



53,239 Syrian refugees received food assistance

Modalities of food distribution:

- Food vouchers: in 8 camps (Domiz 1&2, Arbat, Basirma, Darashakran, Gawilan, Kawergosk and Qushtapa).
- Restricted cash: Distributions at Akre Castle camp.

Highlights

A total of 53,239 Syrian refugees received assistance from WFP in January 2017 under the new Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO).

As of January 2017, the entitlement for refugees will be harmonized and all beneficiaries will receive 22,000 IQD per beneficiary, per month. The harmonization of the entitlement replaces the previous tiered approach with varying beneficiary entitlements.

Funds were confirmed late in January, consequently delaying the start of distribution until 22 January. Despite the delayed start, WFP's Cooperating Partner managed to finish all distributions on time. The SCOPE team was not able to solve all technical issues before the end of the distribution cycle due to the delayed start and as a result, some families were not able to receive their entitlement.

Discussions about carrying out a joint vulnerability assessment with UNHCR are ongoing. WFP's Vulnerability, Analysis and Mapping (VAM) unit is leading the process.

WFP has signed a Field Level Agreement (FLA) with World Vision International-Kurdistan Region of Iraq for the implementation of cash-based transfer assistance to Syrian refugees. The FLA covers all nine camps in the three governorates of the KR-I, where WFP provides food assistance.

WFP and FAO called for the first Food Security Sector Group of 2017. Issues discussed included a presentation of the sector input provided for UNHCR's 3RP and information sharing on organisations' plans for assistance to refugees in 2017. Ten NGOs, including local and international organisations, attended the meeting.

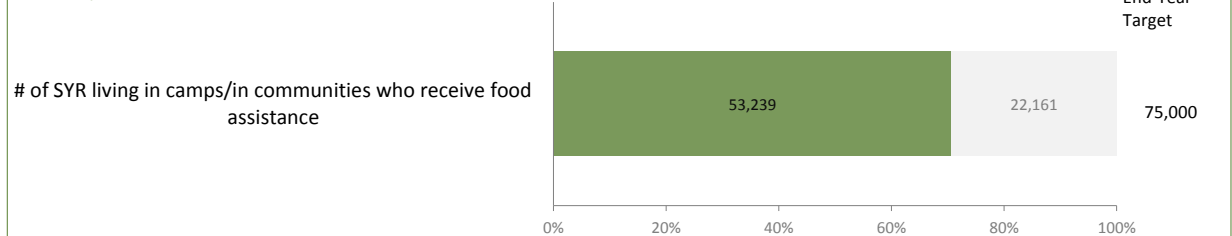
Needs Analysis

WFP Iraq has a revised net funding requirement for project PRRO 200987.IQ of USD 6.9 million from February 2017 until July 2017.



A WFP field monitor speaks with a refugee in Darashakran camp. WFP/Mohammed al-Bahbahani

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY 2017*



*Planned response based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 235,000 Syrian refugees and 1 million members of impacted local communities by end-2017.

By 31 January 2017, 233,224 Syrian refugees (76,233 households) live in Iraq.

38% = 88,863 live in 9 camps and 62% = 144,361 in non-camp/urban areas.

97% = 225,203 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): in Erbil Duhok and Sulaymaniyah and 3% = 8,021 live in other locations in Iraq.

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