



STRENGTHENING INCLUSION OF REFUGEES IN PUBLIC SERVICES



EDUCATION: UNHCR supported the Ministry of Education of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) in continuing to implement the Refugee Education Integration Policy (REIP), which seeks to include Syrian refugee children and teachers into the public education system in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I). As a result:



70% of Syrian children were **enrolled** in school



Eight schools were **renovated**, **one new** school and **25 new** classrooms in existing schools were built



34,880 teaching and learning material were provided to enable public schools to cater for a **greater number of refugee students**



UNHCR provided **training** and **capacity-building** to **393** qualified refugee teachers



Over **7,100** refugee children, parents and teachers were provided with **Kurdish language courses**



More than **4,200** refugee students benefitted from **catch-up, remedial** and **literacy classes**



Some **2,900** refugee students (**65%** girls) were **supported with transportation costs**



Following **UNHCR's advocacy**, the KRG pledged at the 2023 Global Refugee Forum to **expand** the REIP from **grades five to 12** by 2030

HEALTHCARE AND MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS):

UNHCR supported the Directorates of Health (DoH) in the KR-I to fully take on the provision of healthcare services for refugees and to further integrate camp-based primary health centres into the national healthcare system, with the latter expected to be completed by end September 2024.



Three public hospitals were **renovated** and **extended**



Medical equipment was provided to DoHs in **Dohuk, Erbil** and **Sulaymaniyah**



322 DoH staff in Dohuk and Erbil were **trained** to strengthen their capacity to respond to outbreaks

HEALTHCARE AND MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS): cont.



Over **214,000** medical **consultations** were provided to **refugees** living in **camps**



More than **6,200** refugees received **MHPSS** support

PROMOTING REFUGEE SELF-RELIANCE

UNHCR built new partnerships to increase refugees' access to livelihood opportunities and their economic inclusion. This led to:



400 socio-economically **vulnerable refugees** from Dohuk and Erbil were included in the Danish Refugee Council's **economic recovery** programme



130 refugee **entrepreneurs** accessed micro-credit and non-financial services to **support** their **businesses**



Refugees were included by GIZ in the **National Financial Inclusion** Strategy which will **accelerate** their **financial inclusion**

PROTECTION, ASSISTANCE AND SOLUTIONS FOR REFUGEES

REGISTRATION AND LEGAL AID: UNHCR continued to register refugees and asylum-seekers in Iraq, advocated with authorities for them to be granted access to territory and documentation, intervened in cases of detention and risk of refoulement, and provided them with legal aid:



More than **31,800** refugees were **newly registered** and provided with UNHCR asylum-seeker **certificates**



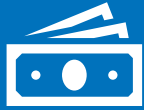
430 cases of **refoulement** were **prevented**; the number of known refoulement **decreased** by **57%** compared to 2022



Over **13,800** refugees received **legal assistance**, including representation and counselling, helping them resolve legal entry etc.



CASH ASSISTANCE



UNHCR provided **cash assistance** to over **11,400** socio-economically **vulnerable** refugee families, of whom **34%** are **female-headed households**

THIRD-COUNTRY SOLUTIONS



More than **2,800** refugees were submitted for resettlement and some **1,200** departed to various **resettlement countries**



Over **680** refugees were **assisted** through **complementary pathways opportunities**, including family reunification, scholarships and job opportunities



PURSUING DIGNIFIED AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs)

CIVIL DOCUMENTATION SUPPORT TO IDPs, IDP RETURNEES AND VULNERABLE NON-DISPLACED IRAQIS: UNHCR and partners continued to support the Government of Iraq in expanding access to core civil documentation for IDPs, IDP returnees and other vulnerable non-displaced individuals, enabling them to access public services:



More than **51,000** individuals received **legal assistance** to obtain their civil documents



Over **45,500** civil **documents** were **issued**



50 mobile government-led civil documentation **missions** were **supported**



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