

Iraq:RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE- DECEMBER 2014 SOCIAL COHESION & LIVELIHOODS



DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

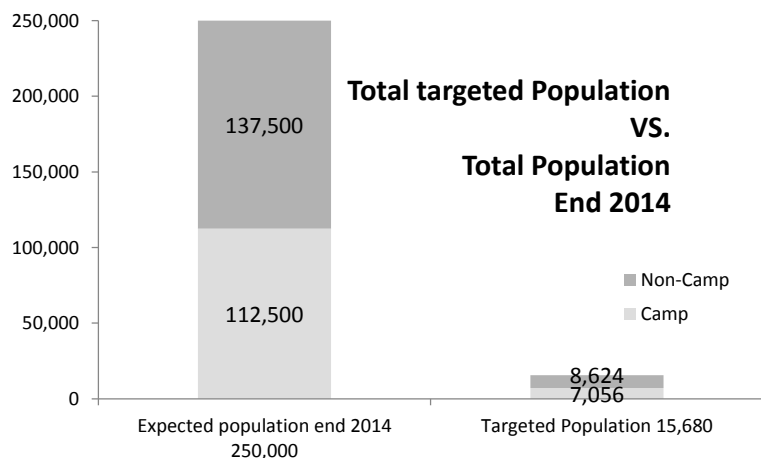
DRC has been conducting livelihoods activities in both Erbil and Duhok Governorates of KRI over the past year, with activities focusing on small business development and vocational training for refugees. In December, 202 Syrian refugees who completed small business trainings in November received grants and established businesses in Erbil and an additional 109 refugees received similar training in Duhok. Including 94 small business grants to beneficiaries who received training in November, a total of 405 Syrian refugees received small business grants in the month of December. Locations included Basirma, Kawergosk, Darashakran and Qushtapa camps in Erbil Governorate, and Domiz, Akre, and Gawilan camps in Duhok Governorate, as well as urban areas within the city of Duhok.

In Duhok, 40 businesses previously established through similar trainings and grants were identified as capable of scaling up activities, and the owners were provided with an additional day of business training and provided with a small grant to support improvements in their businesses.

Regarding vocational trainings, DRC identified and registered 100 beneficiaries in Erbil Governorate and 59 in Duhok governorates. Trainings have been contracted through the KRI Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, which operates a vocational training center. All vocational training should be completed in early 2015.

Mercy Corps completed an initial cash transfer to 720 refugee and host community households in Sulaymaniyah Governorate. Subsequent tranches will follow over the coming months. Budget allocated: 500,000 EUR.

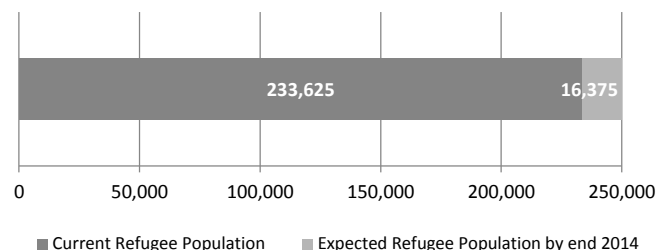
IOM provided Vocational Training to 349 beneficiaries and 9 beneficiaries with On Job Training in Domiz, Qushtapa, Basirma, Kawergosk and Darashakran and Business development service training to 620 beneficiaries in Gawilan and Qushtapa. 315 beneficiaries were provided with access to internet in Domiz camp through the Community Technology Access centers.



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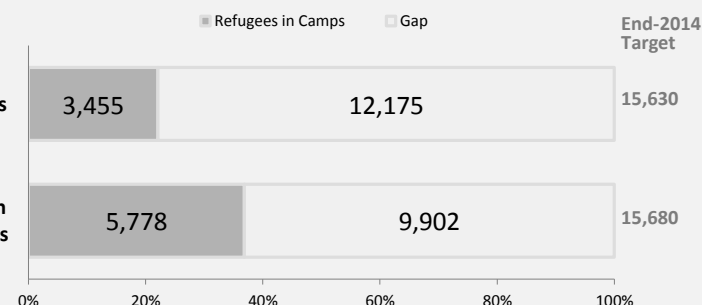
SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

3,455 (1,125 in December) persons participating in employment assistance, income generation activities or business development projects

5,778 (1,763 in December) persons participating in vocational training or skills development programs



Targets based on expected population of 250,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 233,625 refugees.