



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5

350,000
Syrian refugees
(registered or awaiting
registration)

50,000
Affected host
population

52 million
USD required

NEEDS

Numerous protection concerns have been identified through ongoing protection monitoring, participatory assessments and regular needs assessments. These include security, access to protection, identification and response to survivors or persons at risk of sexual and gender-based violence, and child protection. Assessments conducted in the camps indicate that identification of and response to SGBV cases remains priority, as capacity building for service providers and community representatives. It has also been identified that a high number of children are involved in a range of labour activities and there is a need to implement targeted responses to ensure children attending the school. It is anticipated that about 30 per cent of the vulnerable urban refugee population will need additional support, including cash assistance. Following the construction of the camps in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah, the most vulnerable, who cannot sustain themselves, will be recommended to move to the camps to have easy access to services, food, education, and NFI distributions.

Provision of individual livelihood support through initiatives aiming at the creation and enhancement of basic services in the camps/host communities, identification of needs/gaps in basic services in the camps, as well as identification of initiatives followed by provision of in-kind grants and support services, on-the-job-trainings and vocational trainings, facilitating small income generating initiatives enhancing basic services in the camps and host communities will be prioritised. Syrian refugees in the Al Obaidi Refugee Camp still have no freedom of movement and the Al Qa'im border remains closed. Coordinated and continued advocacy is still needed.

OBJECTIVES

Ensure continuous and unhindered access to the territory of the Kurdistan Region for PoC and keeping the existing protection space are the pillars of advocacy.

ACTION/OUTPUTS

- Refugees have access to territory and to safety
- Quality of registration and profiling improved or maintained
- Risk of SGVB Reduced and quality of response improved
- Protection of children ensured
- Community self-management and participation improved
- Self-reliance and livelihoods improved

KEY AUGUST DEVELOPMENTS

- Border monitoring of Syrian Returnees: reception of new arrivals and monitoring of spontaneous returns (counselling, monitoring of UASC and registration closure)
- The number of refugees has greatly increased after the Kurdistan Regional Government opened the border on 15 August 2013 which resulted in some 50,000 refugees crossing the border, the setting-up of another three camps and the shifting in the balance of camp / non-camp refugees from 30/70% to 50/50%.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



2,000 aprox. children of age 5-17 benefit from psychosocial support through child friendly spaces.



70 volunteers enrolled in the Mass information campaign



SGBV referral mechanism established in the North. Listening center opened in Al Qa'im.



158,829 individuals registered at level 2 (since March 2012)

11,657 newly arrived refugees completed level 1 registration



Persons detained and questioned are released after Protection interventions with authorities. Deportations to Syria are prevented.



582 refugees in Al Qa'im received legal assistance.



19,011 spontaneous returns of individuals monitored



766 non-camp refugees received cash assistance



2 emergency resettlement cases accepted.



2 training conducted on BID



All **10** unaccompanied or separated children in Al Qa'im had at least a draft BID report completed.

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