



REFUGEE POPULATION IN JORDAN



APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Opening of Azraq refugee camp:

On April 30, 2014, the Jordanian government formally opened Azraq refugee camp. There are currently 1,459 completed T-shelters in Azraq, with 5,233 under construction, capable of housing up to 25,000 refugees.

Development of guidelines for shelter interventions:

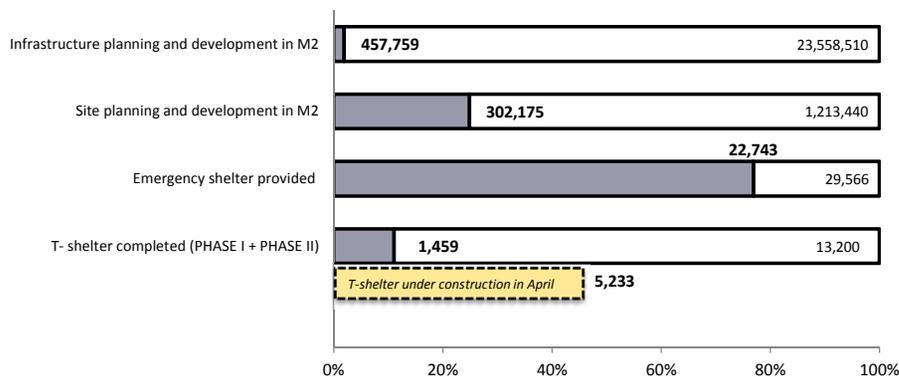
The Shelter WG has endorsed guidelines for the upgrading of substandard housing units and increasing housing units available in unfinished buildings. The guidelines set a series of standards for mechanical, civil and electrical interventions. These guidelines will be observed by all partners and are necessary to avoid duplication and ensure activities meet minimum standards. For this activity the Shelter and WASH sectors are working in coordination to avoid duplication as many shelter interventions have WASH components such as the installation of water tanks and plumbing. A taskforce has been established to develop guidelines for the 'Cash for Rent' shelter intervention.

Reviewing and updating the Shelter strategy:

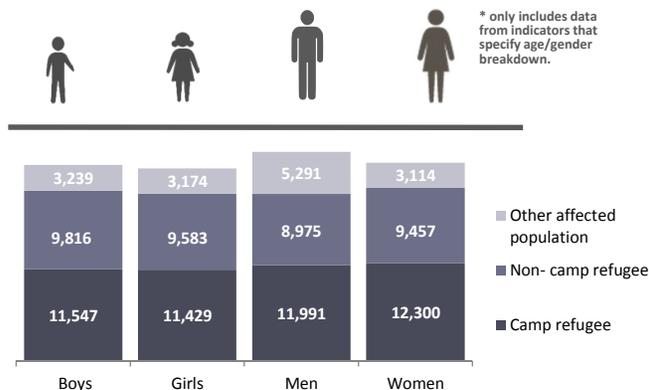
The Shelter WG is in the process of reviewing and updating the objectives and principles of Jordan's Shelter Sector Strategy with consideration of activities under RRP6. The taskforce aims to harmonise the guidelines with those reflected in UNHCR's draft version for a global shelter strategy. This process will contribute to the specifics of short-term emergency response interventions and a transition to development-focused response interventions, in addition to linking to the NRP, Shelter sector guidelines, intersector coordination, and gender considerations.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS IN CAMP

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POPULATION ASSISTED BY SHELTER SECTOR IN APRIL *



Children play in one of the new T-shelters in Azraq refugee camp

NEEDS ANALYSIS

All refugees arriving in the camps are dependent on the provision of shelter and access to basic services. The distribution of emergency tents in Zaatarri will continue until emergency tents can be replaced with pre-fab caravans. Upgrading and maintenance of pre-fab caravans is needed to meet minimum shelter guidelines such as sufficient shelter space, thermal insulation and rainwater protection, (e.g. container units with 15 M² are too small for a 5 person household and leakage from container roof sealings are reported as a major concern).

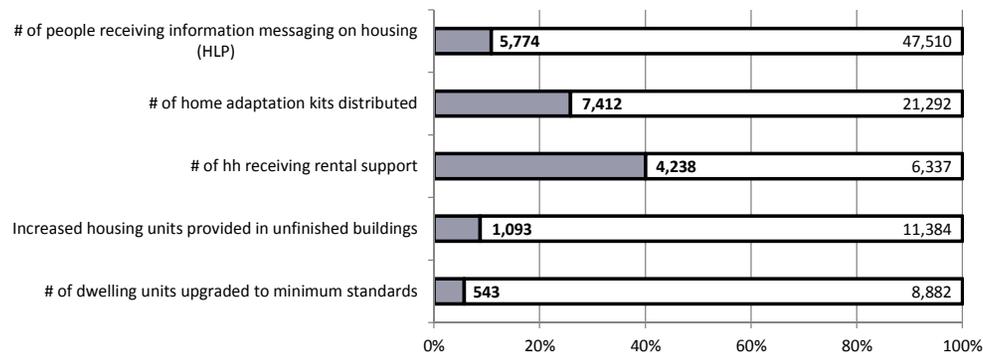
Shelter solutions for the desert camp of Azraq are designed to reduce or even avoid the need for distribution of costly emergency tents and repair works on pre-fab container units. Azraq's T-Shelter prototype is designed as a shelter kit which allows for fast assembling of factory manufactured kit components on site, for improved mitigation of harsh weather impact, and for reduced shelter investment costs. The shelter is designed as a transitional shelter (i.e. as T-shelter) for a structural life span of at least five years, thus providing an opportunity to dismantle and re-assemble the shelter for re-use elsewhere. The shelter's production technology is anticipated to not only facilitate capacity and income generating spill over effects to both the local construction labour force but also for shelter beneficiaries if refugee women, boys and girls can be involved in shelter finishing, shelter maintenance and shelter decommissioning works.

Access to affordable and adequate shelter in urban settings is an increasing concern for vulnerable refugees, with rental prices rising and availability of accommodation decreasing. Rental price increases are seen as cause of tensions between Syrians and Jordanians in communities, as Jordanian families also struggle to cope with the rising cost and limited availability of adequate accommodation.

Shelter interventions in refugee hosting communities therefore focus on awareness building, rent support, upgrading of sub-standard housing units, weather mitigating shelter adaptations and completion of unfinished buildings.

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