

IRAQ

July – September 2018

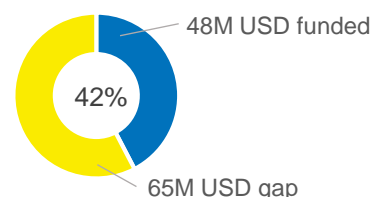
In line with its mandate and in support of the Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, leads the humanitarian response to the Syria situation in Iraq. In doing so, it coordinates the intervention of 10 UN agencies and over 30 local and international NGOs through the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP).

Funding as of 24th September 2018

USD 113 M

Requested for UNHCR's response to the Syria situation in Iraq

Funding situation



SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION

250,184 Syrian refugees registered in Iraq

37% Syrian refugees living in camps and **63%** living out of camps

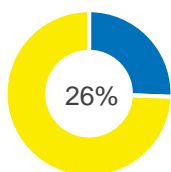
99% of Syrian refugees in Iraq live in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

69% of Syrian refugees in Iraq are women and children

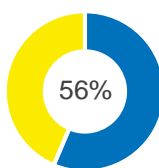
KEY STATISTICS

From July to September 2018, UNHCR conducted household-level protection monitoring of 2,375 households (HH) – 9,047 individuals. This has provided a representative sample of the population upon which the below statistics are based.

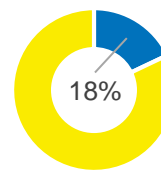
Individuals missing important legal documents



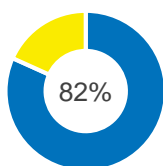
Families living in fair and good shelter conditions



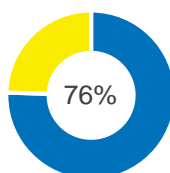
Families with members with a serious medical condition



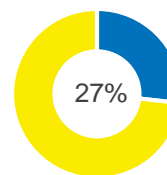
Children aged 6 to 12 years enrolled in school



Families with at least one member engaged in regular livelihood activities



Families depending on financial support from relatives



UNHCR RESPONSE

During the third quarter of 2018, UNHCR and its partners, in collaboration with governmental counterparts, continued supporting Syrian refugees through the provision of multi-purpose cash assistance, upgrading of shelters and key camp infrastructures, awareness sessions on gender-based violence and child protection, personal legal counselling, and other protection activities. In addition, UNHCR designed more than ten quick impact projects to be implemented in the coming quarter. The projects will focus on the rehabilitation of essential facilities such as health centers, WASH infrastructures, and schools.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **61,952** Syrian refugees received assistance through medical consultations
- **9,622** girls and boys were provided with access to child friendly spaces
- **1,327** Syrian refugees were reached with gender based violence awareness activities
- **1,069** Syrian refugees benefited from temporary employment activities
- **10,548** children affected by conflict were enrolled in primary formal education
- **2,493** Syrian refugees received legal assistance



Syrian refugee Muhammed in his newly upgraded shelter in Domiz I Camp, Dohuk, Iraq. © UNHCR/Rasheed Hussein

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Upgraded shelters provide Syrian refugees with improved living conditions and enhanced protection.

“Our makeshift shelter was weak and caused many challenges during the harsh winter and summer weather conditions. I am very happy with our new upgraded shelter made of bricks and insulation panels. It protects my family much better and it provides us with increased privacy”, said 45 year-old Muhammed Khalid. Muhammed and his family escaped fighting in the war-torn city of Aleppo in 2013 and sought refuge in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I). They now live in Domiz I Refugee Camp and like many other families in Domiz, they did not have the necessary financial resources to repair their shelter, damaged by the passing of time and the harsh weather conditions in the area. However, thanks to the generous contribution of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, Muhammed’s family, together with another 1,500 families, were supported with upgraded shelters. In line with the project’s strategy, UNHCR provided cash assistance, materials, and technical guidance, but the beneficiaries themselves were responsible for the construction of their shelter. This engagement enabled them to gain a sense of ownership and contributed to their livelihood, allowing them to live in dignity as they transformed their shelters into homes. The project is part of a current larger programme that also includes the improvement of water, electricity, and sanitation facilities, as well as internal roads, and the installation of solar lights and water pumps in refugee camps across KR-I, benefiting more than 73,000 individuals in the region.

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