



# SYRIAN REFUGEES

## INTER-AGENCY REGIONAL UPDATE

9 December 2014

### KEY FIGURES

**3.2 million**

Syrian refugees have fled to neighbouring countries and North Africa

**1.8 million**

Refugees and vulnerable members of impacted communities are receiving food assistance in 2014

**1.2 million**

People have been provided with access to safe drinking water in 2014

**795,000**

People have benefited from shelter assistance in camp and non-camp settings in 2014

**700,000**

People have benefited from the distribution of basic household and core relief items in 2014

### FUNDING

**USD 3.7 billion**

requested for the situation

Gap  
47%



Funded  
53%

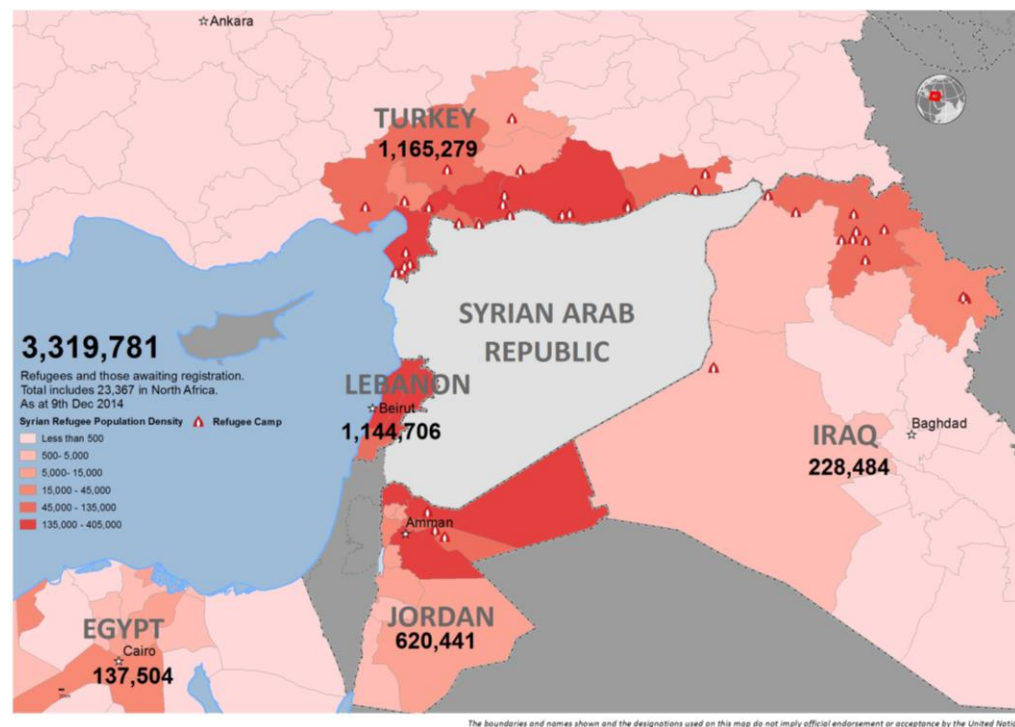
### PRIORITIES

- 2015-2016 planning
- Preserve protection space
- Winterization activities targeting some 2 million Syrian refugees across the region with winter relief items, cash assistance and shelter support.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP announced 9 December that it is reinstating food assistance to Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries thanks to a massive expression of support from the public, the private sector and donor countries. By mid-December, Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt will have their electronic food vouchers – also known as e-cards – uploaded with an average amount of US\$ 30 per family member that can immediately be used to buy food from local shops.
- Western governments meeting in Geneva on 9 December pledged to increase the number of Syrian refugees they are accepting through resettlement and other humanitarian mechanisms. UNHCR expects the total number of places for Syrian refugees available in the coming months to reach 100,000 from these pledges and indications of future commitments. This includes 62,000 places already made available by governments. UNHCR estimates that more than 10 per cent of the 3.3 million refugees in countries neighbouring Syria are individuals who are acutely vulnerable and need resettlement elsewhere. This includes people who fall within globally agreed resettlement criteria, such as survivors of torture, refugees with serious medical conditions or women left alone with several children to care for and without family support.

A total of **3.3 million** people of concern



*The Government of Turkey estimates that some 1.6 million Syrians are living in all the provinces in Turkey, including more than 220,000 people accommodated in 22 camps.*

# UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

## Operational Context

As insecurity and violence continue to cause displacement within Syria and across the region, 1 million Syrians have been registered as refugees this year in countries in the regional refugee response.

Humanitarian needs remain enormous. Government services and local communal services are under strain due to the increased demand, impacting service quality for both refugees and nationals, and threatening social cohesion.

Some 3.3 million people are directly affected by the Syria crisis in Lebanon, where one in every four people is a refugee. By the end of 2014 there will be about 1.2 million registered Syrian refugees in the country. There are growing restriction for Syrians wishing to enter Lebanon through official border crossings.

Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) estimates that the number of Syrians in the country has exceeded 1.6 million people, of whom some 220,000 are currently living in 22 camps across the south of Turkey; 34,792 Syrian children have been born in Turkish refugee camps. Since 19 September, more than 190,000 Syrians from Kobani have fled to Turkey since ISIS launched an offensive to capture the border city. Of these, some 22,000 refugees are estimated to have continued on to Iraq's Kurdistan Region (KR-I).

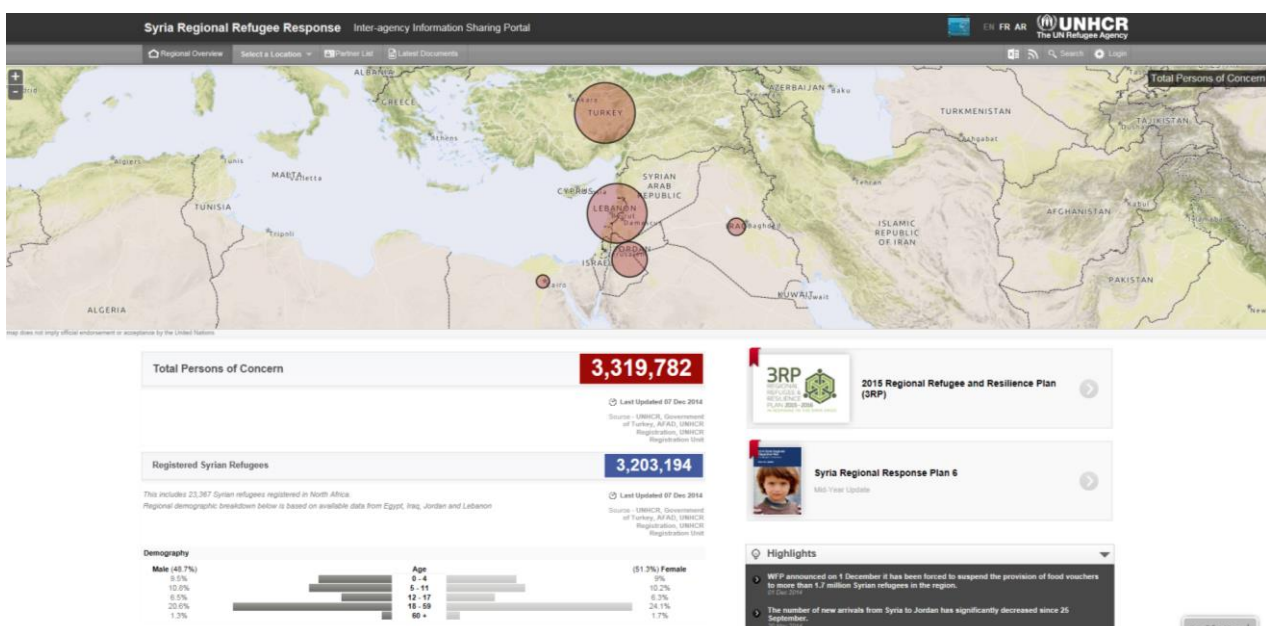
The arrival of Syrian refugees into Jordan has fallen markedly since early October. The Government of Jordan continues to extend protection to Syrian refugees within the country, but is increasingly concerned of the potential security implications of the crises in neighbouring Iraq and Syria.

In the region, some 400,000 refugees are accommodated in refugee camps. Outside of camps, it is estimated that 38 per cent live in sub-standard shelter. The provision of winterization assistance to the most vulnerable is an ongoing priority for humanitarian and government actors as temperatures continue to drop.

Over 150 agencies and aid groups, together with the governments of neighbouring countries, are working together to protect Syrian refugees and assist them with meeting their basic needs, improve access to education and medical care, and provide basic goods such as tents, food and safe WASH facilities.

Monthly sectoral dashboards are published on the [Syria Regional Response Data Portal](#), detailing sectoral priorities, achievements and needs by country and regionally.

Donors have contributed more than US\$ 4 billion to successive regional response plans since 2012. Planning for 2015 is well underway and the 2015-16 regional partnership strategy, the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP), is scheduled to be launched in Berlin on 18 December.





- On 25 November, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA and partners celebrated the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and marked the launch of the annual international 16 Days Campaign to End Violence against Women and Girls. Community events on violence against women and girls have been taking place across the region, bringing together women, girls, boys, and men to say no to violence.

## LEBANON

- UNFPA with the support of local NGO SHEILD delivered 65 awareness-raising sessions on problem solving, life skills and protection, targeting 877 Syrian and Lebanese women aged 14 to 50 years old. UNFPA also continues to support services for Syrian refugees in KAFA's Listening and Counseling (LCC) centre in Beirut, including social counseling, legal consultations and psychotherapy sessions.
- UNFPA and KAFA organized a training of trainers in Beirut on communicating with gender-based violence (GBV) survivors, benefiting 16 healthcare providers who are working as family and general practitioners and gynaecologists at Ministry of Public Health centres. UNFPA and KAFA also launched "Zalfa's Questions", an informative webpage that provides information to women and girls on laws to protect women and other family members from family violence.

## TURKEY

- There have been no more admissions of Syrian new arrivals to Suruç since 13 November. The cumulative number of admitted refugees fleeing the Syrian town of Kobani remains 192,417 persons. So far, 51,520 of these recent arrivals have been biometrically registered.
- UNFPA conducted training on the clinical management of rape in Sanliurfa for 23 Syrian gynaecologists, psychologists and midwives (11 female and 13 male). UNFPA also organised three interactive thematic workshops on reproductive health and GBV.

## JORDAN

- A total of 9,906 women and girls benefited from UNFPA-supported services in November, including psychosocial support services for GBV survivors; case management services; legal information, counseling and/or representation; and self-reliance, vocational and life skills training.
- UNFPA in collaboration with the Institute of Family Health (IFH) conducted a three-day training on family planning counseling for 24 health providers and health educators from the Ministry of Health, Jordanian Women's Union, Médecins du Monde, and a number of IFH field staff. This was followed by a five-day training for 29 health providers on case management of rape.

## IRAQ

- The cash assistance review panel reviewed and approved 434 non-camp Syrian refugee households (1,524 individuals) between 16-30 November. The target number of 1,000 households has been exceeded by 10 per cent, requiring the continuation of the programme in 2015.
- ACTED has been supporting the Department of Labour and Social Affairs to strengthen the child friendly spaces in camps in Erbil (Kawergosk, Basirma) and Dohuk (Akre, Gawilan, Domiz, Waar City) camps through monitoring and assessment of adherence to minimum standards and child protection guiding principles.
- In November, 3,155 women and girls benefited from services through UNFPA women centres, including support to survivors of GBV, psychosocial support, socio-recreational activities such as sewing, hairdressing, make-up, and basic language courses in English and Kurdish.
- UNFPA in collaboration with the Ministry of Health conducted a clinical management of rape training for 12 medical practitioners in Dohuk governorate, who are responsible for providing support to survivors of sexual abuse. A total of 25 health workers (2 doctors and 23 paramedics) were trained on detecting cases of GBV and were provided with basic psycho-medical skills



*Clowns Without Borders performers from Spain at Gawilan refugee camp brought smiles to thousands of refugees, young and old. UNHCR | R. Rasheed*

## EGYPT

- UNHCR, Caritas and Resala are working together to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees meet their basic needs by providing them with cash grants on a monthly basis. In October, 26,500 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted, representing 19 per cent of the registered population in Egypt. The value of cash assistance varies between EGP 400 (US\$ 57) and EGP 1,300 (US\$ 185), based on to the level of vulnerability and household size. The cash assistance programme injected US\$ 779,526 into the local economy in October alone. In addition, 147 Syrian individuals received emergency cash grants in October.
- It has been reported that a boat carrying 104 refugees from Syria (45 Syrian nationals and 59 Palestine refugees from Syria), which had departed from Turkey, was found in Egyptian territorial waters while intending to reach Italy. The individuals found on board were taken to the police on 2 November.
- UNHCR is aware of at least 150 Syrian nationals (including 74 individuals who were on board the aforementioned boat from Turkey) being held at several detention facilities in Alexandria and surrounding governorates for attempting irregular movement. Approximately 50 per cent of the arrested Syrians are registered with UNHCR. UNHCR partners Caritas and Resala have been providing emergency assistance to detainees in the form of food, blankets and medical care. IOM has also provided assistance in the form of sanitary kits and non-food items.
- During 2014, more than 1,400 Syrian nationals have been arrested for attempting to irregularly depart Egypt, including children and women. Egyptian authorities have been conducting regular releases of people from detention shortly after their arrest. Those released have immediate relatives in Egypt. Authorities are issuing six-month residency permits to Syrians who are released.

## Education

### LEBANON

- Public schools continue to welcome Syrian children in the morning first shift following a mid-October decision by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE). UNICEF and UNHCR are collecting data collection to determine the exact number of Syrian children who have so far been able to enroll in public schools.
- On 15 November, the MEHE issued a circular for the opening of the second, afternoon shift for schoolchildren. The deadline for enrolment is 20 December. UNHCR and UNICEF have committed to support 57,000 children in attending the afternoon school shift.
- An exhibition on 6 December entitled “Do You See What I See” will wrap up a two-week photography workshop for young Syrians in the Bekaa. The workshop aims to give refugee children voice and an opportunity to share stories through their own photography and writing. The workshop has also been completed in other countries, including for Syrian children in Jordan’s Zaatari camp.

### IRAQ

- There is additional capacity for approximately 1,440 children with the completion of two new 12-classroom schools now functioning in Domiz camp, Dohuk. The classrooms were built by Peace Wind Japan with UNICEF financial support.
- Providing secondary education in Domiz and Akre camps remains a challenge despite continuing efforts. To support refugees in their efforts towards accessing secondary education, UNHCR aims to provide 22 high school students from Akre camp with cash for uniforms, helping them to integrate in their new (non-camp) secondary schools.
- A new school was opened for refugee children in Khabat, Sulaymaniyah. The construction of two new UNICEF-funded 12-classroom schools are complete in Zakho and in Dohuk City. The schools will be handed over to the Directorate of Education and will accommodate both Syrian and host community children.
- The shortage of teachers for schools in Syrian refugee camps is an ongoing challenge for education service providers.

### EGYPT

- Catholic Relief Services continued to disperse education grants to Syrian refugee families with children between 3 - 20 years to ensure access to education. Additional support is provided to children with special needs and vulnerable families. To date, 25,000 education grants have been dispersed for 2014-2015 academic year.
- UNICEF, Save the Children and UNHCR continued to support the Ministry of Education with teacher training, capacity enhancement through the provision of supplies, school furniture, and construction of new classrooms, as well as well management training for Directors of Education in all governorates hosting Syrian refugees. Since the beginning of the year 433 administrators and school personnel from 135 schools were provided with training on high-density classroom management. 95 new classrooms were added to four public schools hosting the highest number of Syrian refugees in Cairo, Giza, Qalyoubeyya, Damietta and Alexandria.



## Food Security and Nutrition

- WFP has raised sufficient funds in December to permit the full value of food assistance e-cards to be distributed to Syrian refugees this month, with some funds carrying through to January 2015.



## Health

### LEBANON

- A total of 14,515 primary health care (PHC) consultations were conducted throughout Lebanon between 29 November - 5 December by UNHCR, AMEL, International Medical Corps (IMC), Makassed and URDA in

coordination with the Ministry of Public Health through mobile or center-based clinics. Additionally, some 1,150 individuals were hospitalized this week, including 600 deliveries, supported by UNHCR.

- Another 6,000 individuals benefited from health awareness sessions provided by UNHCR, IMC, CLMC, IOCC and URDA. Sessions covered included malnutrition screening, nutrition, reproductive health, infant and young child feeding, contraception, first aid and health promotion for children.
- A total of 1,276 social and mental health consultations were provided nationwide by IMC through its outreach and centre-based services. A further 648 awareness sessions were conducted on mental health, gender based violence and early marriage.

## TURKEY

- UNFPA conducted the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) training in Adana for 34 provincial service providers and programme managers of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies, AFAD, and the public health departments of the medical faculties of the universities in Mersin, Adana and Osmaniye.

## JORDAN

- In November, 1,015 UNFPA-supported reproductive health awareness sessions and campaigns took place, targeting 2,796 beneficiaries with messages related to reproductive health and family planning, breast feeding and care for newborns, post-delivery psychological problems, early marriage, sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS, domestic violence and other forms of gender based violence, and stress and anger management.

## IRAQ

- The consultation rate/person/year increased to an average of 4.3 and is slightly above the expected range of 1 – 4 consultations/person/year. The increase is largely related to the influx of new refugees who sought initial treatment in the camp health facilities, as well as due to an increase in upper respiratory infections with the onset of winter.
- At the Ibrahim Khalil border crossing, the Dohuk Department of Health is vaccinating all new arrivals below the age of 15 against measles and polio. In November, 3,224 children aged 6 months–15 years were vaccinated against measles, and 3,429 children under 15 received vaccination against polio. The health status of newly arriving refugees is being closely monitored. Prevention of outbreaks of communicable diseases remains a key priority. Access to safe delivery in the Erbil hospitals needs to be enhanced. Increased population in some camps due to the arrival of new refugees from Kobani is placing additional pressure on services.
- IMC and PU-AMI continue to provide health awareness campaigns for Syrian refugees living in impacted communities in Erbil governorate.
- Construction of an outpatient department for the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre in Sulaymaniyah has begun as a UNHCR-funded Quick Impact Project to benefit both refugees and the local community.
- Construction of the PHC centre in Domiz 2 camp was completed.

## EGYPT

- UNICEF, WHO and UNHCR are working together to ensure the necessary support to the mainstreaming of Syrian refugees in Alexandria and Damietta. UNICEF is also supporting the mainstreaming of Syrians in public PHC services in Port Said governorate. Through regular monitoring, the agencies are aiming to overcome any obstacles encountered to access of services and utilization difficulties at this initial mainstreaming phase.



## Shelter and NFIs

## LEBANON

- Efforts to protect refugee families from the elements across Lebanon continue. In all, UNHCR and its partners estimate some 132,000 refugee households (660,000 people) are in need of assistance during winter. The winter programme covers a wide range of activities and aid item distributions. Assistance includes ensuring that sub-standard shelters are sealed off against the elements, and the provision of high-thermal blankets, stoves, fuel

vouchers and cash to purchase various items people need in order to stay warm. The priorities are based largely on first reaching those living at higher altitudes and the most economically vulnerable.

- Weatherproofing activities and site improvements continued in informal settlements across the country in the week of 29 November - 5 December. A total of 1,663 refugees received weatherproofing kits by CONCERN in Akroum, Akkar, and 485 refugees received weatherproofing kits by MEDAIR and Save the Children in Central and West Bekaa. More than 2,500 refugees living in informal settlements identified as flood-prone were assisted with site improvements by Medair in West and Central Bekaa, and CONCERN in Akroum. Some 835 refugees were provided with sealing-off kits for their substandard shelters by Global Communities in Aley, Baabda, and Chouf districts. 225 refugees were provided with adequate shelter through the rehabilitation of small shelter units by NRC in Central and West Bekaa, Global Communities in Chouf, PU-AMI in Sahel Zahrani, and CISP and Intersos in Nabatieh.
- An additional 5,000 refugee families (25,000 individuals) living at 500m – 875m altitude in Mount Lebanon will benefit from cash assistance for winter. Some 4,200 cards will be distributed to these families by ACTED and Makhzoumi Foundation in mid-December. In North Lebanon, nearly 1,300 refugees received financial assistance of US\$ 80, while 6,682 refugees received fuel vouchers, blankets, and/or weatherproofing kits to insulate their shelters.
- In the Bekaa, 13,404 families (67,000 individuals) have received fuel vouchers to date. Over 8,600 families have received blankets and another 20,797 received financial assistance. Additionally, nearly 800 refugees in Aarsal received stoves and over 6,500 families received fuel vouchers.

## TURKEY

- In response to the influx from Kobani, both AFAD-run temporary shelters are operating at capacity. YIBO is currently hosting 8,110 individuals while the Onbir Nisan shelter hosts 1,160 refugees - slightly over its capacity of 1,100. The Suruç Sub-Governorate advised that an additional 43,000 Syrians are living in the Suruç area outside of municipality-run sites.
- UNHCR continues to support Turkish authorities in providing core relief items, including blankets, sleeping mattresses, kitchen sets, jerry cans and cooking facilities to meet the needs of the Syrian refugees. In the context of the winterization activities taking place during the last week of November, 7,700 blankets and 5,575 mats have been delivered to Karkamis. A delivery of CRIs to Nizip 1 and Nizip 2 camps comprised of 15,800 blankets and 8,400 mats. On 25 November, 6,200 mats were delivered to Oncupinar camp.
- As weather conditions deteriorate, Islahiye 2 camp has been opened to accommodate refugees. So far, 73 individuals have been received and AFAD expects that some 500 more refugees from Ankara and Istanbul would be referred to the camp. AFAD management also expects that Nusaybin camp, which is already hosting approximately 4,000 individuals, will reach its capacity in the coming weeks due to growing needs for shelter as a result of the colder weather.

## IRAQ

- In Dohuk, winterization assistance to refugees in camps remains a top priority. More than 2,000 extremely vulnerable families were identified and prioritized for winterization assistance in the three refugee camps in Dohuk.
- UNHCR completed distribution of winter core relief item kits to 3,123 families in camps, and has also begun distribution of insulation kits and polystyrene boards to these families.
- Distribution of kerosene in Dohuk camps started on 17 November and has reached 6,232 families in the Domiz and Gawilan camps, as well as 264 families in the Akre camp as of 30 November. Families are receiving one full barrel (approximately 220 litres). Families in Akre are receiving 20 litres per week.
- Due to the lack of electricity available in the Al Obaidy camp, UNHCR through partner ISHO operates generators for 8 to 10 hours daily to provide power to the refugees in the camp.



## Water and Sanitation

### LEBANON

- Some 650 Lebanese and 400 Syrian refugees residing in Mashta Hassan, Akkar, will soon benefit from a joint water project by CONCERN and the Mashta Hassan municipality. A total of 2,100 Lebanese and 600 Syrian refugees residing in Bsatine, Akkar, already benefiting from a borehole created by CONCERN in 2013, now also have access to a water treatment plant.
- In the Bekaa, 7,392 m3 of water were trucked to Syrian refugees and Lebanese in the towns, including Aarsal, by Action Contre la Faim (ACF) and Intersos. A total of 1,655 latrines were emptied; 164 water filters and 42 water tanks were distributed; and 13 latrines were installed in the Bekaa and the South by ACF, Global Communities, and ACTED.
- Over 4,000 Syrian refugees attended hygiene promotion sessions conducted in Bekaa and Mount Lebanon by ACF, Global Communities, ACTED and Intersos. Some 100 refugees received hygiene kits and another 100 refugees benefitted from the provision of 31 garbage bins in the South by ACF.
- Construction works for three water reservoirs in Borjein, Jadra and Baasir, Mount Lebanon, are in process.
- Over 276,000 Lebanese and 69,000 Syrians will benefit from the replacement of 11 water pumps by UNICEF in the South. These pumps were installed in the most vulnerable municipalities of the South.

### IRAQ

- In Erbil Governorate, 16 refugee community representatives received training on the repair and maintenance of household water and sanitation infrastructure in Darashakran camp in Erbil governorate. The training was led by the Directorate of Surrounding Water and by UNICEF's partner Relief International. Trainees are now equipped with tools to conduct their own repairs.
- In Sulaymaniyah, the water supply network for 256 Syrian households has been completed in the Arbat camp.



## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

### IRAQ

- Currently, more than 2,000 refugees are registered in the UNHCR job seekers database in Dohuk, which is shared with a range of organizations for employment opportunities. During the reporting period, 18 refugees had the opportunity for employment with organizations operating in Gawilan camp.
- DRC distributed grants to 127 beneficiaries in November to establish small businesses, bringing the total number of beneficiaries targeted so far to 490. The remaining 110 beneficiaries (out of the targeted 600) will receive their training and grants in December.
- REACH continued to provide livelihood support to non-camp refugees. Currently, 72 beneficiaries are at the final stages of their training for various skills.

### EGYPT

- Save the Children conducted a workshop under the 'Youth Livelihoods Program', which focuses on training Egyptian and Syrian youth to enhance their employability skills through three structured programs: Humanitarian Traineeship; Vocational Training Apprenticeship; and Youth Entrepreneurship. The primary objective of the program is to develop the skills of Syrian and Egyptian youth, whilst simultaneously reduce social tensions between the two communities.

Caritas in cooperation with NGO Women and Development conducted a training, 'Art of Beauty and Cosmetics', consisting of a series of ten sessions in Alexandria. The objective of the training was to teach the beneficiaries skills with which they can increase their employability. Participants consisted of 12 Syrian and 3 Egyptian women. Participants have begun practicing their skills as freelancers from their home and will be provided with a microcredit to start their own business.

## Working in partnership

- The regional response for refugees fleeing Syria is the coordinated effort of 163 participating organizations (including 107 appealing agencies)

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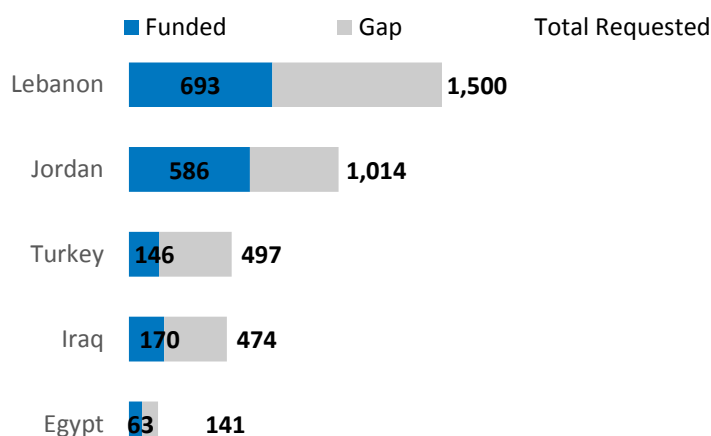
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A total of **USD 2 billion\*** has been funded.



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