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WASH

Hand Washing Day in Za'atari Refugee Camp



Above: A girl learns how to properly wash her hands.

On October 10th, 2013, JEN worked with other NGOs to celebrate Hand Washing Day in Za'atari Camp. The hygiene promoter staff and community mobilizers of JEN were divided into three teams to cover Districts 3, 4, and 5. The focus of the activities was hand washing and how this can prevent diseases. At 9 in the morning, JEN staff held banners and walked throughout the camp to gather children for the event. It began with a short show focused on the importance of hand washing and good personal hygiene. Syrian children, who were chosen by JEN earlier, put on a play about hygiene and demonstrated proper steps for washing hands.

Activities at the event included games, plays, hand washing demonstrations, kite making, flying balloons and a puppet show. Children also made posters with drawings of good hygiene behaviors. The event was very successful, and the children promised to practice good hygiene from now on.

Refugee Assistance

A Gift to the Za'atari Refugees: Winter Clothing Distribution

The harsh winter will make life more difficult for the 120,000 Syrians living in Za'atari camp. JEN's Jordan staff is working very hard to ensure proper preparation for the low temperatures and harsh weather.

A key component is to distribute winter clothes to all refugees. In August 2013, JEN received around 550,000 articles of UNIQLO clothing donated by FAST RETAILING CO., LTD. Over 30 workers sorted the clothes based on age and gender and repackaged them to create family packages.

Before creating the family packages, JEN conducted a quick assessment of each family living in Za'atari camp. This allowed us to customize each package for the families. JEN has also been working closely with the community groups from each district to allow them to take part in building their community. The clothing distribution began in October, 2013.



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COUNTRY: Amman, JORDAN

Hygiene Assistance

JEN's Hygiene Promotion in Jordanian Host Community Schools



Above: 2 boys from a Jordanian public school with their new hygiene kits.

About 80 percent of the Syrian refugees in Jordan live amongst the Jordanians, and the rest live in refugee camps. In the last school term, there were approximately 30,000 Syrian children enrolled in Jordanian public schools, but for this school year the number has increased to 70,000. While this seems like a lot of Syrian children refugees attending school, there are still over 50,000 children who are not receiving an education.

In these Jordanian public schools located in the host communities, JEN has been renovating water facilities and conducting hygiene promotion activities, which is carried out by training the teachers who then teach the students. These hygiene sessions were held in some schools in Zarqa governorate by JEN's hygiene promoters. In one classroom, the topic was cholera, a waterborne disease. The day began with a play put on by the students about cholera. Although a cholera outbreak has not yet been confirmed in Jordan so far, education and awareness will benefit the community.

For the last part of the event, students practiced washing their hands correctly. Messages about saving water were written on the walls near water fountains. The improvement of the school hygiene environment cannot be completed by JEN alone. JEN believes that it is important that the activities will be carried out by the headmasters, teachers and students.

Emergency Assistance

Emergency Assistance for Flood Damage in Za'atari Refugee Camp

JEN's second winter in assisting Syrian refugees is approaching. In Jordan, the winter is the rainy season, but it can also snow. The transportation system in Amman was stopped due to a three day snowstorm in mid-December 2013. While it was snowing heavily in Amman, heavy rain poured in Za'atari, which caused the submerging of the tents and flood damage. In cooperation with UNHCR and other international NGOs, JEN started emergency flood assistance. The torn electricity cables posed a great concern for the safety of the refugees.

When it rained a great deal the next day, JEN allocated 5 trucks with pumps that can hold 16m of water. That day about 1228m of water was taken out of the camp. JEN also created an emergency hotline for WASH committees so that they can inform us of the dangerous electricity cables and large puddles. The hygiene promoters also played an important role in that they advised refugees to dig trenches around the caravans and tents to prevent flooding water from coming inside. The winter season usually lasts about three months in Jordan, and JEN will continue to support Syrian refugees by providing immediate assistance throughout the harsh winter.



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