

## SITUATION ANALYSIS

Refugees and vulnerable Lebanese households living above 500 meters have received assistance in the form of fuel vouchers, cash-for-winter and core relief items. Winter related support to weather-affected refugees, in the form of winter clothes, cash for winter, fuel for schools, and weather proofing, will continue until the end of March 2015.

Funding gaps have constrained implementation and an optimal outreach to beneficiaries. Weatherproofing of substandard buildings has been a priority under winter assistance. This activity was underfunded throughout the season leading to an implementation rate of only 38%, benefiting 23,600 households out of 61,400 in need. Nevertheless, Emergency Response Fund released during this winter response allowed some agencies to overcome funding gaps. The \$1.7 million allocated for winterization have been distributed over 8 projects (86% Basic Assistance and 14% Wash) benefited around 100,500 beneficiaries in Akkar, Bekaa, and Baalbak-Hermel governorates as follows: 51 % host communities, 42% Syrian Refugees, 6% Palestine Refugees from Syria and 1% Palestine Refugees in Lebanon.

The household profiling exercise that aims to determine the 29 per cent most economically vulnerable Syrians registered as refugees started in mid-December 2014. So far over 15,000 households have been visited and scored, out of which 5,700 are eligible for assistance. This will significantly increase in coming months with the plan of visiting 10,000 to 15,000 households per month.

In addition, information gathered during the household visits can be used for multi sector assessments of needs and various interventions. Referral mechanisms are being worked on to allow smooth referrals to other sectors taking into consideration protection issues.

