



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Overview

3,288 Syrians arrived in KR-I through Pheshkabour border; one individual was admitted into KRI on asylum grounds the first case recorded since the end of May 2016.

UNHCR mobile registration/verification exercise has covered 7 urban and peri-urban areas in Duhok since July 2016 and more than 3,319 refugees assisted including 670 newly registered/regularized individuals.

3 Syrians were deported by Duhok authorities. These deportations could not be prevented as one incident was reported to UNHCR on phone while the individual was being forcibly returned and the rest were brought to the attention of UNHCR by relatives after the event. UNHCR will take necessary steps to protest before KR-I authorities.

UNHCR had a 2 day training for Asayish in Chamchamal (Sulaymaniyah) on the code of conduct and protection of refugees and IDPs.

UNHCR protection staff in KR-I had a 3 day protection retreat in Dohuk during which they reviewed the implementation of protection work-plans and discussed the strategic direction on Mosul emergency preparedness and projection on protection activities on 2017 and thematic areas of community based protection, protection monitoring tools, partnerships among others.

Community Based Protection (CBP) UNHCR launched The Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative Fund DAFI/Hopes scholarship programme for 2016. The application for scholarships will run until end of October. UNHCR and partners as well as community networks have carried out awareness sessions in KR-I. 2 staff were deployed to counsel applicants and receive the applications.

Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) UNHCR, Qandil and Department of violence against women (DVAW) initiated a programme aimed at improving access to SGBV services in KRI and will entail building capacity of DVAW and support for SGBV case management through mobile teams in and out of camps.

Child Protection (CP) UNHCR and partners launched the Early Marriage Campaign and conducted awareness raising sessions. The Regional Child Labour expert undertook a mission to KR-I during which he held a child labour round table meeting, child labour awareness sessions with refugees and met stakeholders drawn from humanitarian community, local authorities and refugees.

An interagency consultant on adolescents and youth programming visited KR-I to take stock of the challenges, opportunities for youths and adolescents, best practices and possible areas of intervention to inform planning for 3RP in 2017/18.

Resettlement (RST) 78 cases of 356 persons were referred to MENA Regional Hub for resettlement consideration, 13 cases of 47 persons were accepted for resettlement to the UK and 12 persons departed to the UK. There were no rejected cases in September due to improved screening and scrutiny processes.

The UK held a mission to Iraq on identification and assistance of vulnerable persons, interviews, security screening and anti-fraud measures. In the same period the US resettlement mission focussed on interviews for UNHCR referred cases as well as in country referrals from their embassy or consulate.

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Basirma Camp, Erbil, Girls in Child Friendly Space. O. Zhdanov, UNHCR

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

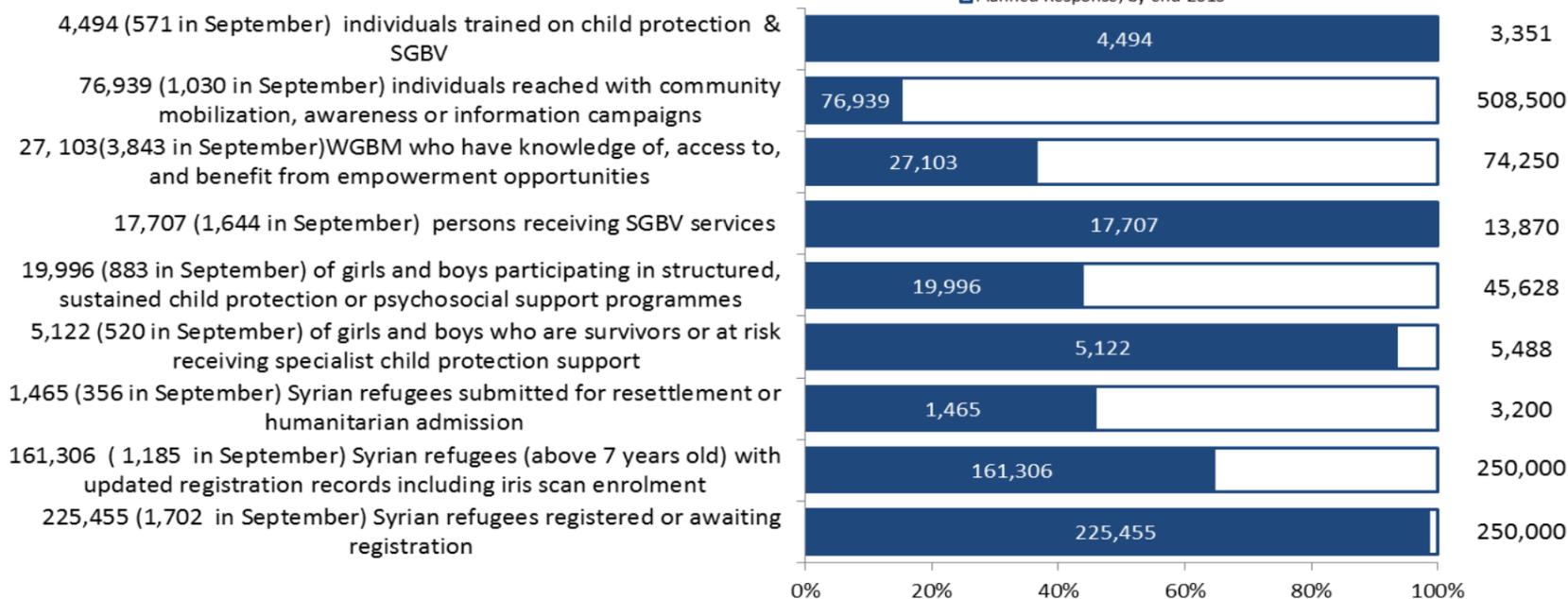
The interest in The Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative Fund DAFI/Hopes scholarship high amongst the population, however the equalization of certificates is a major hurdle for many prospective applicants, as the process is time consuming and requires travel to the Ministry of Education in Erbil.

UNHCR is preparing a call for expression of interest to provide Communication with Communities (WCW) services in 2017 for Duhok governorate.

Refugee GBV-(Information Management System, IMS), reporting remains a challenge in Iraq, due to the absence of the coordination personnel from UNHCR.

Access to dignity kits/sanitary items by refugee women and girls is limited thereby predisposing them to serious protection risks.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: September 2016



* Planned response is based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 250,000 Syrian refugees and 1.5 million members of impacted local communities by end-2016. By 31 August 2016, 239,008 Syrian refugees (81,250 households) live in Iraq. 41 % = 98,049 live in 10 camps and 59 % = 140,959 in non-camp/urban areas. 96 % = 230,530 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): in Erbil Duhok and Sulaymaniyah and 4 % = 8,478 live in other locations in Iraq.