



JULY HIGHLIGHTS:

Livelihoods activities for the Syrian refugees and members of host communities cover mainly three areas:

1• Income Generation opportunities: Increased employment opportunities through income generation/employment creation activities.
Livelihoods Assessment for Syrian Refugee Erbil camp population is on-going including local labor market assessment, skills survey and camp business market survey completed for Erbil Refugee Camps (Basirma, Qushtapa, Darashakran and Kawergosk). Final assessment to be released in early September.

During the month of July, 56 Syrian refugees (34 Male ,22 Female) received in-kind grant packages to set up their small businesses, such as computer repair ,photography ,grocery, mobile phone repair ,electrical installation, tailoring and clothes making , plumbing, children clothes retailer , sweet making.

2• Employment: Facilitation mechanisms for job opportunities, vocational and business trainings provided (employability trainings, skills trainings, job portals, job newsletters, databases, etc.) through both in camp and out of camp employment support centers.

Vocational Training courses and on the Job training course are ongoing for 160 camp based Syrian refugees (respectively 80 VT and 80 OJT) in Dahouk (Domiz II, Gawelan and Akre camps), Erbil (Basirma, Darashakran, Kawergosk), and Sulaymanyah (Arbat camp).

In July, 71 Syrian refugees completed their Business Development Services training. Lastly, 1,873 Syrian refugees (1,020 female and 853 male) benefited from free internet access through IOM Community Technology Access centres (CTAs) in Basirma (477 beneficiaries, out of which 250 women), Darashakran (503 beneficiaries, out of which 285 women), Qushtapa (555 beneficiaries, out of which 293 women) and Kawergosk (338 beneficiaries, out of which 192 women) refugee camps.

3• Social Cohesion: Promote inclusiveness and peaceful co-existence among refugees, host communities and other local groups through Community-based activities for social cohesion facilitated.

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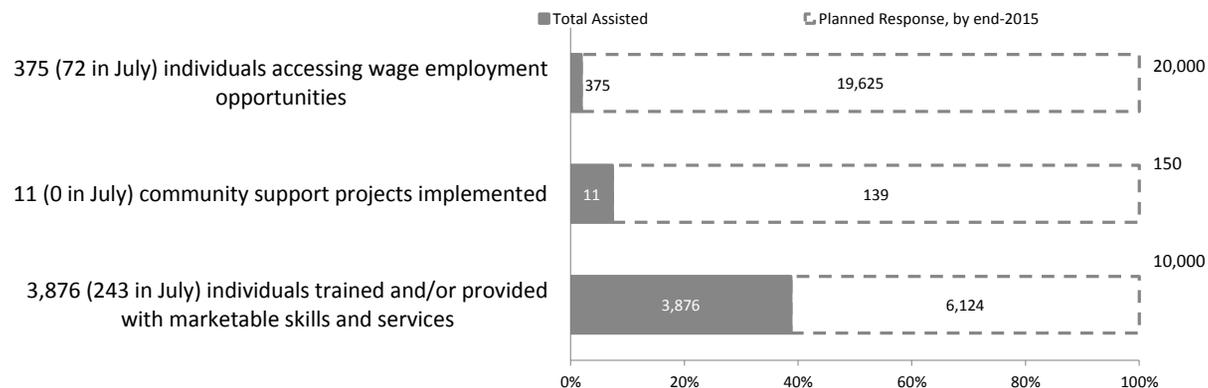
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

As per the recent findings from the UNHCR Protection cluster, there is a movement of refugee populations from non-camp settings, partially explained by the living costs for refugees outside of camps as well as by the lack of livelihoods opportunities available for low to medium skilled workers.

Access to jobs for IDPs limited by issues of documentation in KRI, for example the KRI officials are not issuing residency permits of longer than 3-6 months for IDPs which is limiting their ability to access legal employment.

Given the recent targeting exercise by WFP for the food vouchers across the Erbil refugee camps and reduction of the voucher value further focus should be placed on livelihoods activities to support camp based households meet their basic food needs.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS - JULY 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.

