

### Partners respond with winterized shelter assistance as harsh weather conditions continue into late February

#### REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Shelter Partners in the region continued to respond to the harsh winter conditions faced by refugees and members of local communities, particularly those living at higher elevations.

In Lebanon, over 33,000 vulnerable individuals living in informal settlements and substandard buildings were assisted with weatherproofing during February. This includes the replacement of shelters that had been seriously damaged by severe storms in late January and February.

In Iraq's Domiz and Gawilan Camps, in Dohuk Governorate, almost 4,000 and 540 families respectively received winterization kits which included carpets, heaters, plastic sheets and blankets.

In Jordan's Azraq Camp, concrete flooring has now been completed for 5,264 transitional shelters, while 412 prefabricated caravans and 150 tents were distributed at Zaatar Camp in February.

In Turkey, more than 11,000 people have now moved into Suruc Camp, which opened in late January. Across the 24 camps in the south of Turkey, some 4,300 people have so far benefited this year from 3RP Partners' activities in support of the Government of Turkey to provide and improve the conditions of shelter.

In Lebanon, as part of the strategy to target and assist the most vulnerable, a telephone survey of 6,000 Syrian households is currently underway to learn more about their shelter and living conditions. The survey will provide an updated overview of needs in different geographic locations, and will help sector partners to adjust their activities if necessary. The previous survey, conducted in March 2014, found that 40 per cent of Syrian refugees across the country were living in sub-standard shelters.

#### NEEDS ANALYSIS:

It is expected that up to 500,000 people will be accommodated in 35 refugee camps in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey in 2015. While most refugee camps in the region meet SPHERE international standards, refugee camps have inherent challenges in relation to aid dependency, security, high running costs and continuing isolation from normal life.

For those people living outside camps, an increasing number are now living in sub-standard shelters, including nearly 300,000 refugees in 1,800 informal settlements in Lebanon and Jordan. Overall, it is estimated that more than half of all refugees live in sub-standard shelters, with challenges related to tenure, privacy, over-crowding, and risks of sexual exploitation. The shortage of shelter solutions is driving up rents and family indebtedness. These pressures especially affect lower income housing areas, as well as host communities and the wider housing market.

The 3RP emphasizes the need to improve living conditions and promote a healthy environment for all residents, as well as protecting the sustainability of camps through investments in camp infrastructure.



Jordan.

#### Sector Response Summary:



**1,273,218** Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end-2015  
**175,644** assisted in 2015



#### Syrian Refugees in the Region:



**4,270,000** Syrian Refugees expected by end-2015  
**3,855,887** currently registered or awaiting registration



#### 3RP Overall Funding Status:



**USD 4.5 billion** required in 2015 (Agencies)  
**USD 259.56 million** received in 2015



### FOCUS ON: SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS IN IRAQ'S REFUGEE CAMPS

Although only ten per cent of refugees from Syria live in camps region-wide, 39 per cent of refugees in Iraq are accommodated in camps.

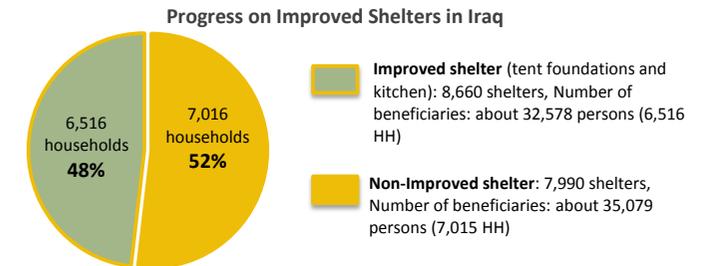
Some 94,599 refugees are hosted in ten camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI), the largest being Domiz Camp in Dohuk Governorate which accommodates 43,832 people.

With emergency accommodation in the form of tents being the most common form of shelter in the camps, ensuring those shelters are improved is a key priority.

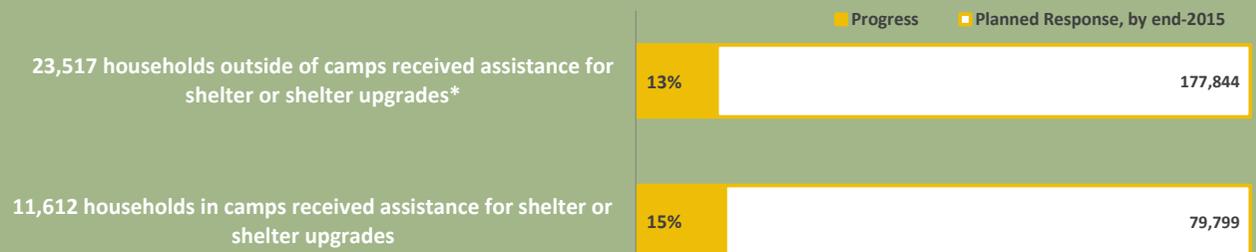
These improvements include the laying of concrete tent foundations that help keep families warm and dry during the winter period, which is coldest in Dohuk. Other improvements are to kitchen and latrine areas, which provide for greater privacy and amenity for refugee families.

In February alone, more than 510 kitchens were completed in the permanent section of Kawergosk Camp, enabling 400 families to re-locate from their non-improved shelters at the temporary site. In Qushtapa camp, almost 390 tents were erected on sites with improved facilities which will allow families to move from the non-improved sections during March.

Tendering and planning for improvements in other camps across the KRI is ongoing, and those improvements will be rolled-out as the year progresses.



### REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2015



\*Progress decreased due to revision of January data.

These dashboards reflect the achievements of the more than 200 partners, including governments, UN Agencies, and NGOs, involved in the 3RP response in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Targets are based on full funding of the 3RP and an expected 4.27 million refugees by end-2015. All data on this Dashboard is current as at 28 February 2015.