

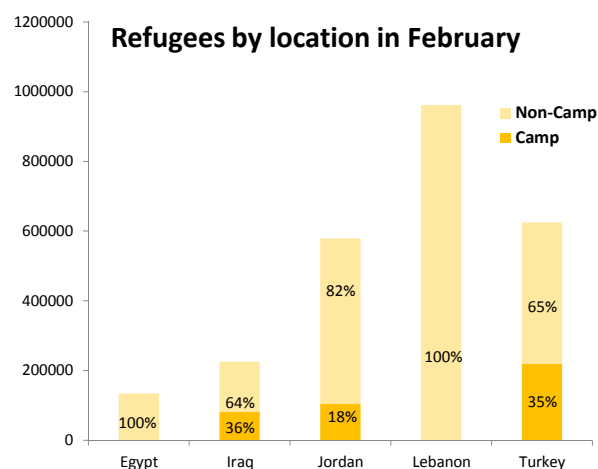


More than 60,000 refugees living in camps have been assisted with new or upgraded shelters in 2014

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

Refugees continued to arrive in large numbers across the region, many of whom required **emergency shelter and accommodation**. In Lebanon, the influx of refugees at Arsal during February saw several informal sites established by independent agencies that lacked minimum standards for the health and protection of refugees. Notwithstanding, RRP partners have worked to provide advice and support to ensure safer living conditions, while efforts to identify additional plots for formal tented settlements are ongoing. In Iraq, snowstorms in early February resulted in the destruction of numerous tents which had to be replaced at Arbat camp, while the ongoing replacement of worn tents in various locations saw the exchange of more than 2,700 tents. In Jordan, almost 10,000 emergency shelters, 720 T-shelters, and 540 prefab container shelters were provided.

For refugees living **outside of camps**, a wide range of activities were implemented to assist with accommodation. In Jordan, these included upgrading housing units to minimum standards, converting unfinished buildings into housing units, assisting refugees to pay rent on time, providing home adaption kits, and raising awareness about tenure rights and obligations. In Lebanon, where there are no refugee camps, interventions include site improvements at informal tented settlements, weatherproofing of shelters in informal settlements and unfinished houses, home rehabilitation, rent assistance, and shelter management.



REFUGEE POPULATION IN THE REGION:

2,508,402

Current Refugee Population

4,100,000

Expected Refugee Population by end-2014

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Over 420,000 Syrians refugees are living in tented, non-permanent accommodation and more than 105,000 people are sheltered in sub-standard informal settlements. Shelter solutions ranging from container-like accommodation to plastic tarpaulin spread across makeshift frames provide limited protection from harsh weather conditions. The winter is particularly challenging for people residing in tented accommodation. It is estimated that nearly 540,000 Syrians in tented non-permanent accommodation will require shelter support during 2014 in Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon.

More than 80 per cent of refugees in the region live outside camps, including about 8,000 in collective centres. Shelter conditions in collective centres and unfinished buildings offer limited privacy and may be structurally unsafe. In Turkey, for example, 62 per cent of non-camp refugees live with more than seven family members in over-crowded conditions.

Though accommodation in homes and apartments may be the preferred shelter solution for most refugees, it comes at a price, usually a monthly rent, which combined with economic hardship may increase the risks of communities having to resort to negative coping mechanisms.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS:

404,699 refugees in camps currently provided with shelter

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Planned Response, by end-2014

660,000

109,667 individuals in camps and formal tented settlements assisted with new or upgraded shelters

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559,695

142,249 individuals in the community provided with shelter assistance – including shelter kits, weatherproofing, cash for rent, rehabilitation, and legal support

142,249

907,490

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Planned response based on full funding of RRP6 for an expected population of 4.1 million Syrian refugees in the region by end-2014. There are currently 2.5 million refugees in the region and the overall RRP6 appeal is 14% funded.