



All **95,361** Syrian refugees living in camps in Iraq were reached with WASH services

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- With all camp residents having access to water and sanitation services, the shift to more sustainable longer term solutions continue. Progress is being made in all camps. In Domiz, the largest of the camps, government and partners are moving forward with an integrated plan to construct sewage, drainage and road systems to serve the entire camp population. In Arbat, the permanent camp is nearing completion in sections A & B and it is expected that households will be shifted to the permanent facility in the early part of April 2014.

- WASH in schools remains a critical intervention to ensure health and well being of children and encourage school attendance for boys and girls. Based on partners reports, 17,810 children benefitted from WASH in schools interventions. This includes, facilities provided to schools and hygiene promotion activities. Communication and collaboration with the education sector is ongoing, with issues related to school WASH being brought to the sector by education colleagues and then being discussed and addressed by implementing partners. Challenges remain in ensuring the sanitary conditions of the toilet facilities so that children do not leave schools to seek other facilities in their home or elsewhere. This is particularly a problem with the temporary prefabricated latrine units.

- A WASH Sector Baseline survey was conducted in the early part of February, combining focus group discussions and house to house questionnaires. The activity took place in 9 camps/transit centers in the governorates of Dohuk, Erbil, and Sulaimaniyah. It was a joint effort with the Ministry of Health and WASH sector partners. The results from the survey will be used to identify gaps, target programming and gauge progress towards RRP6 targets. The results are expected the first week of March and will be widely disseminated.



SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

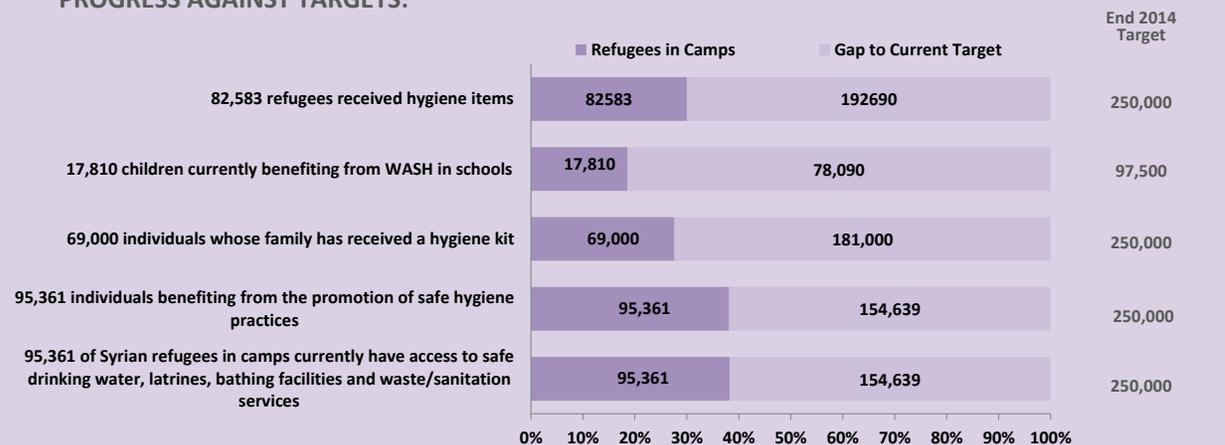
Sector partners have worked very hard to establish and utilize sector reporting and monitoring tools. Although, the tools are in place, there are still challenging in the level and quality of the data reporting. With the appointment of a Information Management Officer, a sector priority for March is to streamline and improve accuracy of the reporting of interventions taking place.

Using the Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment, which is currently taking place throughout KRG, the WASH sector will begin to more actively seek to understand and address the needs of non-camp refugee populations and their host communities. This will require close collaboration with government authorities, to clarify the policy and to determine the appropriate interventions with governorate authorities.

The current situation in Anbar province of Iraq continues to deteriorate. The number of internally displaced people is increasing. It is critical for the WASH sector to monitor and take contingency planning to the next level. Although separate to the Syrian refugee crisis, it poses a critical threat to ongoing efforts (time and resources) for refugees. As a sector, we must plan and keep abreast of the situation as it will have direct impacts on our ability to support both IDPs and Refugees.

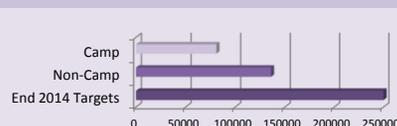
The pathway to permanence continues for refugee populations currently residing in temporary camps. Key sector partners are working together to ensure the transition progresses as cost effectively and efficient as possible.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 400,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 225,548 Syrian refugees in Iraq.

Camp, Non-camp and Target Beneficiaries



Figures based on received partners reports. Leading Agencies: UNICEF - Adam Thomas, adthomas@unicef.org; UNHCR Pankaj Singh, Participating Agencies: ACF, ACTED, DRC, FRC/IRCS, Harikar, IRC, IRW, KRG, KURDS, UPP, NRC, Qandil, PWJ, Relief International, Save the Children, THW, UNHABITAT, PU-AMI and WHO.