



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Tailored support to the establishment and scale-up of small and medium businesses owned by Syrian men and women in both camp and non-camp settings was provided to 270 business owners. These market based interventions support both the households that own the business or are employed in the businesses as well as the local markets in areas hosting refugee communities.

A specific assessment on camp based businesses and market mapping has been completed covering all four refugee camps of Erbil governorate. Results to be shared with sector partners through a workshop in November. In addition 201 Syrian men, women and youth benefited from employment creation programs providing access to sustainable income for them and their households.



Women presenting their knitting work after vocational training in Akre camp. UNHCR/ R. Gawdan

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

As a result of a WFP led food security assessment and due to funding constraints to continue blanket food distributions, in August and September food assistance provided to camp and non-camp based refugees was reduced.

This highlights a shift from provision of basic needs through sector partners to a focus on household level resilience and sustainability through tailored livelihoods interventions.

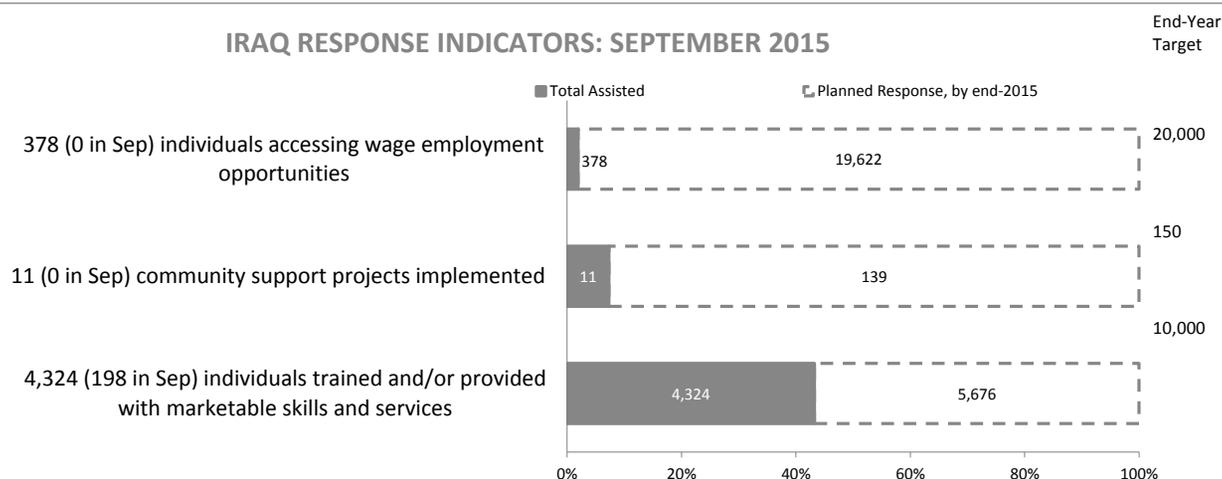
In the context of a protracted Syrian crisis and of reduced aid, building resilient livelihoods becomes a priority across all sectors and agencies responding to the Syrian crisis.

However the prioritization of livelihoods has not been met with funding or resources needed to reach the target populations and goals for the sector remain significantly below the targets planned for 2015.

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IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: SEPTEMBER 2015



Planned response based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 250,000 Syrian refugees and 1.5 million members of impacted local communities by end-2015. There are currently 247,352 Syrian refugees registered by UNHCR (38% in camps and 62% out of camps).