



Weekly Report

Syrian Arab Republic

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Risky humanitarian aid operation takes place in besieged area of Aleppo as aid groups remain severely underfunded

- The UN Refugee agency and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent confirmed that they were able to deliver aid to the besieged area of Boustan al Qaser for the first time since June 2013.
- Opposition forces and government forces agreed to a ceasefire in order for the operation to take place.
- Trucks carrying blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen sets and food unloaded the goods on the outskirts of the city, which 75 workers then brought into the community using 54 pull-carts in 270 trips.
- According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, aid groups for Syrians and Syrian refugees continue to be severely underfunded, having received only 20 percent of the \$6.5 billion needed for 2014.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47533&Cr=syria&Cr1=#.U0lBlwb1oU>

Massive polio vaccination operations underway in Syria, Iraq, and Egypt, aim to reach 22 million children

- The UN and its partners have re-launched massive vaccination campaigns in Syria, Iraq, and Egypt, in light of the risk of the disease spreading across the region, as health authorities in 21 countries have declared a public health emergency.
- Regional Director from UNICEF states that it is “now even more imperative to boost routine immunizations to reach every child multiple times and do whatever we can to vaccinate children we could not reach in previous rounds. That’s the only way we will prevent this outbreak from spreading further.”
- Immunizations campaigns in Syria are to be carried out on a monthly basis until at least May 2014.
- Source: UN News Centre

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