

Iraq:RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE- OCTOBER 2014 SOCIAL COHESION & LIVELIHOODS



Vocational, business management and job trainings were provided to **463** Syrian refugees in the camps and the urban areas in KR-I.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS:

DRC provided small business management trainings to 128 beneficiaries (60 in Domiz camp and 68 in Duhok urban).

REACH (local NGO) provided Vocational Training (VT) on (Kurdish/English language, Sewing and Computer skills) to 45 Syrian refugees in urban areas.

IOM provided VT to 144 beneficiaries in Domiz and Gawilan camps and 9 on job trainings in Gawilan camp.

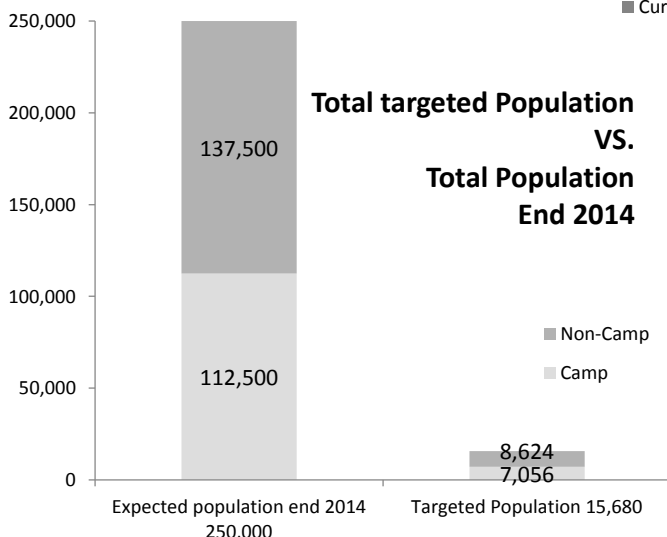
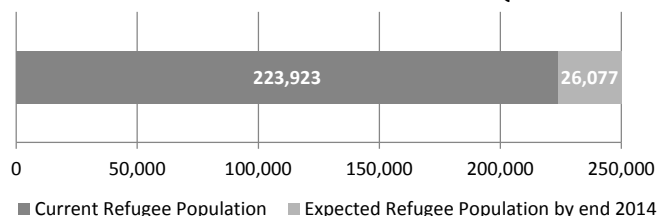
Rise foundation also provided cash for work to three Syrian refugees from Akre settlement/Duhok.

Harikar provided VT to 11 females in Akre settlement/Duhok.

Alind organization in coordination with Barzani charity provided VT to 254 beneficiaries from Akre settlement (language, sewing and computer skills).



SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:



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NEEDS ANALYSIS:

According to the Needs Assessment conducted for camp-refugees in April 2014, **47 per cent of the respondents among camp residing refugees reported no source of cash/income for their household**. The survey response in Basirma, Darashakran and Gawilan camps exhibited much lower figures of households having any income, 28 per cent, 35 per cent and 36 per cent respectively, which indicates refugees living in remote areas are in a disadvantageous position relative to other camps due to distance from urban areas and the additional burden of transportation costs.

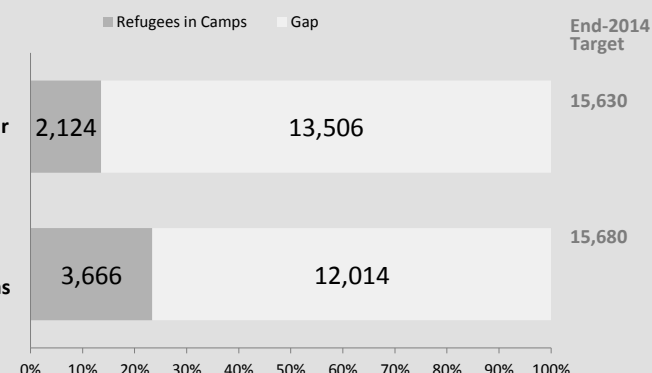
To ensure access to sustainable employment, it is vital to equip refugees and vulnerable local populations, including women, people with disabilities, the poor and the youth, with the skills that the markets demand. According to the same study, only 6% of refugee households across all camps indicated having benefited from vocational trainings. Well-structured vocational training on marketable skills that can directly enhance employability needs to be provided to the disadvantaged populations, such as camp refugees in remote areas, women, the youth, and people with specific needs.

Special attention needs to be paid to the **refugees with vulnerability and special needs**, such as women, youth, and people with disability. The MSNA study indicated that only **18 per cent of female members of non-camp households are earning an income**. The Rapid Needs Assessment on refugees with disabilities in Domiz camp conducted by Handicap International in support of UNICEF indicates **99 per cent of refugees with disabilities were not working in comparison to 86 per cent of the non-disable control group**.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

2,124 (1,006 in October) persons participating in employment assistance, income generation activities or business development projects

3,666 (948 in October) persons participating in vocational training or skills development programs



Targets based on expected population of 250,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 223,923 refugees.