# MAPPING A REFUGEE CAMP: ZAATARI, JORDAN

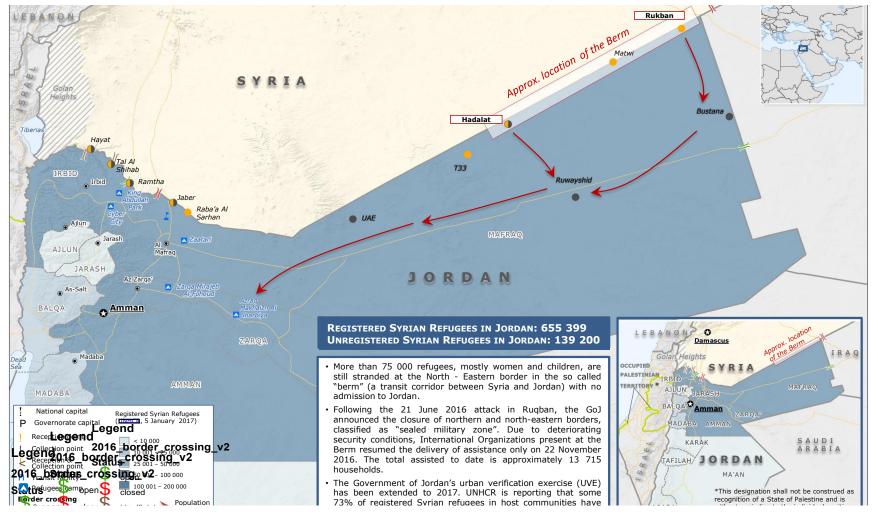
## A Digitalization of the Humanitarian Organizations Case Study

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## Humanitarian set-up at the borders



Source: OCHA, 2017

## « The most mapped camp in world »



## Reports, maps, and grey literature

- Dedicated platforms:
  - Global: Reliefweb, IRIN news
  - Regional: UNHCR portals, IOM platform
  - National: ActivityInfo
- Standardisation of the information: portals, information products such as the "sitreps"
- Development at the global level:
  - World Humanitarian Summit 2016
  - UN Data and Statistics Conference 2017
  - EU Experts Group on Refugee and IDP data 2016/2017



#### Data in a refugee camp

- Data: registration, needs and monitoring
  - Collected in a remote closed space
  - Analysed and mapped in the country office
  - Circulated globally
- Satellite imagery and drones
  - A way to measure the humanitarian response
  - Innovation
- Use
  - Data deluge
  - Accountability

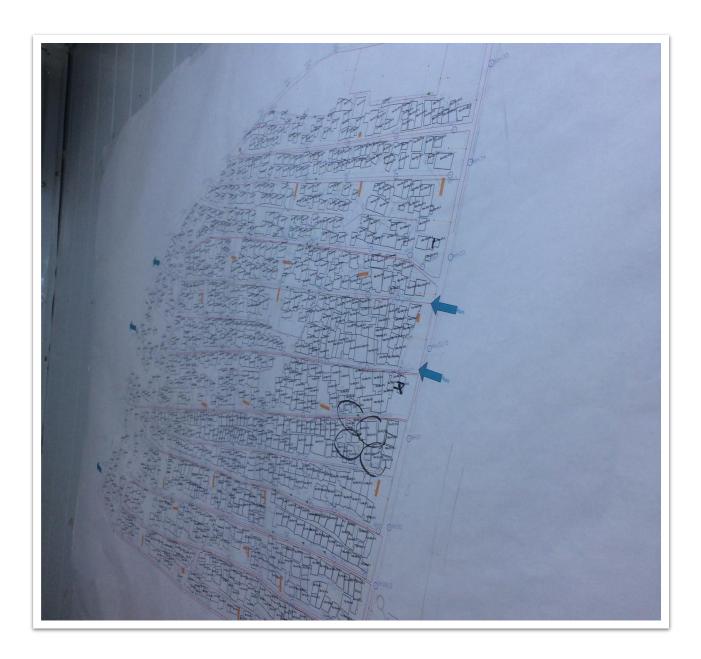
## Water network mapping

Zaatari Camp, March 2016



# Wasterwater network map

Map Autocad, Engineering team caravan in ACTED basecamp (2017)



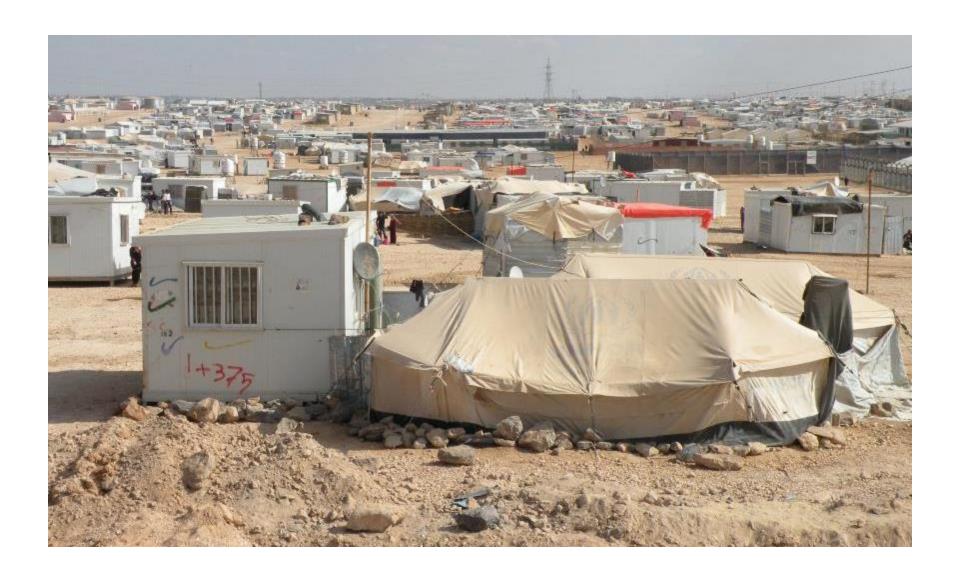
# Installation of a water tank in the « Saudi village »

(May 2017)



## Implications of mapping a camp

- Ordering disorder: spreading a common view of camps
- The camp a "smart city"?
  - Infrastructure maps
  - Street names and address system
- The map as a tool:
  - Reference to the toolbox
  - Humanitarian response evolving around the notion of kit and ready made response (shelter, core relief items)



## Data and Maps as governance tools

- Map as a tool yet for whom?
  - Translation
  - Distribution
  - Leaflet: distributed by district vs. overall view of the camp
- A map as a tool for what activities?
  - Measuring the SPHERE indicators
  - Optimizing shelter space allocation
  - Re-registration of the refugees
  - Wastewater and water networks
- Protection concerns: from a lack of risk analysis to control over the information produced

