



Shelter improvement initiatives benefit over 50,000 households living in sub-standard conditions

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

This month in Jordan, the restructuring of Zaatari camp is in process to best utilize the camp space in line with minimum standards and preserving social fabrics to the maximum extent possible. This is aimed at introduction of the new shelter design including WASH, kitchenette and concrete flooring. Outside of camps, the improvement of sub-standard shelters continued with 1,544 people now having benefitted from upgrades of their shelters.

In Iraq, shelter improvement work continued in the nine camps. Of the total households, some 13,100 households (nearly 74 per cent) now live in improved shelters with concrete slab, kitchen, latrine and shower. About 2,700 households are still in need of support for the improvement of their shelters.

In Darashakran camp in Erbil Governorate, with the completion of the construction work of 220 concrete units, all the 2,172 shelter units in the camp have been improved. It is anticipated that the site will be ready to accommodate the refugees from Kobani within the next two months.

The construction of 654 extension plots in Domiz 1, 2 and Gawilan camps, Duhok Governorate, started this month. This expansion will benefit nearly 4,400 refugees who have been living in substandard conditions. Most of the shelter improvement works are made by the refugees themselves.

In Turkey, as of April, some 6,930 households have been supported with shelter solutions.

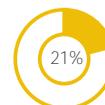


Faida, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon. UNHCR/Lynsey Addario

Sector Response Summary:



1,267,996 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end-2015
272,475 assisted in 2015



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,270,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2015
3,978,825 currently registered or awaiting registration



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.5 billion required in 2015 (Agencies)
USD 881.73 million received in 2015



NEW SHELTER STRATEGY FOR LEBANON TO BENEFIT REFUGEES AND MEMBERS OF HOST COMMUNITIES

According to the shelter survey conducted in February-March 2015 in Lebanon, 55 per cent of the Syrian refugee families are staying in substandard shelters and informal settlements which is an increase compared with 31.5 per cent in the August 2013 shelter survey. The majority of the Syrian families – 44 per cent – live in only one room which is also sometimes shared with more than one family. Due to the expensive monthly rent of an average of USD 200, about 35.5 per cent of the refugees interviewed reported having moved to other accommodations.

To address the needs identified by the survey, a new shelter strategy has been developed for Lebanon which will focus on enhancing the existing shelter coordination mechanisms, and shelter and WASH upgrades in informal settlements and sub-standard buildings according to an integrated approach in neighbourhoods and informal gatherings. The USD 147.2 million appeal by the shelter working group will target refugees and host communities including Syrian and Palestinian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese families.

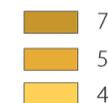
In the month of April, shelter improvements benefitted 172,059 individuals including refugees and Lebanese families, through rehabilitation of buildings, including electrical work, plumbing, and masonry. Temporary shelters were also upgraded through weatherproofing and reinforcement of shelter structures.



PARTNERS

13 Partners in Lebanon

Count of partners per area of operation



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

It is expected that up to 500,000 people will be accommodated in 35 refugee camps in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey in 2015. While most refugee camps in the region meet SPHERE international standards, refugee camps have inherent challenges in relation to aid dependency, security, high running costs and continued isolation from normal life.

For those people living outside camps, an increasing number are now living in sub-standard shelters, including nearly 300,000 refugees in 1,800 informal settlements in Lebanon and Jordan. Overall, it is estimated that more than half of all refugees live in sub-standard shelters, with challenges related to tenure, privacy, over-crowding, and risks of sexual exploitation. The shortage of shelter solutions is driving up rents and family indebtedness. These pressures especially affect lower income housing areas, as well as host communities and the wider housing market.

The 3RP emphasizes the need to improve living conditions and promote a healthy environment for all residents, as well as protecting the sustainability of camps through investments in camp infrastructure.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - APRIL 2015

■ Progress ■ Planned Response, by end-2015

36,477 households outside of camps received assistance for shelter or shelter upgrades



18,018 households in camps received assistance for shelter or shelter upgrades



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