



MARCH 2017 HIGHLIGHTS:

General : UNHCR registered 1,779 new Syrian refugees in Iraq. Out of these 64% are from Al Hassakeh and 15% from Aleppo and the rest from Raqqa, Damascus and others.

1,427 household assessments for 5,831 Syrian refugees were conducted by UNHCR and partners in KR-I. As a result of the assessment, 735 cases were referred for multi-purpose cash assistance and 186 cases for legal assistance.

A roundtable meeting to discuss a draft Iraqi Refugee Law took place in Erbil from 10-12 April. It was attended by members of the Ministry of Interior (MoI) from Baghdad and KR-I. A final draft was approved and it is expected that the refugee law bill will be present to Iraqi Parliament in May 2017. UNHCR is providing support to the authorities to ensure alignment with international protection standards and principles.

The number of refugees requesting shelter in refugee camps is increasing due to the economic crisis. In order to better respond and manage these requests, UNHCR updated the SOP for reception and accommodation in refugee camps in Erbil. The draft has been discussed with camp managers and Erbil Joint Coordination Center (EJCC) to incorporate final inputs. Standardized Operational Procedures (SOPs) include procedures to manage shelter allocation and registration of refugees included in the external waiting list, internal relocation and visitors.

During a mission of the Permanent Committee of the Ministry of Interior (PCMOI) to Erbil, 111 Palestinian refugees were registered and were issued PCMOI cards.

Resettlement: UNHCR 20 cases /72 individuals to resettlement. The Resettlement Unit of UNHCR underwent a training on child-friendly interview techniques and best interest determination (BID) to be added to resettlement submissions.

Child Protection: DoLSA Erbil in Basirma camp conducted capacity building sessions for children and adolescent structures such as peer to peer groups and round table discussions for children and adolescents, to get involved in their own recovery.

Departement of Labour and Social Affaires (DoLSA) in Basirma camp conducted Parents awareness sessions on good parenting and positive discipline, family attitude and practice in child discipline, community and family attitudes toward delinquent children, and the links between families, community and child. The topic was about Hyperactivity in children and how to deal with it and therapeutic suggestions and there were 5 male and 5 female participants of parents of this session. Furthermore, through mobile team DoLSA team could provide recreational activities to non-camp area such as Khalifan, Haria and Basirma districts.

Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV): Partners celebrated the occasion of international women's day in refugee camps through some awareness raising materials, plays and raise awareness on women's rights amongst Syrian refugees in KR-I. Addressing challenges Syrian women face from SGBV perspectives.



Gawilan camp, Duhok, UNHCR, R. Rasheed

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

There are a huge gap in terms of child protection services and follow up cases of refugees in Erbil, in particular in non-camp areas such as Bahrka, Qushtapa, Kasnazan and Pirzen and in Darashakran refugee camp. Due to lack of resources, some activities were implemented by NGO staff on voluntary basis.

*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 March 2017, 236,772 Syrian refugees (77,485 households) live in Iraq:

97% = 228,567 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): Erbil Duhok and Sulaymaniyah.

3% = 8,205 Live in other locations in Iraq.

62% = 146,825 live in non-camp/urban areas.

38% = 89,947 live in 9 camps (Basirma, Darashakran, Kawergosk, Qushtapa camps in Erbil, Domiz I and II, Akre, Gawilan camps in Duhok, Arbat Camp in Sulaymaniyah).

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