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Subject: Jordan

Thousands of Syrian asylum seekers are blocked at Syria's north-eastern border region in very hard conditions; it seems that the vast majority of the 12 000 people in the area are women and children who urgently need more food, water and medical assistance.

Aid agency staff say the increasing numbers stuck at the berm – a raised barrier of sand which marks the Jordanian limit of a border zone between Syria and Jordan – are making hygiene and sanitation worse, and that children are suffering from diarrhoea, vomiting and acute malnutrition. They fear that plunging winter temperatures will lead to additional serious health problems and possibly death, especially among children and the elderly.

Is the European Union supporting the Jordanian authorities in order to swiftly allow refugees to reach transit centres and make sure they get all the help they need?