



JULY HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Access to territory, asylum and respect for basic rights

Registration: Out of 2,189 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR over the reporting period, 63% were from Al Hassakeh and 19.6% from Aleppo. Concomitantly, 628 were recorded as new births, 306 identified with specific needs and 291 reactivated after approaching the registration centers.

Arrivals: According to information regularly received from Peshkabour border authorities, some 6,584 Syrians arrived in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) through the border crossing. This includes 2,177 admitted on 15-day entry visa for humanitarian reasons and 4,407 readmitted after previously being allowed by the authorities to return to Syria.

Protection Monitoring: A total of 2,124 household level protection assessments were conducted for 7,833 Syrian refugees resulting in referrals, namely multipurpose cash assistance (872 cases), core relief items (CRIs) (87 cases), summarization kits (119 cases), legal assistance (149 cases) and registration with UNHCR (248 cases).

Detention Monitoring: UNHCR intervened in respect of 56 Syrian refugees at risk of deportation after they were arrested and detained in July 2017 for not possessing the requisite residency permits for central and southern regions of Iraq. As a result of this intervention, 46 women and children were released in August 2017 while men were subsequently released and immediately transferred to KR-I.

Resettlement: Some 77 individuals were submitted for resettlement (where ?) after assessment of most vulnerable cases identified through referrals from partners and analysis of the protection monitoring tool. The resettlement unit carried out pre-assessments with a view of identifying eligible cases for further resettlement processing as well as counselling of refugees to ensure transparency and clarity on the resettlement process through the resettlement information line and or face-to-face meetings.

2. Community-Based Protection.

Some 34 Qandil team leaders and project managers of Community Outreach Volunteers (COVs) from Erbil and Duhok received training on community based protection and communication with communities (CwC). The objective of the training was to deepen the understanding on the mandate of UNHCR and role within Iraq as well as how UNHCR's Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) and Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) approaches inform community and rights-based activities. The Outreach Volunteers (OVs) carried out 57 community-based interventions, including coordination efforts with local structures, joint planning and lessons learned sessions, focus group discussions, community consultations, trainings, and town hall meetings in Erbil.

3. Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

In August, 2017, UNHCR – in collaboration with UNFPA and 16 NGOs providing case management services – finalized the revision and operationalization of the Gender Based Violence Information Management System (GBV IMS) contributing to improved coordination of efforts, safe identification and referral of GBV survivors to specialized service providers.

The Iraq Real Time accountability Partnership (RTAP) team held meetings to finalize the steps for the launch of the implementation of action framework and terms of reference for the RTAP advisor.



Theatre Show, Amnasuraka museum, Sulaymaniyah governorate, 2017, STEP, Shadyar

4. Child Protection.

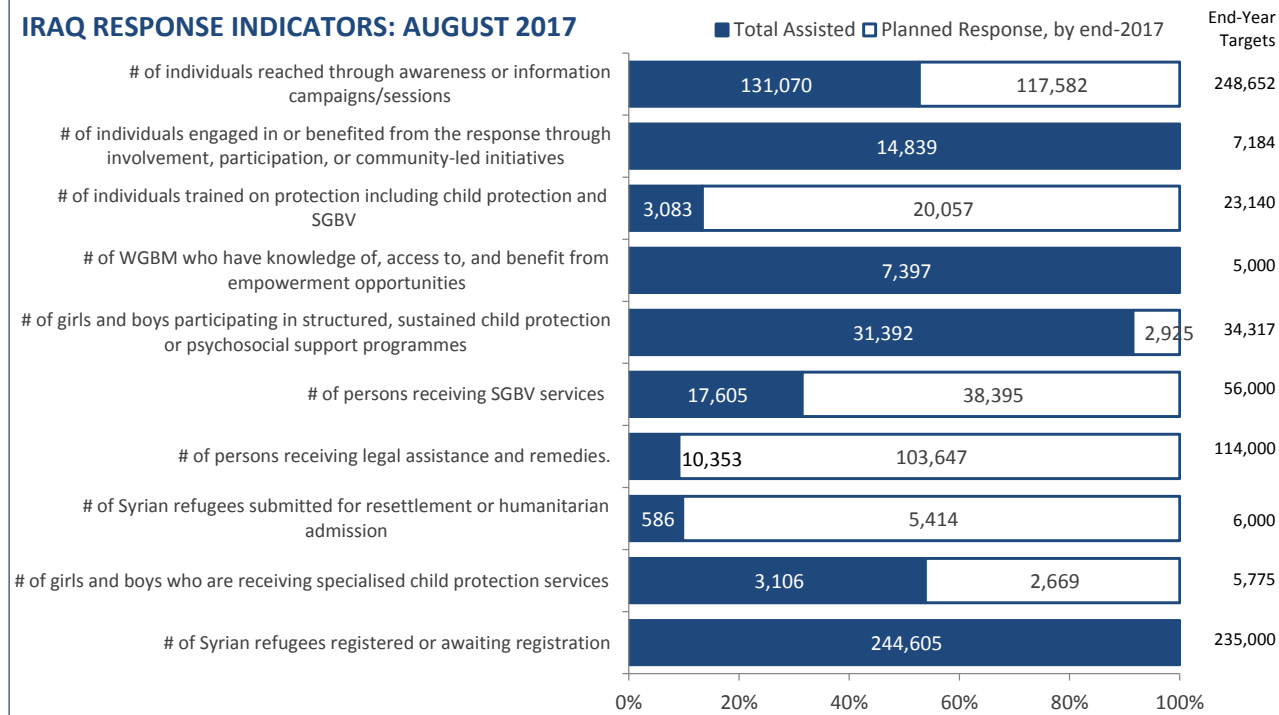
Child Protection partners continued to provide child protection prevention and response activities in and out of camps. Capacity building activities for community groups and DoSA (Department of Social Affairs) were implemented within the sustainable framework for child protection programs for refugees in KR-I.

The Youth Committee in Sulaymaniyah wrote a play on child protection themes such as child marriage and gender discrimination with the aim of addressing and prompting debate on different social issues. The committee exhibited the play during its tour of different areas within the governorate.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Reporting by protection sector partners in the activity info continues to be a challenge in all the governorates in Iraq.

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