



Since September 20th 2012 AMURT has run case management services for Syrian refugees in the Chouf district of Lebanon. Through house visits and interviews, AMURT has so far identified 321 Syrian refugee families in 23 locations who are urgently in need of assistance. Most of these families are in apartments, often staying in clusters of families or with host families. Of these, 279 different families have so far received assistance in the form of food, school fees, clothes, bedding or medicine; some receiving several of these services.

Demographic breakdown

Average refugee family size: 5.4 members,

Locations of refugees served: Al Simkaniye: 18, Aljdayde: 1, Almazraa: 2, Amatour: 12, Ayn Drafil: 1, Ayn Kani: 1, Ayn Lozain: 2, Ayn Saki: 1, Ayn w zain: 10, Baadaran: 9, Baaline: 401, Baawarta: 18, Bater: 40, Batlon: 18, Batma: 2; Bakaata: 60, Breh: 6, Der Amar:16, Ghrifa: 7, Harat Hamdi: 1, Kahlouniye: 7, Niha: 11; Semkaniye: 3;

Single parents, serious illness, late pregnancy/new mothers and other high priority clients: 12

Number of refugees served by services rendered by December, 2012

SERVICES	Number of families served
School support	82
Winter items	215
Food	221
Medical support	16

Distributions

In October we focused on getting the kids into schools, while in November we mainly distributed food and clothes. Now in December, besides deeper coverage of the Chouf district, our attention is shifting to winter items. While increasing the number of beneficiaries, we will also spend December facilitating the participation of the refugees and their registration with UNHCR, as well as increasing stakeholder networking for winter items, regular food rations, WASH and shelter needs.

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In November 2012, AMURT distributed 50kg of food and 10kg of hygiene items to each of 115 families, in partnership with the Saudi Relief Committee.



In November AMURT also started distribution of winter items and more food in partnership with the government of Qatar and UNHCR



Stories from October 2012 assessments and interviews



During a home visit, an AMURT representative talks to refugee families about their needs and opportunities in Lebanon.



Zahraa and her family arrived in Lebanon as refugees from Syria a month ago. For the first two weeks they stayed at a construction site but are now in temporary housing. AMURT helped Zahraa to go to school and provided her family with bedding and other necessities for the winter.



These siblings escaped from Syria with their mother. Their father had to stay behind as he is on dialysis and the treatment is beyond their means in Lebanon. AMURT helped this family with clothes and bedding in preparation for the cold months ahead.



Mohammed, a grandfather, took shelter with relatives in western Syria, but had trouble even buying bread, as the streets were too dangerous to enter. He used his savings to pay an extortionate fee to a driver to take him across the border. "It was like escaping from jail," Mohammed said. "The driver took a lot of money because he risked his life – we could have died there in the street." AMURT organized much-needed medical supplies and winter items for Mohammed and his family.



Abedrahman receives blankets for his family and chats to AMURT representative.