



AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

Training: There was a vocational training in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah, as well as Job Training in Dahuk. A total of 18 beneficiaries (out of which 4 women) received Business Development training and are waiting to receive their In Kind Grants packages, which will enable them to set up their own small business.

In Erbil camps, 1,944 Syrian refugees (1,029 female and 915 male) benefited from free internet access through Community Technology Access centres (CTA): Basirma 185 beneficiaries, out of which 85 women), Darashakran (521 beneficiaries, out of which 298), Qushtapa (834, out of which 440 women) and Kawergosk (404, out of which 206 women). Also, a Business Market Survey Assessment is completed in all the 4 camps.

Upcoming: Business up scaling grants (US\$ 800) for 200 production and service businesses as well as 30 (2 rounds of US\$ 600) new businesses in the camps. The targeted beneficiaries will be supported with business management skills trainings. Selection is based on the business proposal/case of each beneficiary (this will determine how many beneficiaries per each camp). All the selected beneficiaries will be trained on various business skills topics such as budgeting, record keeping and stock management.

News Projects: will be activated Grant - Promote Social Cohesion through immediate access to income and support to emergency public works and services in Kirkuk. Target beneficiaries-328 IDPs and host communities Households. Awareness and Sensitization meetings to start immediately after authorization from Kirkuk governor's office.



Kurdistan Region of Iraq/ Syrian Refugees/ The two Syrian refugee little girls: Nasrin and her friend, Nergiz, became best friends after they met each other for the first time around two years ago when moved to Akre camp. They said they are always together and never get apart a minute. Nergiz said that even when her father leaves his grocery shop in the camp to have lunch, her friend, Nasrin, helps her to run the shop until her father is back./UN HCR/R. Rasheed/ August, 2015

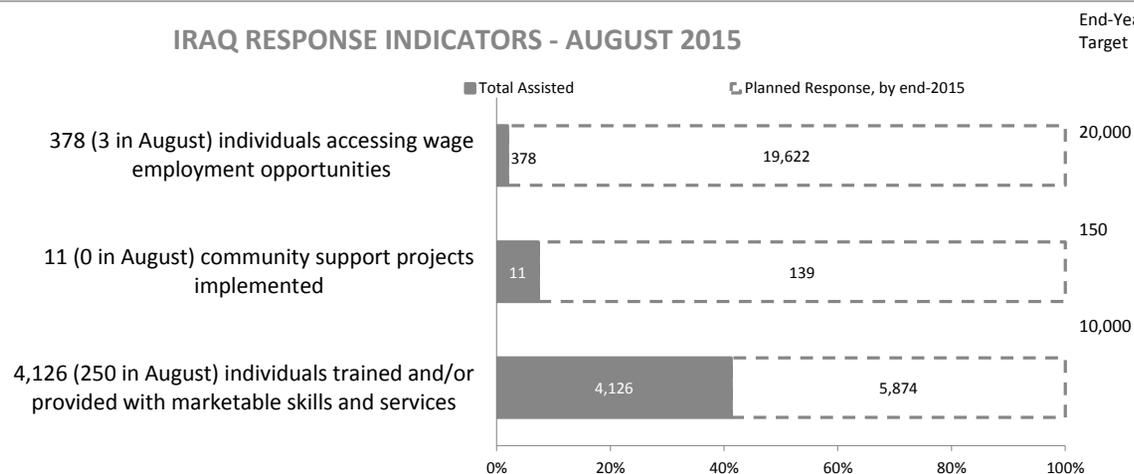
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

While continued humanitarian relief is needed for the most vulnerable refugees, there is a need for enhancing beneficiaries' self-reliance, by providing them with income generation activities and training to increase their employability. And there is an issue of locating of suitable office space; Kirkuk was the major challenge but now alternative offices have been identified.

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IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS - AUGUST 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 249,463 Syrian refugees registered by UNHCR (38% in camps and 62% out of camps).