

REGIONAL OVERVIEW: RRP5 Update - December 2013

BASIC NEEDS



TARGETS



786,500

Syrians in urban areas



848,000

Syrians in camp receive basic NFIs



265 million

USD required

NEEDS

Syrians often arrive to countries of asylum with few personal possessions and savings are soon depleted. For refugees living in camps, the most basic domestic items are needed to adapt to camp life, including jerry cans to transport water and for washing, kitchen sets and stoves for food preparation as well as blankets for warmth and tent insulation. For Syrians not residing in camps, accommodation is often found with host families, in sparsely furnished apartments or other ad-hoc housing solutions, with little funds to purchase needed domestic items. Children, especially those of school-age, are supported in their enrollment and school retention through clothing support. RRP5 partners coordinate the purchase, logistics and distribution plans of core relief items in sector working groups. In some host countries, the provision of cash assistance is intended to support the purchase of basic domestic items.

KEY DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

Winterization activities continued across the region, assisting refugees and host communities cope with cold and wet conditions.

In **Lebanon**, a further 29,000 households were provided with ATM cards, fuel cards or vouchers, bringing the total to 94,000 households to date. Of this, 70,000 receive a regular monthly transfer of \$106 for winter fuel, while 24,000 receive monetized hygiene/baby kits per month, plus a single one-off transfer of \$106. Some 121,000 people were provided with blankets or quilts, out of a total of 321,000 to date this winter. 17,000 heating stoves have been distributed, supporting 85,000 people in isolated areas.

In **Turkey**, the delivery of the 23 mobile registration/coordination centres for AFAD by UNHCR is on course. During December, 7 of the centres were delivered to AFAD, a total of 14 delivered so far. 5,300 electric heaters were distributed in 6 camps to counter the winter conditions. IOM received an in-kind donation of 10,000 mattresses and 10,000 blankets from the Government of Japan. In coordination with AFAD and Turkish Red Crescent, the items were provided to Viransehir camp to be distributed based on needs identified. During the same period, IOM and local partners began the distribution of winterisation items in Kirikhan, Hatay province. 450 blankets were distributed to 179 families.

In **Jordan**, distribution of heaters and blankets in Zaatari camp is ongoing. Coordination of winterization activities outside camp is taking place. RAIS module to prevent duplication of beneficiaries for winterisation is broadly used by partners. There is a shortage of gas cylinders in the country, which is affecting programming both inside and outside of camps.

In **Iraq**, distributions commenced for winterisation CRI for camp based refugees with the UNHCR implementing partners. Qushtapa, Basirma, Arbat, Darashakran, Gawilan, Akre and Kawergosk camps received all the winterisation CRI. 12 Airlifts of CRI were carried out to Syria, with each flight's cargo accommodates 35 MT of supplies.

In **Egypt**, As part of the winterization programme for 2013-2014, blankets have been distributed to 1500 households (6000 individuals) in Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta. The distribution has been implemented from 21 to 25 December in the three areas. Meetings have been organized with "International Development, Support and Consulting" and "Syrian Women Association" to discuss project proposals aiming at improving the livelihoods of Syrian women and men.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013



More than **900,000** people covered by core relief items via NFI kits



1.6 million blankets and quilts distributed



262,243 kitchen sets and stoves distributed



461,308 people assisted with clothing



199,000 cash payments made for emergencies or for basic family needs

