



## KEY FIGURES



**245,000** Syrian Refugees expected by end-2018

**246,086** currently registered



**USD 226.8 million** overall funding required in 2018

**21 million** (9.3% of total) required for Livelihoods

## HIGHLIGHTS

In 2018, the end of military operations and the scale down of the emergency humanitarian response is expected to free up resources and lead to a renewed effort to provide livelihoods support to Syrian refugees in Iraq. As most (97% of) refugees remain in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI), the continuing economic recession and the government fiscal crisis will remain a challenge to improving their livelihoods and income-generating opportunities. Emergency Livelihoods Sector partners continue to provide capacity building training as well as job placement support through establishing private sector partnerships; small business support through cash and asset grants; and cash for work (CfW) opportunities in some cases. For youth, the support offered is mainly vocational training.

To have a meaningful impact on livelihoods of refugees, interventions have taken a new approach and partners are proposing innovative models in order to offer durable solutions to displacement that has lasted more than five years in many cases. Sustainable support is offered to refugees in the form of small business support - which further facilitates job creation and economic independence - on and off camp settings, training on value addition for products and services, and linking refugees with host community business actors for employment opportunities. By integrating refugees into the local economy and institutions, both populations' ability to withstand hardships and crises is strengthened.

## NEEDS ANALYSIS

Emergency Livelihoods Partners have highlighted challenges in supporting refugees in rural areas. Partners are working to increase refugee - host community interaction and economic integration, yet rural conditions often make this a challenge. One of the greatest needs is providing or facilitating employment opportunities for people trained through NGO programs. Participants are often enthusiastic to participate, yet may spend long periods of time to attain employment and put those skills to use. Ensuring to offer trainings in sectors and areas where the specific skills are in demand can mitigate this issue.



Small business by REACH- Mobile shop for Syrian refugee in Erbil

## ACHIEVEMENTS



### Sectoral Indicators Progress



### 3 partners reporting for the month

Reached/Target

252 individuals benefited temporary employment activities (cash for work etc.)

252

9,548

9,800

138 individuals participated in professional skills, vocational or business development training courses

138

18,112

18,250

3 individuals who benefited from job referral mechanisms (registered, job fairs, job portals, job newsletters, job centers)

3

5,747

5,750

30 individuals supported to establish or scale up businesses (micro-finance, small grants, etc.)

30

4,570

6,600