

REGIONAL OVERVIEW: RRP5 Update - November 2013

WASH



TARGETS



1,010,000

Refugees in camp and urban settings with access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities



1,646,346

Beneficiaries of hygiene promotion and / or family hygiene kits.



360,998

Beneficiaries of WASH in schools, youth / child - friendly spaces and public places



15 Clinics and

34 Public institutions



318 million

USD required

NEEDS

The rapid increase in the number of refugees challenges the local infrastructural capacities in the WASH sector in Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq.

The requirements in the WASH sector vary geographically depending on the status of and access to existing water and waste-water services. The affected population is scattered in numerous locations, both tented and in urban settings, making the WASH response expensive, time consuming, and logistically challenging. Many of the tented settlements lack adequate sanitation and access to water and are prone to flooding. These factors result in poor hygienic conditions leading to a high risk of water-borne disease.

The response entails provision of WASH services in camps as well as in urban areas where refugees live in host communities. Special emphasis is placed on meeting the needs of women, children, disabled and elderly as well as families living in temporary settlements. Improving the water supply infrastructures for host communities with the largest concentrations of refugees is another priority, critical to reducing tensions over water availability.

Schools in camps are also being provided with WASH services, while schools with refugee children in host communities benefit from improved WASH infrastructures and thus a more conducive learning environment.

KEY NOVEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

In **Lebanon**, partners acted swiftly to address WASH needs in response to the influx of refugees to Aarsal in mid-November, including through water trucking, installation of latrines, provision of water filters and hygiene promotion. The contingency plan was activated in Aarsal and has been reviewed (including stocks) to ensure preparedness to respond to critical needs as they unfold. A central repository of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials was developed.

In **Jordan**, UNICEF and WASH partners are supporting the polio prevention campaign by integrating messages emphasising the importance of polio immunization and sanitation in their hygiene promotion activities. In Azraq camp, the installation of WASH structures is being finalized, and a contingency plan has been developed making it possible to have the camp facilities fully operational within two weeks' notice. With the already installed facilities, the camp can accommodate 30,000 refugees. During November, almost 70 per cent of the 36 sewage tanks needing repair due to heavy rains were repaired at Za'atari Camp.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



582,000 refugees benefitted from access to water supply networks



254,000 refugees benefitted from safe drinking water through distribution of water and water storage facilities



290,000 refugees benefitted from access to adequate latrines



197,500 refugees benefitted from access to adequate shower facilities



139,600 refugees benefitted from waste collection & disposal services



1,224,500 refugees targeted with distribution of family hygiene and basic hygiene kits as well as infant starter kits



387,600 refugees were targeted with activities relating to hygiene promotion

