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EP Delegation on Refugees from Syria in Jordan: - meeting with ECHO humanitarian experts, ECHO Regional Support Office - visit of the new refugee camp Mrejib Al Fhood/Halabat

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A delegation of four MEPs of the Committee of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs has traveled this week to Jordan to meet the refugees who fled the conflict in Syria. The aim of this visit is to assess the refugee crisis and to evaluate the help that can be offered by the EU. There, the delegation met with humanitarian experts of the ECHO Regional Support Office and visited the new refugee camp of Mrejib Al Fhood/Halabat. The delegation visits the area in this moment that Jordan is receiving, according to a report of the UN Refugee Agency, a massive increase of refugee arrivals: more than 242,000 Syrians are registered or awaiting registration in Jordan, and the daily number is expected to increase steadily. In an EP debate on 12 December 2012, MEPs called on the EU to show solidarity and come to the aid of Syrian refugees, instead of leaving all of them to Syria's neighbours. So far, the numbers of applications have remained relatively moderate in the EU. However, the EC has encouraged member states to consider assigning places within their national quotas to refugees originating from Syria.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	View of the city of Irbid, situated at the Jordanian, Syrian border.	00:00:10
00:00:15	View with the refugees queuing at the UNHCR New registration center in Irbid.	00:00:05
00:00:20	Exterior views of the UNCHR registration center (2 shots)	00:00:06
00:00:26	MEP's inside the UNHCR, speaking with the Field coordinator (5 shots)	00:00:26
00:00:52	Views with the refugees queuing at the UNHCR New registration center in Irbid (4 shots)	00:00:21
00:01:13	SOUNDBITE (English), Marian-Jean MARINESCU (EPP, RO) There is a very difficult situation , there are hundreds of thousands people that are coming from Syria. I think that the Jordanian government is making a lot of efforts to face this situation, together with, of course all international organisations. The people need this support and I think that we need to make new efforts in oder to sole this situation".	00:00:32

00:01:45	Cutaway refugees	00:00:07
00:01:52	SOUNDBITE (English), Marian-Jean MARINESCU (EPP, RO) "There is necessary to increase coordination between international organisations, the EU, UN and Jordanian authorities. I think it is necessary to add some financial aid".	00:00:22
00:02:14	Cutaway refugees	00:00:04
00:02:18	SOUNDBITE (English), Hubert PIRKER (EPP, AT) We are really surprised of what's going on here, at the border. The Jordanian government, Jordanian authorities, are doing their best! They are doing really a great, great job, supported by the EU, by the member states, by the neighbourhood countries, like Turkey and the Arabian States. What they need is a bit of burden sharing here, between the Arab states. They can not do the whole job alone, only with the support given by the Jordan authorities. We are really deeply impressed of what's going on, and we will support further help, further support , to give further money to improve the situation here, near the border to Syria.	00:01:03
00:03:21	Cutaway refugees	00:00:06
00:03:27	SOUNDBITE (English), Hubert PIRKER (EPP, AT) "It's an absolutely must that the international society, the EU, and other countries have to give more support also in the future , to help the refugees here in the camps, and to prepare them to go back to Syria than".	00:00:18
00:03:45	Cutaway refugees	00:00:05
00:03:50	Departure, view of the border area, driving view.	00:00:08
00:03:58	END	00:00:00