

By end 2015, 3RP targets over 280,000 individuals to access wage employment opportunities

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

In Lebanon, most partners are still developing their annual plans and programmes, however some livelihoods activities started this month focused on rapid income generation activities and vocational training. So far, a total of 169 vulnerable persons benefitted from rapid income generations and 38 people benefitted from skills training. Sixty-nine people were reached with new activities including supporting access to internships, on-the-job training and apprenticeships whilst 36 new micro-enterprises were established.

Also in Lebanon, ten new conflict mitigation mechanisms and 13 youth peacebuilding initiatives have been established this year. The sector's focus on supporting municipalities and other local governance institutions is also off to a good start, with two new community support projects implemented and 76 participatory needs assessments (maps of risks and resources) involving 1,316 host community members completed in January.

In Iraq, the number of people who have been assisted through livelihoods support was slightly lower this month, due to the winter season. A job seeker support centre opened in Kasnazan, Erbil, which is a result of community mobilization activities in the area. A total of 104 non-camp Syrian refugees visited the centre, of whom 44 have been connected to short-term work or training opportunities due to take place next month.

The findings from the labour market Emergency Market Mapping and Analysis (EMAA) assessment in Iraq were released, with recommendations including supporting formal credit lines for small-scale businesses, identifying new markets (agricultural processing) and building the capacity of local businesses to establish a formalized recruitment processes.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

A critical dimension of building resilience is to expand livelihoods and employment opportunities for vulnerable men, women and, especially youth, in compliance with national laws and regulations. In all five countries, livelihoods support under the 3RP is a key way to slow and reverse depletion of individual, family and community assets. To ensure access to sustainable employment, it is vital to equip refugees and vulnerable local populations with the skills that the markets demand. Livelihoods initiatives give refugees the means to cope with hardship, to increase their skills and abilities, and to prosper, as well as improving their prospects in a future return to Syria. In turn, the skills of refugees can help to grow and diversify local economies.

Social cohesion interventions in the region include the development of conflict mitigation mechanisms, with stakeholders helping to conduct participatory conflict analysis to identify sources of tension, along with training on conflict resolution skills such as negotiation, problem solving and mediation.



Livelihood activities. KRI/UNDP

Sector Response Summary:



342,712 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted by end-2015
2,284 assisted in 2015



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,270,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2015
3,787,715 currently registered or awaiting



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.5 billion required in 2015 (Agencies)
USD 212.26 million received in 2015



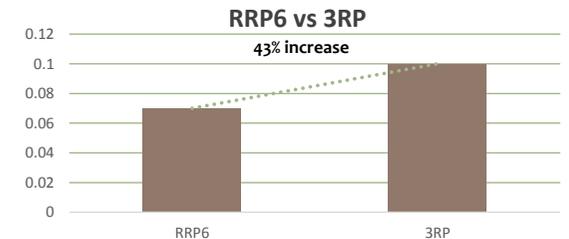
LIVELIHOODS A RENEWED FOCUS UNDER THE 3RP

The livelihoods sector makes up almost ten per cent of the 3RP financial requirements, up from seven per cent under the RRP6.

The focus and extent of livelihoods responses in the region vary across countries, depending on the particular context. Interventions include options for livelihoods stabilization aiming to equip households and communities with coping mechanisms through temporary employment for youth and women through labour intensive methods such as the rehabilitation of key community socio-economic infrastructure, including markets and roads, skills and vocational training to increase employability, and start-up packs and grants for revamping new and old enterprises.

A second track includes interventions designed to generate employment opportunities through addressing rehabilitation/restoration needs of the local economy, promoting access to financial capital for sustainable business development, investing in socio-economic infrastructure and local institutions, and restoring the natural resource base.

Agency Livelihoods Requirements (% of total appeal)



REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY 2015*

2,057 individuals accessing wage employment opportunities



32 community support projects implemented

227 people trained and/or provided with marketable skills and services

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