

3RP partners responding to increased refugee vulnerabilities across the region

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

In Lebanon, preliminary findings of the Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees (Vasyr) 2015, along with data from the household profiling exercise, highlight the increasing difficulties of Syrian refugees in meeting their basic needs. The proportion of severely vulnerable households increased from 26 per cent in 2014 to 52 per cent in 2015, and so a new formula for cash assistance eligibility was introduced that will see the number of households receiving regular cash assistance increase from 23,000 in October to 33,000 in November. Over 31,000 core relief item (CRI) kits have also been distributed to newly arrived families and others in need this year.

In Jordan, the Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise (CFSME) 2015 was released in October, showing that over two thirds of refugee households (68 per cent) in host communities live below the absolute poverty line of USD 96 per month. This is a considerable increase since 2014, when less than half of refugees lived below the absolute poverty line. Almost 180,000 households have received unconditional cash assistance in Jordan this year, while CRIs have been distributed to 66,000 people and replenishment of consumable items has been made to 112,000 people.

In Egypt, monthly cash grants are being provided to some 31,500 vulnerable Syrian refugees.

In Iraq, some 7,000 households have received core relief items in kind this year, including mattresses, quilts, clothes, shoes, hygiene kits, and other household items.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The majority of the new refugee arrivals to neighbouring countries in 2015 arrive with few personal possessions and in need of domestic items to meet their needs, including blankets, water jerry cans and kitchen sets. The 3RP partners provide a response for basic needs which is predominantly humanitarian, with packages of basic domestic items for new arrivals, and replacement items for refugees who are accommodated in camps for long periods of time.

For the most vulnerable families, agencies have adopted unconditional, multi-purpose cash assistance programmes through the region, allowing beneficiaries to spend the assistance on goods and services they feel they need most, giving them the dignity of choice while positively impacting on local economies.

Weather in the Middle East includes low winter temperatures, near or below freezing (especially at higher elevations), and heat during the summer often reaching in excess of 40 degrees Celsius. These extremes require warm clothes, energy for heating, and reinforced shelters during the winter, while in summer refugees need basic materials to create shade and protection from disease vectors, especially for children and the elderly.



Winter assistance, Erbil, Iraq. UNHCR/D.Eljiki

Sector Response Summary:



1,904,095 Refugees & Local
Community Members targeted for
assistance by end-2015
1,150,460 assisted in 2015



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,270,000 Syrian Refugees
expected by end-2015
4,279,567 currently registered or
awaiting registration



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.3 billion
required in 2015 (Agencies)
USD 2.019 billion received in 2015



WINTER ASSISTANCE UNDERWAY AS COLD SETS IN ACROSS THE REGION

Winter has already set into many areas of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI), ushering in damaging winds, punishing rain and low temperatures. 3RP partners have been delivering winter assistance including CRIs and kerosene to refugees both in camps and in urban, peri-urban and rural settings. Specific winter items being distributed include clothes, insulation kits, stoves, blankets and fire extinguishers. Some 50 houses have also been renovated for refugee families in the Bazian district of Sulaymaniyah Governorate, with the renovated houses being insulated against winter drafts and supplied with proper latrines and showers.

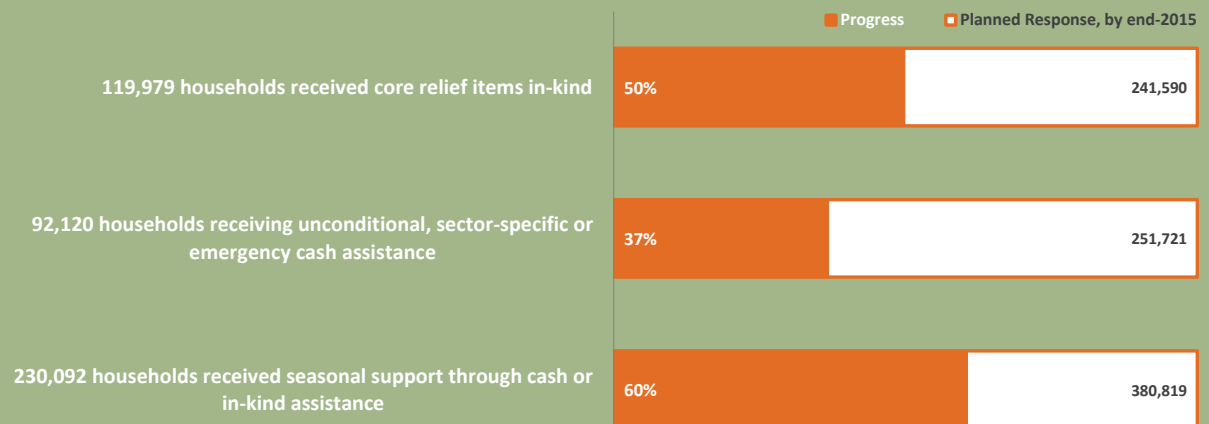
In Lebanon, around 165,000 Syrian refugee households will be receiving winter cash grants of USD 100 or USD 147, depending on the altitude of their location, from November to February. Including other forms of assistance, such as CRI distribution and shelter weatherproofing, some 250,000 families will receive specific help to get through the winter months.

In Jordan the urban winterization preparedness and harsh weather emergency response for the 2015-2016 winter period will see more than 341,904 Syrian refugees within urban settlements receive winterization assistance in the form of cash assistance and non-food items.

In Turkey, over 166,000 Syrian refugees in camps are expected to be assisted with high thermal blankets and winter clothes, while 30,000 Syrian refugees living in urban settings will receive cash assistance for the winter.

In Egypt, the winter plan aims to support at least 84,000 vulnerable persons, representing some 66 per cent of the Syrian refugee population in the country, with cash assistance to help cover the costs of clothes, blankets, heating and safe accommodation during winter.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - OCTOBER 2015



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