



KEY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH

527,500 persons received winterization assistance
(99.5% of target for this winter)

HIGHLIGHTS:

A further 7,100 households (35,500 individuals) participated in the NFI/cash winterization assistance programme, bringing the total to 94,000 households (470,000 individuals). This assistance package consists of one high thermal blanket for each person, a stove or USD 50 cash in-lieu of a stove for each household, and heating fuel through ATM cards, fuel cards or vouchers worth USD 100 for each of the five winter-months.

Also, 11,500 households (57,500 individuals) were assisted with the winterization-NFI in-kind packages donated by the State of Qatar. The package consists of a blanket and mattress per person, two plastic sheets, two jerry cans, a heating stove, a hygiene kit and vouchers for 200 litres of heating fuel per family.

Newcomers' winterization assistance reached 16,670 newcomers, providing each family with high thermal blankets, stoves and one-off cash support of USD 100 to cover heating fuel.

Core relief items for newcomers reached 40,585 individuals, providing each family with one blanket per person, four mattresses, one kitchen set, and one hygiene/ baby kit.



Distribution of Core Relief Items. Credit Eduardo Lima

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Partners will continue expanding coverage of the winterization programme in April for families that were not assisted/reached.

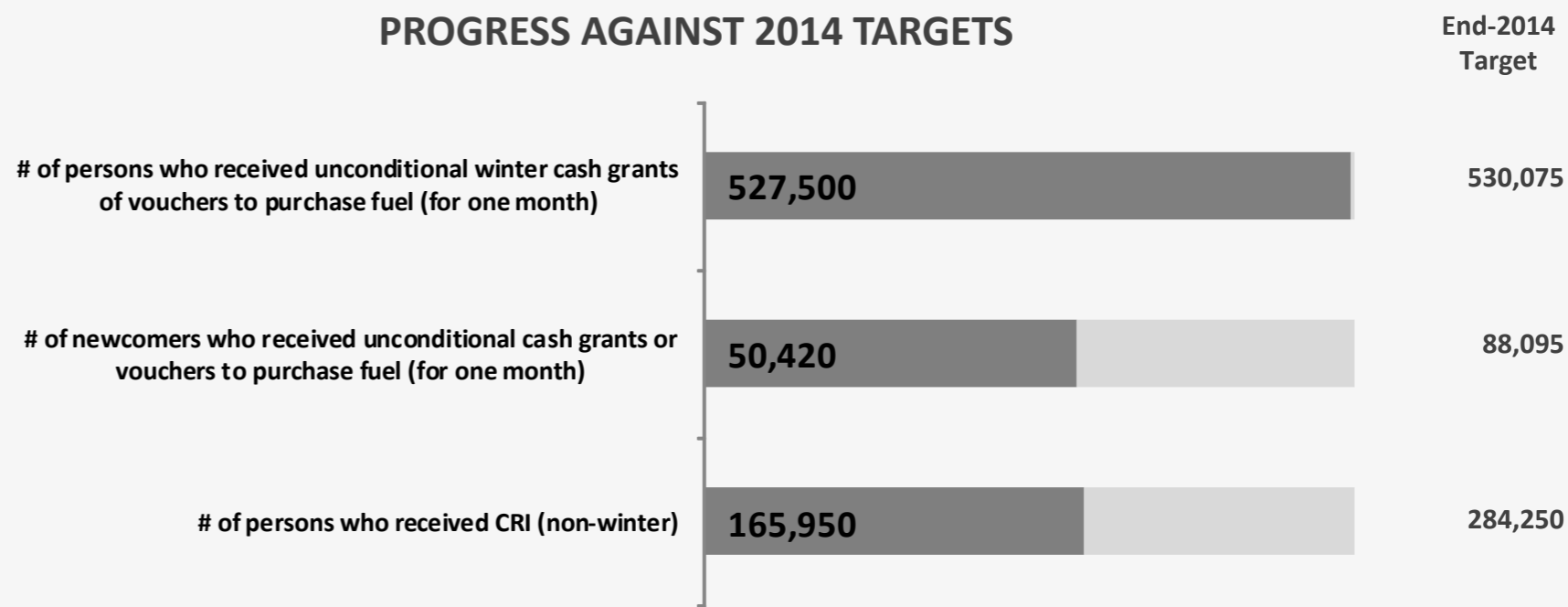
The sector is discussing mechanisms to move beyond the NFI/cash winterization assistance to a cross-sectoral unconditional cash programme targeting vulnerable refugees. This entails supporting the development of the targeting methodology, the assistance package design, and systems to support monitoring and evaluation, particularly in data management. All these are necessary for an inter-agency programme of this magnitude.

A major challenge for agencies providing assistance to newcomers is the potential reductions in the NFI/basic needs budget of major donors. In addition, it has been noticed that more recent newcomers are more vulnerable than those who arrived in the past because they have already lost their savings and their assets in Syria, and it is also more difficult for them to find jobs and accommodation in Lebanon.

Estimated % of populations in need of support as per RRP6



PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



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