

Azraq Refugee Camp, Jordan
Donation of Toys from the United Kingdom

On 27 August 2014, UNHCR Jordan received through the United Kingdom “Toys 4 Smiles” initiative, a donation of toys collected by the Scouts and Guides Fellowship in the UK for Syrian refugee children living in Azraq refugee camp. Azraq camp was inaugurated on 30 April 2014 and currently accommodates more than 13,000 refugees from Syria. More than half of all refugees in Azraq camp are children.

Since there were not enough toys for every child in the camp, the 91 boxes of toys were distributed to common areas managed by UNHCR and its partners as follows:

- UNHCR Protection area, where refugees are interviewed and wait to change their registration status or apply for assistance: 6 boxes of Lego, 1 of paint tools, 3 of cars, 2 of toys for boys, and, 1 of toys for girls;
- IRC Reception area, where unaccompanied and separated children are accommodated until they can be reunited with relatives or placed in foster families: 7 boxes of Lego, 1 of paint tools, 3 of cars, 2 of toys for boy, and, 1 of toys for girls;
- IMC Women centres and youth centres, where children play while their parents receive psychosocial counseling or are engaged in skills training: 11 boxes of Lego, 1 of paint tools, 2 of cars, 3 of boys’ toys, 1 of girls’ toys, 4 of sport toys, and, 2 of musical instruments;
- CARE Community Centres, where refugee parents come for counseling, information session or to meet UNHCR staff: 7 boxes of Lego, 2 of paint tools, 4 of cars, 2 of boys’ toys, 1 of girls’ toys, 2 of sport toys, and, 2 of musical instruments;
- Mercy Corps child friendly spaces: 7 boxes of Lego, 2 of paint tools, 4 of cars, 3 of boys’ toys, 1 of girls’ toys, and, 3 of sport toys.

Once sorted, all toys were dispatched from the distribution site within the camp and delivered to partner agencies on 8 September.

Colleagues discussing the distribution and delivery of toys to partners



Toys being picked up at the distribution site and loaded to be distributed to partners



Village 3 CARE Community center - Syrian children eager to open the box and play with the toys



CARE Community Center- Syrian boys discovering how the musical instrument works



CARE Community Center- Three girls one toy: lots of joy!



Village 3 IMC Women Center – Syrian girl playing with building blocks while her mother receives psycho social support at the center.



On behalf of Syrian refugees in Azraq Camp UNHCR and its partners would like to thank the UK "toys 4 Smiles" initiative for this generous donation of toys and look forward to a future collaboration.

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