



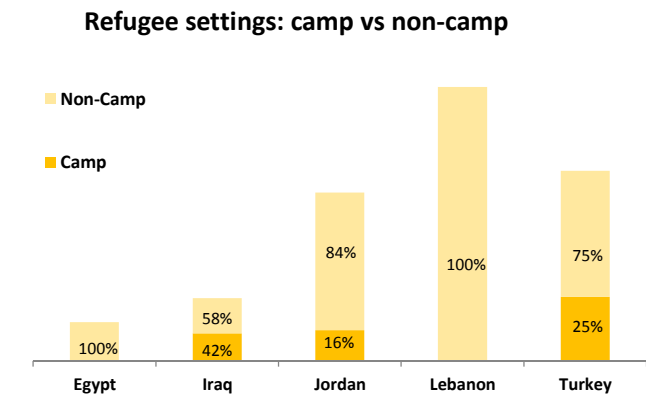
Around 410,000 people in camps and 460,000 in the community have been provided with shelter assistance this year

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

In Iraq, there are now around 90,000 people living in camps and benefiting from shelter assistance, including almost 50,000 who are benefiting from improved shelter facilities such as tent foundations and cooking areas. In Lebanon, where refugees live outside of camp settings, sector participants have reported reaching more than 332,000 individuals this year with shelter assistance. In Jordan, almost 100,000 people are provided with shelter in camps, while outside of camps some 40,000 home adaption kits have been distributed and some 30,000 people have received rental assistance.

In Lebanon, the planned blanket winterization of substandard shelters will not proceed due to funding shortages. Notwithstanding, some 21,428 refugees have benefited from the distribution of more than 4,000 weather proofing kits in informal settlements, more than 4,000 refugees received sealing off kits to be installed in their substandard shelters, and almost 3,300 refugees were provided with rehabilitated shelters.

In Jordan, progress is being made on projects in urban areas to repair existing houses and help new houses to come on to the market. One project has supported 290 homes (almost 1,800 beneficiaries) through the upgrading of substandard housing units to improve safety, security, health and mobility. Another urban shelter project has bought an additional 2,400 housing units onto the market, providing adequate shelter and security of tenure for more than 7,800 Syrian refugees. Work continues on a further 1,600 housing units. This project provides tangible support to Jordanian host communities, contributing to the economic development and investment in local communities.



NRC staff inspect housing works for the construction of additional housing units in Jordanian host communities

SYRIAN REFUGEES IN THE REGION:

3,168,659	Refugee Population, end-September 2014
3,590,000	Refugee Population Planning Figure, end-2014

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Out of 3.59 million UNHCR registered Syrians expected by December 2014, around 540,000 will be accommodated in camps. Shelter solutions in camps vary and include tents, caravans and transitional T-shelters, generally meeting minimum international standards. Continued efforts are required (and underway) to improve infrastructure (roads, drainage), provide safety, ensure weather-proofing and maintenance, inclusion of water and sanitation facilities. Camps are relatively expensive on a per-capita basis and at present, have little prospect for self-sustainability. Shelter remains a significant concern in the contingency plan, given the scarcity of land to accommodate large numbers of people. Throughout the region, there are pre-identified sites to accommodate up to 200,000 additional people.

Access to affordable and adequate shelter remains a major issue for those refugees living outside of camps. 95 per cent of refugees who live outside camps pay rent, and thus are impacted by increasing rental prices and shortages of affordable housing units in the market. In Jordan, for example, rental prices have reportedly increased by 100-200 per cent in some areas, with extremes of 300 per cent, compared to pre-crisis values. Moreover, across the region, approximately 860,000 refugees are estimated to live in sub-standard shelters, including some 170,000 people living in informal settlements in Lebanon. Many refugees are paying rent to live in places that are uninhabitable.

Winter cold and seasonal precipitation pose yet another challenge to the most shelter insecure - it is estimated that nearly 100,000 dwellings will be in need of weather-proofing or assistance with heating during the winter months.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2014

