

Almost 7,500 households received shelter assistance across the region in January

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

In Lebanon the winter weather conditions did not cause severe damage to substandard shelters in the informal settlements (IS). Shelter partners who conducted assessments helped in a small number of cases and some heavy duty plastic sheets were also distributed.

These weather events helped indicate in which IS more improvements were necessary to ensure drainage and avoid flooding. Almost all families in the IS have been supported with weatherproofing activities, often combined with unconditional cash support to cover winter needs (fuel, clothes). With assessments and trainings completed, new UNHCR kits to improve shelter insulation are ready to be distributed and installed.

In Jordan, the Zaatari address systems continues to be put in place in order to enhance communication with the refugees, facilitating house visits and allowing better service delivery. Each HH will receive an address number linked to their UNHCR file, street names will be also easily identified.

In Iraq a total of 2,640 new shelter plots with essential facilities are planned to be constructed as part of the 3RP 2016.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The large majority of Syrian refugees live in urban, peri-urban and rural settings. The high demand for shelter, to which the local and national housing markets have not been able to adjust, has led to housing shortages and an increase in rental prices, affecting host communities and refugees alike.

With vulnerability levels on the rise, many refugees cannot pay for adequate accommodation and live in substandard shelter conditions, in informal settlements or unfinished structures. These include homes with leaking roofs or plastic sheets in place of windows or with no running water or toilet.

Refugees living in camps need protection against the elements, sufficient housing space for families and a sense of privacy and security. More durable shelter options continue to be required to adjust to the protracted nature of the displacement.

The Shelter Sector, which is active in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq, aims at ensuring sustainable and appropriate access to shelter and infrastructure for refugees and host community members. Sector partners will focus on the availability, affordability and quality of shelter and on improving security of tenure in a holistic manner, addressing both the short- and long-term shelter needs of the most vulnerable refugees and members of the host communities.

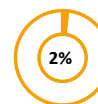


New Year brought winter for Syrian Refugees. UNHCR/A. McConnell

Sector Response Summary:



2,238,600 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016
37,460 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,687,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
4,567,100 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.55 billion required in 2016
USD 93 million received in 2016



3RP PARTNERS ACTIVATED AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE DUE TO EXTREME COLD WEATHER EVENT IN MAFRAQ GOVERNORATE

In response to cold weather predictions in Northern Jordan, ACTED activated its emergency response department to provide winterization items to Syrian refugees living in Vulnerable Outreach Communities (VOCs) in Mafraq governorate.

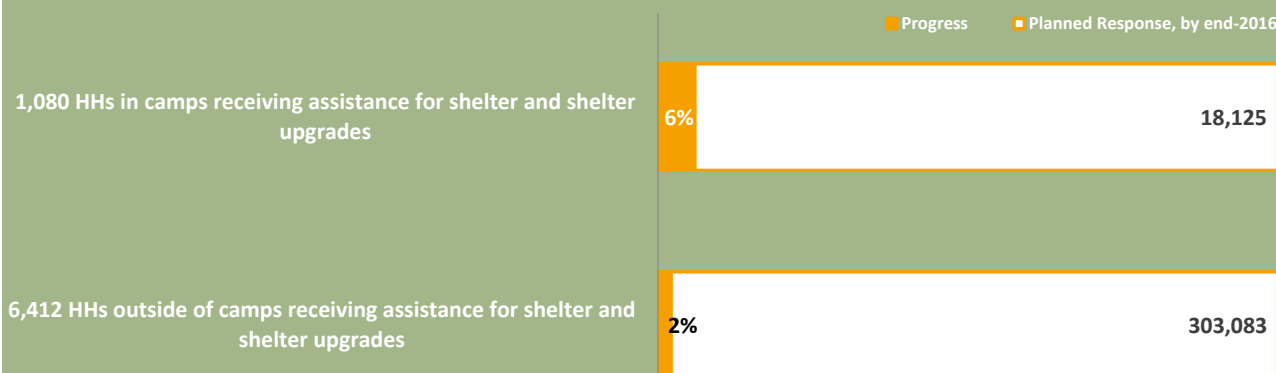
Over 3 days in late January 2016, ACTED was able to distribute 685 ground sheets donated by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and 366 plastic sheets donated by UNHCR to reinforce existing tents, as well as 1,400 blankets also donated by UNHCR, to over 2,100 beneficiaries in 24 VOCs.

In preparation for the emergency response, 1,000 UNHCR leaflets were also distributed describing key winter safety messages in late December 2015 and a shelter training was conducted with UNHCR and NRC on 24 January 2016, one day prior to the start of the distributions.

ACTED received calls for help from the community through its referral mechanism. Through the continued presence in the host communities of Northern Jordan, and the strong ties created with the community members, enabled a quick reaction in providing assistance to the most vulnerable.

ACTED liaised closely with UNHCR by receiving all harsh weather emergency referrals from international NGOs and local community based organizations in Mafraq Governorate.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY 2016



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