonoring of
H.H the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah
with a medal from the International
Organization for Migration (IOM) presented by
IICO chairman Dr. Abdullah Al Matouq**

**25 Novmber 2014
Palace of Nations - Geneva**



His Highness the Amir of
Kuwait is the first and only
leader globally to receive this
award .



The honoring took place at a
special session during the 105
Council Meeting for 167
member States of IOM .