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LEBANON: HARSH WINTER FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

VIDEO

ARSAL TOWN SCENES

SNOW

LOADING UP THE TRUCKS

DANA SLEIMAN ON-CAMERA

AUDIO

NARRATION:

Arsal – one of the highest towns in the Bekaa Valley region of east Lebanon. // It's also home to tens of thousands of Syrian refugees. (11)

The harsh winter weather is making an already difficult life unbearable. (5)

Information officer at the United Nations High Commission for Refugees Office, Dana Sleiman. (6)

DANA SLEIMAN: (In English) F

"...in elevated areas like Arsal there are over 10,000 refugees living in flimsy-tents that are not equipped to host this kind of weather. What we are doing is distributing wooden poles, sealing off kits to protect refugees especially those living in tents from the winter elements and to provide some warmth in this weather."

(19)

NARRATION:

600 families will benefit from UNHCR's distribution. (4)

Today Dalil received a stove, blankets, fuel and food. (6)

DALIL RETURNING HOME WITH CHILDREN

Just one month ago, she gave birth to her second child. Now she's alone with two children – her husband is still back home in Syria. (8)

DALIL: (In Arabic) F

DALIL ON-CAMERA

"I haven't had any news of my husband for two months now. I don't know if he knows where we are, I gave birth to my youngest daughter and he wasn't here. I don't know even if he is aware I gave birth." (19)

NARRATION:

ROOM WITH FAMILY

Dalil lives here with two other families. // Sharing this room with ten people makes living conditions cramped. // They often huddle together just to keep warm. (11)

DALIL WITH CHILDREN

Like so many Syrian refugees forced to flee their homes, Dalil hopes that one day she will be reunited with her husband in Syria. (9)

DALIL: (In Arabic) F

DALIL ON-CAMERA

"Everyday, we hope to go back to our country, we live off this hope. We hope to go back as soon as possible, so that my daughters will be with their father." (21)

NARRATION:

Dalil and other refugees pray that the worst of

TOWNSHIP	the storms have passed, but since winter is not yet over there's no guarantee what's to come. (10)
PEOPLE WALKING	Even though Aarsal is a small town of 35,000 people, in an amazing demonstration of solidarity, it has opened its doors to some
CAMPS AND TENTS	21,000 Syrian refugees. (10)
FAMILIES	Scattered across the landscape some live with host families, others in shelters, and in nearby tented settlements. (9)
	UNHCR and its partners continue to assist those refugee families throughout Lebanon who desperately need help. (8)
UN LOGO	This report was produced by Warda Al Jawahiyar for the United Nations. (4.5)