



KEY FACT

Arsal insecurity sheds light on the dire need for shelter contingency stock.

HIGHLIGHTS:

By the end of August 2014, agencies reported shelter assistance reaching 303,753 individuals this year. This includes 213,661 Syrians, 55,775 Palestinian Refugees from Syria, 2,188 Lebanese Returnees, and 32,129 Affected Lebanese.

Weatherproofing activities have been boosted in anticipation of the upcoming winter. 1,975 refugees benefitted from distribution of 435 shelter sealing-off kits. 643 refugees received 132 new arrival kits across the country. 645 refugees also benefitted from site improvements works in four flood-prone informal settlements of the Bekaa.

Rehabilitation of houses and collective centers continues to be central to the shelter response. 645 refugees were provided with shelter through rehabilitation of 17 small shelter units and four collective centers by agencies across the country. Beneficiaries included refugee families fleeing Aarsal.

During the Aarsal clashes, with no possibility to flee the combat zone, refugees living in informal settlements sought refuge in private houses, collective shelters, schools and mosques.



Lebanon/ Living conditions of Syrian Refugees in informal settlements

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The recent events of Aarsal demonstrated major difficulties in providing emergency shelter space for refugees and IDPs in the absence of large collective sites.

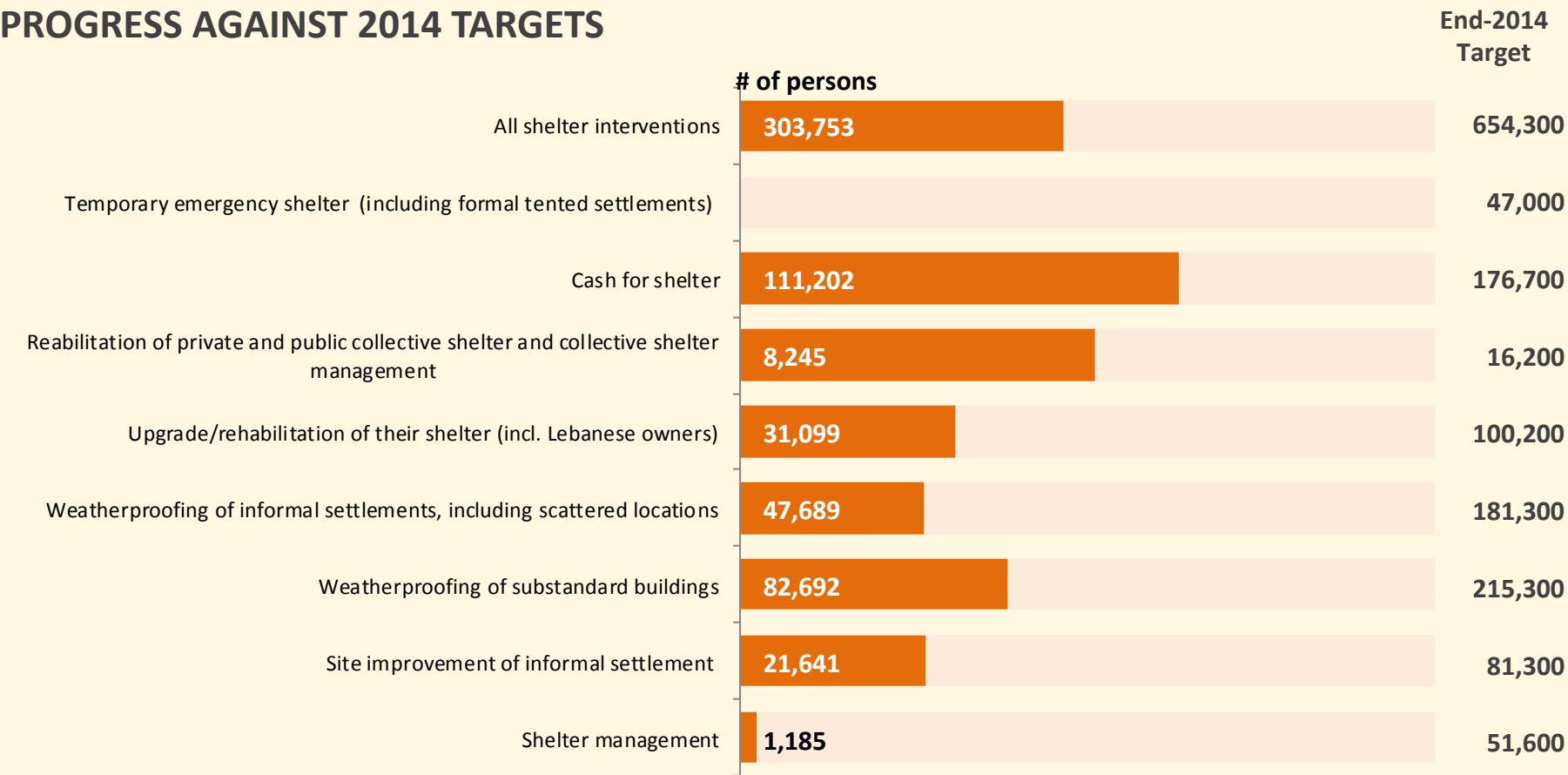
The current shelter saturation could turn catastrophic should the current steady increase of refugees get bolstered by a sudden large influx.

Given the increasingly limited affordable shelter options available to refugees, and the increasing evictions and new arrivals, the number of refugee households in need of shelter assistance is expected to rise further.

Beside highlighting the need for emergency shelter solutions, the recent Aarsal events require increased innovation and search for new shelter options.



PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



Note: Decrease in number of beneficiaries from Site Improvement went down due to agencies correcting older values.

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

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