

PREPARATION FOR WINTER TAKING PLACE IN TURKEY. E-VOUCHERS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED AND SHELTERS UPDATED

HIGHLIGHTS:

In Turkey, winterization programmes were prepared, and 3RP partners completed the selection of target areas for winterization activities and response in order to provide a timely and adequate winterization assistance to potential beneficiaries. Market assessments were conducted in Hatay, and Gaziantep to provide refugees with e-vouchers. Also, in preparation for the cold winter, and to provide better shelter solutions, the Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) is set to replace old tents in camps in Mardin and Osmaniye with container houses.

In Egypt, more than 40,000 Syrian refugees benefitted from cash assistance in September. A total of 105 household were provided with cash grants to start businesses and 61,755 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assessed in Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta since April.

In Lebanon, monthly multi-purpose cash transfers reached 51,757 Syrian households (out of targeted 124,800 households). A total amount of USD 74.5 million of multi-purpose cash assistance was distributed to Syrians and Palestinians from the targeted USD 183 million. In addition, 67,216 households were assisted with core relief items.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The Basic Needs Sector continues its strategic shift towards the use of unconditional cash assistance instead of in-kind contributions, while also providing basic domestic items, replacement items for refugees who have been living in camps for long periods of time, and seasonal assistance to help refugees cope particularly for the winter months. The strategic priority for the sector is to provide assistance to meet the ongoing basic needs of Syrian refugees based on a multi-sectoral household profiling and identification methodology specific to each country.

Even as the sector scales up its response, recent profiling exercises and assessments show that the majority of Syrian refugee households are entering a cycle of asset depletion, with their savings gradually exhausted and levels of debt increasing.

Across the region, this assistance was critical in helping Syrians face the many difficulties created by harsh weather conditions, including freezing temperatures, snow storms, torrential rain and flooding. Planning is underway for the 2016/2017 winterization activities, and predictable funding is required to ensure that the winter response can be implemented as efficiently as possible.



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2016-2017 WINTER ASSISTANCE PLAN TO HELP ADDRESS THE WINTER NEEDS OF 3.25 MILLION VULNERABLE SYRIANS

UNHCR launched the regional winter assistance plan for 2016-2017, which will help address the winter needs of over 2 million vulnerable Syrian refugees in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt, with a total budget of USD 174 million.

This winter assistance plan is part of the ongoing efforts to provide integrated winter assistance. It was developed by UNHCR in coordination with other 3RP partners, to put in place measures to support vulnerable Syrians (internally displaced (IDPs) and refugees) in Middle East, to cope during the harsh winter months, particularly between November and February.

The comprehensive winter assistance plan will cover multi-sectoral assistance in the form of seasonal cash, core relief items specific to winter, and shelter insulation support in coordination with partners and clusters/sectors. It will include seasonal cash and in-kind support, consisting of; high thermal blankets, plastic tarpaulins, stoves/heaters, water and kerosene jerry cans, heating fuel/kerosene, tent insulation kits, sleeping bags, solar lamps, and winter clothes.

Winterization also includes engineering work for camps and settlements, and improvements of drainage systems.



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Sector Response Summary:



4,349,000 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016
1,576,350 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,740,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
4,750,300 currently registered



Basic Needs Sector Funding status:



USD 826 million required in 2016
USD 330 million received in 2016



REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2016*

■ Progress ■ Planned Response, by end-2016

315,270 households received seasonal support through cash or in-kind assistance



162,918 households received unconditional, sector-specific or emergency cash assistance



148,415 households received core relief items in-kind



These dashboards reflect the achievements of the more than 200 partners, including governments, UN Agencies, and NGOs, involved in the 3RP response in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Progress and targets may change in line with data revisions. All data on this Dashboard is current as at 30 September 2016.

* Progress data not yet received for Iraq in September 2016