



A total of 29,850 persons (5,970 families) were assisted during October, 2014

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS:

The focus for October was on the distribution of winter relief items:

The inter-agency winterization working group was established and continued to meet every week during the month. Winter packages were harmonized; priority locations and implementation modalities were defined.

In consultation with government and partners, UNHCR's winterisation strategy was concluded in early October and Phase 1 distributions of winter items (phase 1) to 5,970 families in camps were completed by end of October in all three governorates.

The assistance was targeted to most vulnerable refugee families in camps and approximately 10% of the non-camp population (5,179 families). Winter CRI kit consists of 5 thermal blankets/quilts, 1 plastic sheet, 1 water jerry can, 1 heating stove, kerosene and 1 kerosene jerry can. Shelter winter kit consists of tent insulation kits and polystyrene boards to reinforce flooring materials in camps or informal settlements provided with UNHCR tents.

As of end October, 14,552 refugees arrived from Kobane. Approximately 20% remained in camps and were provided with tents, regular CRI kits and winter kits. 80% are staying with host communities but were provided with mattresses, quilts/blankets, plastic sheets, water jerry cans upon arrival, and before joining families and friends in respective governorates within Kurdistan region.

Other UN and partner organisations involved in NFI and winterisation programme reported that they will distribute the following items to camp population: UNICEF - winter clothes and shoes for refugee children, UNFPA - 800 dignity kits (long dress for women and girls) and 500 dignity kits (long dress for pregnant women and clothing for new born); Specific to Duhok governorate, IFRC will provide 2,100 kits (blankets, mattresses, water jerry can, stoves, and kitchen sets), Peace Winds Japan - winter coats for school children and NRC is continuing the shelter upgrades (winterization) for families with persons with disabilities.

For Erbil governorate, Save the Children will provide \$ 400,000 for cash/voucher distribution for winter clothing for refugees while DRC allocated approximately \$ 100,000 for rain clothing and boots Qushtapa and Basirma camps.

For non-camp population, the following agencies reported that they will distribute the following items: Mercy Corps - with unconditional cash transfer to most vulnerable 500 refugee families (USD 210 per family) in Sulaymaniyah.



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

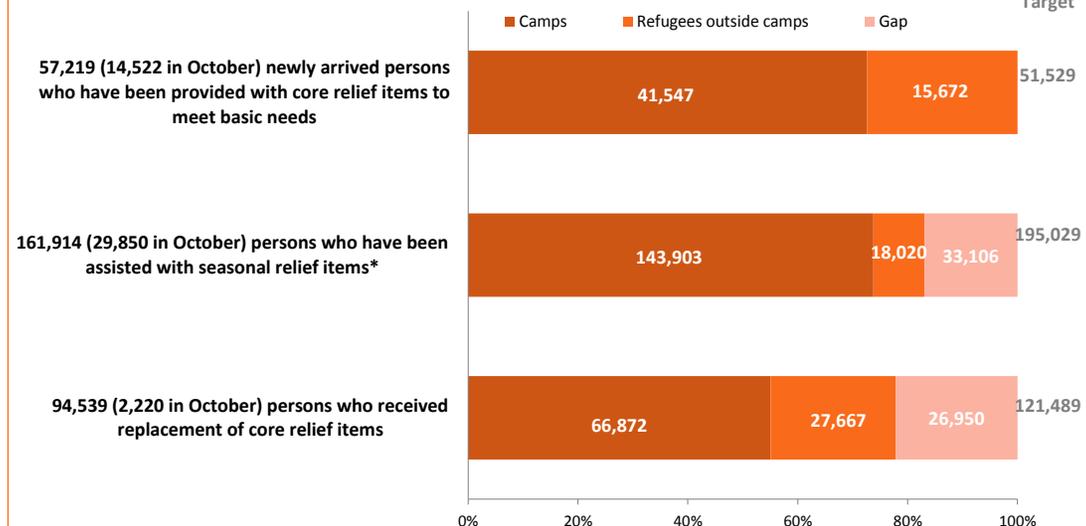
New refugees continue to arrive from Kobane with very limited personal and household belongings. They require regular CRI kits and winter items to re-establish their households either in camps, informal settlements or with host communities. New tents are required for families who are staying in camps.

Some refugees currently living in camps and in informal settlements require replacement of damaged and/or deteriorated core relief items. In addition, some tents were assessed to be fully deteriorated and require immediate replacement before winter insulation kits can be installed.

Technical Training on installation of shelter winter kits will be required for communities to be able to install the kits on their own or with the support of community mobilizers, if required.

As temperature starts to go down, kerosene has to be distributed soon for families to use heating stoves, especially those living close mountain areas.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



*Excluding Kerosene

Targets based on expected population of 250,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 223,923 refugees.

SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:



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