



KEY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH

53,700 persons (10,740 families) received newcomer NFI kits.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Partners of the Basic Needs sector distributed newcomer NFI kits to 53,700 persons (10,740 families). A standard kit consists of one blanket and one mattress per person (5 blankets and 5 mattresses per family/kit on average), one kitchen set and one hygiene kit per family, and a baby kit for each child under the age of 2 years.

In addition, a total of USD 222,000 was distributed to 1,400 very vulnerable families as cash assistance for multiple purposes.



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

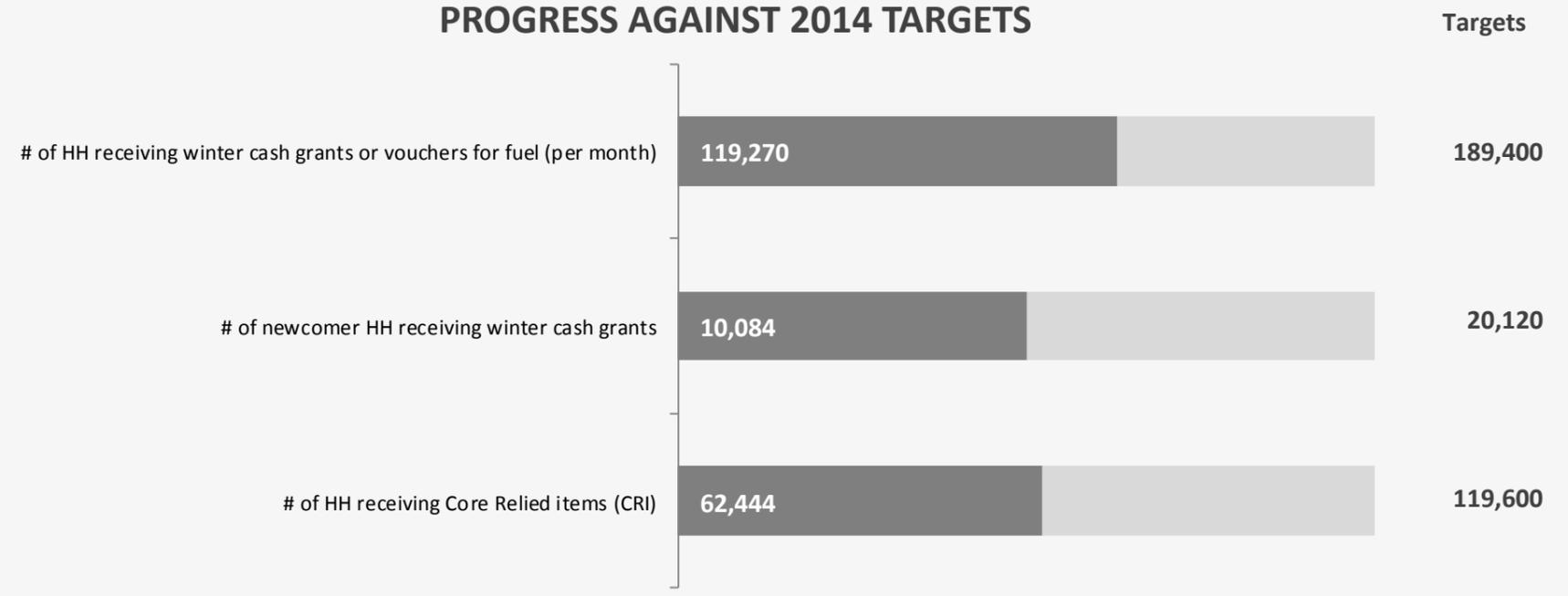
A major challenge for partners providing assistance to newcomers is the potential forthcoming reductions in NFI and Basic needs budget of major donors. In addition, it has been noticed that newcomers arriving in the last months are in general more vulnerable than those who arrived in the past, as they have already lost their savings and assets in Syria and it is more difficult for them to find jobs and accommodation on arrival in Lebanon.

The sector will move beyond the NFI/cash winterization assistance to a cross-sectoral unconditional cash programme targeting vulnerable refugees. This entails supporting the development of targeting methodology, the same content of assistance package design, and systems to support monitoring and evaluation, particularly in data management.

All the above are necessary for an inter-agency programme of this magnitude to ensure that assistance is delivered equitably and avoiding issues between communities who receive different services.



PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



Source: figures reported above reflect the information reported to Sector Coordinators by Partners participating in Working Groups

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