

Iraq : RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - JANUARY

HEALTH



217,144 Syrian Refugees are now registered

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The health sector continues to provide health care services; more than **29,000** utilised available primary, secondary and tertiary health care services
- The sector completed the implementation of the Health Information System in all permanent camps in Kurdistan
- The Early Warning and Response Network is in place. The system utilises multiple data sources and helps detect disease outbreaks at an early stage – when outbreaks are most amenable to interventions
- Construction of **Qushtapa** Primary Health Care Centre completed. The new facility will be under the Directorate-General of Health, Erbil



REFUGEE POPULATION IN Iraq :

217,144

Current Refugee Population
Expected Refugee Population by end-2014

400,000

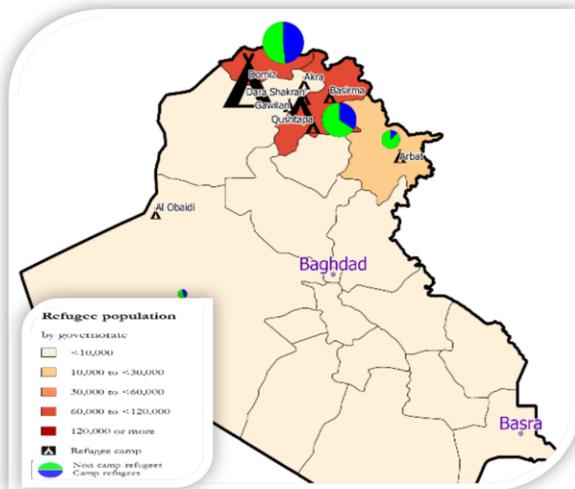
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The primary objectives in the health sector response to the Syrian refugee crisis in Iraq is the provision of comprehensive primary health care services, ensuring adequate nutrition care, and maintaining access to essential secondary and tertiary health care for all refugees.

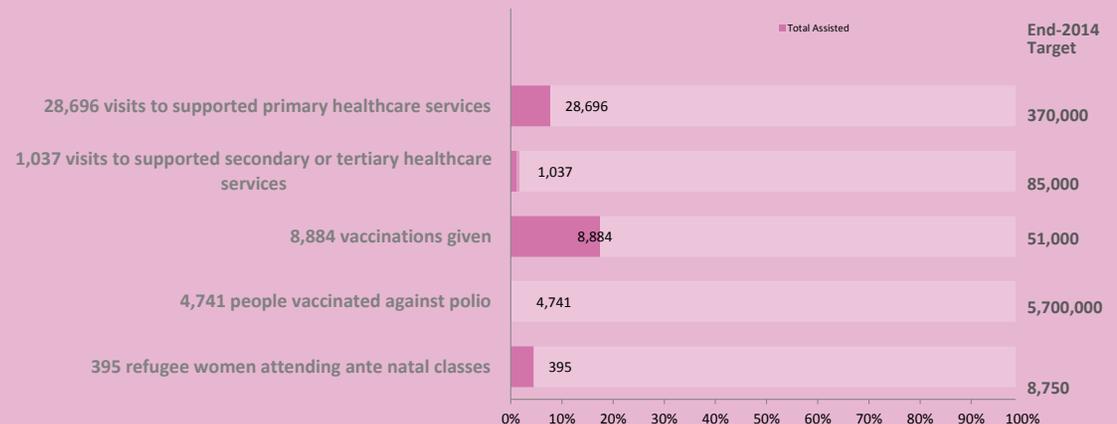
The threat of disease outbreak in the camps is real. Last year, measles cases were reported in all northern governorates. In Syria, polio has now been confirmed in at least 4 governorates. The risk of importation to Iraq remains.

Mass polio and measles vaccinations of both refugees and local population planned. Considering the risk of outbreak of cholera, dysentery and other WASH-related infectious diseases, the sector will continue monitoring EWARN and HIS data especially as the warmer months begin. Outbreak response plans already in place.

Preparedness for an increasing refugee population and the consequences of mass influx is a major priority. The sectors continues to maintain targetted vaccinations of all new refugee arrivals. Contingency plans for mass influx response continuously updated.



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 400,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 217,144 refugees.

Leading Agencies: WHO

Participating Agencies: WHO, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, PU-AMI, IMC, UPP