

# REGIONAL OVERVIEW: RRP5 Update - September 2013

## SHELTER



### TARGETS



**1,446,575**  
Syrian refugees



**8,160**  
urban dwellings repaired or rehabilitated



**65,066**  
shelter plots developed in camps



**69,242**  
tents distributed to new arrivals



**27,637**



**398 million**  
USD required

### NEEDS

The shelter needs among the Syrian refugee population in host countries is one of the most pressing problems of the crisis. Families are currently accommodated in tents or containers in camp settings, in host families, rental accommodation and collective centers. An increasing number of refugees are forced to find shelter in inadequate, makeshift shelter conditions, such as vacant factories or buildings. Shelter accommodation is frequently not durable as savings are depleted, rents increased and the family is forced to move. Overcrowding, substandard living conditions and unsustainable shelter (due to rents or host fatigue) are chronic concerns.

Within the overall objective to provide the most vulnerable with adequate shelter, Shelter sector working groups have identified a number of different interventions to pursue to meet shelter needs. These include the rehabilitation of collective shelters, apartments and houses, provision shelter and weather proofing kits to improve unfinished houses, provision of caravans/tents in camp settings, provision of cash assistance to support the most vulnerable families to assist in covering rental costs and basic rehabilitation to make makeshift accommodation habitable when possible.

### KEY SEPTEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

The Government of **Iraq** is returning ID-cards to Syrian refugees previously confiscated. The Darashakran camp was completed at the end of the September and is ready to receive refugees. Bajed Kandela transit camp opened and relocation of refugees from Zhako has commenced. Gewelan camp (transit area) has also opened and received refugees from Barderash. An assessment mission to Al Qa'im was conducted to review the winterization needs. Concrete foundation platforms are being constructed in some of the camps as part of the winterization plan.

In **Jordan**, Shelter Sector endorsed the WGs final Shelter Strategy draft for Syrian refugees in Jordan. Sector WGs -Shelter, -Cash and -CRI met to discuss and agree on Sector related RRP6 objectives, outputs, and indicators to ensure coordinated activities and budget planning. NRC completed construction of 200 pilot T-shelter units for Syrians in Azraq camp and the Shelter WG approved design for implementation works. Ten disused farms in **Lebanon** are under rehabilitation to be utilized as collective centres for refugees in Akkar, which will benefit some 2,500 refugees. The number of informal settlements increased from some 370 to about 390. Procurement and distribution of winterization sealing-off kits to informal settlements and unfinished houses has started in many areas in Lebanon. The number of refugees sheltered in formal settlements reduced this month due to forced eviction by local municipalities in the Bekaa.

### ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



more than **444,000** refugees in camp and informal settlement were assisted with tents (emergency shelter)



some **26,500** persons benefitted from house rehabilitation



**12,392** prefabs distributed to refugees in camps.



more than **8,514,000 m<sup>2</sup>** of camp space developed in 2013 and over **33,000** shelter plots developed in 2 camps and 2 transit centres in Jordan.



**138,600** refugees and **13,898** host families were supported with cash vouchers



**6,523** refugees were accommodated in collective shelters



More than **59,000** shelters were supported with winterization and/or weather proofing assistance

