

# IRAQ: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - MARCH

# FOOD SECURITY

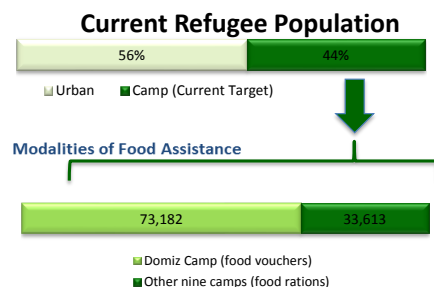


49% (106,795) of the 219,579 registered Syrian refugees are currently receiving food assistance.

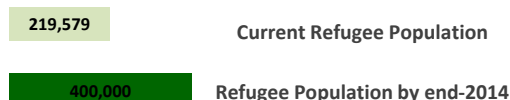
The number of beneficiaries is expected to grow to **290,000** (160,000 in camps, and 130,000 non-camp) by the end of 2014.

## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

- Retailers were selected for retail shops inside Domiz camp, as part of the WFP voucher programme. WFP's voucher programme in Domiz camp commenced in November 2012 in partnership with Islamic Relief Worldwide - Iraq.
- In March 2014 alone, WFP injected over US\$2.2 million into the local economy through this food voucher programme. Since the start of the programme, WFP's voucher programme has injected over US\$24 million into the local economy.
- While food rations were provided to 33,613 Syrian refugees in all ten Syrian refugee camps Iraq, 73,182 beneficiaries in Domiz camp received food vouchers.
- Due to a pipeline break, the delivery of food parcels was delayed in March. As a result, the distribution of food assistance in all camps in Erbil governorate took place at the end of March. During the period in which food parcels from WFP were not available in Darashakran camp, ACTED collaborated with the Barzani Charity Foundation to distribute temporary food parcels.
- 814 Syrians were admitted into KR-I via Peshkhabour crossing point on 27 March. WFP, in partnership with DMC, assisted these new arrivals, as well as refugees already being accommodated in this transit centre with A29 bars and food parcels.



## SYRAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:



## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

As per the request of the Government, humanitarian assistance focuses on those living in camps. Based on WFP monitoring reports, refugees in the camps are dependent on food assistance.

The UNHCR/WFP Joint Assessment Mission (JAM), which is scheduled to commence in late April 2014, will help to better inform the overall humanitarian needs of refugees in camps and in host communities. The overall objective of the JAM is to assess the food security and nutrition needs of both camp and non-camp refugees, their capacities and vulnerabilities, as well as to provide programmatic recommendations.

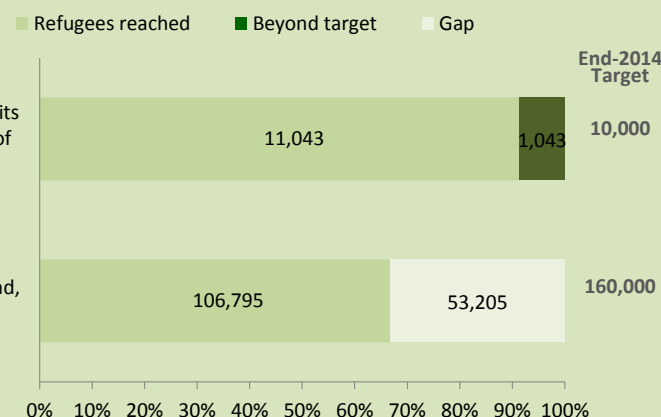
UNHCR's contingency plan for Iraq points out that host communities' capacities and structures to absorb refugees will reach its limits relatively quickly. Many have arrived with limited means to cover basic needs and are now increasingly in need of assistance. The massive and accelerating influx of refugees is placing enormous strain on existing Government resources and host communities.

As the number of Syrian refugees continues to increase, their needs ranging from protection, social services and food become evident. Hence, there is a critical need to provide food assistance to save lives for EVIs in the camps and non-camp settings.

## PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

11,043 students currently receiving high-energy biscuits in all primary camp schools in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (14 schools in 8 camps)

106,795 individuals in camps currently receiving in-kind, cash or voucher assistance to meet food needs



Targets based on expected population of 400,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by the end of 2014. There are currently 219,579 refugees in Iraq. As per Government policy, food assistance is provided to in-camp refugees only. All Syrian refugees registered in camps are currently provided food assistance.