



**1,973** refugees are accessing livelihood opportunities as of May

MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

DRC Livelihood Team continued to register and select beneficiaries for its job placement programme. DRC concentrated its efforts in locations that have high concentration of Syrian refugees such as Kasnazan and Bnaslawra in Erbil. DRC approach is to target both Syrian refugees and vulnerable households from the host communities in order to mitigate potential tension around job opportunities. In parallel to selecting beneficiaries, DRC continued to establish contact with business owners willing to employ beneficiaries from the programme into job placement.

In Qushtapa Camp, DRC concluded its first phase of grants distribution on May 13th. After completing 3 days of small business development trainings, beneficiaries were requested to submit a business plan. After evaluation and selection of the business plans, DRC distributed 50% of the grant to selected beneficiaries as a first installment towards setting up a small business. The grants distributed were both in kind and in cash contribution.



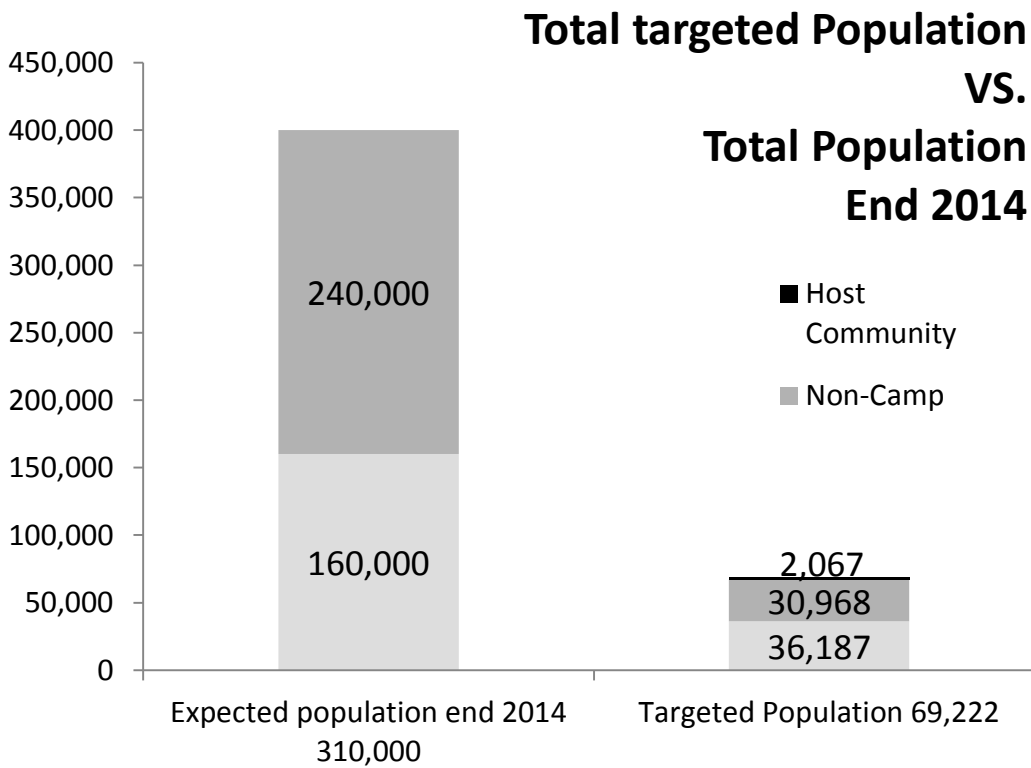
REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ :

226,174

Current Refugee Population

310,000

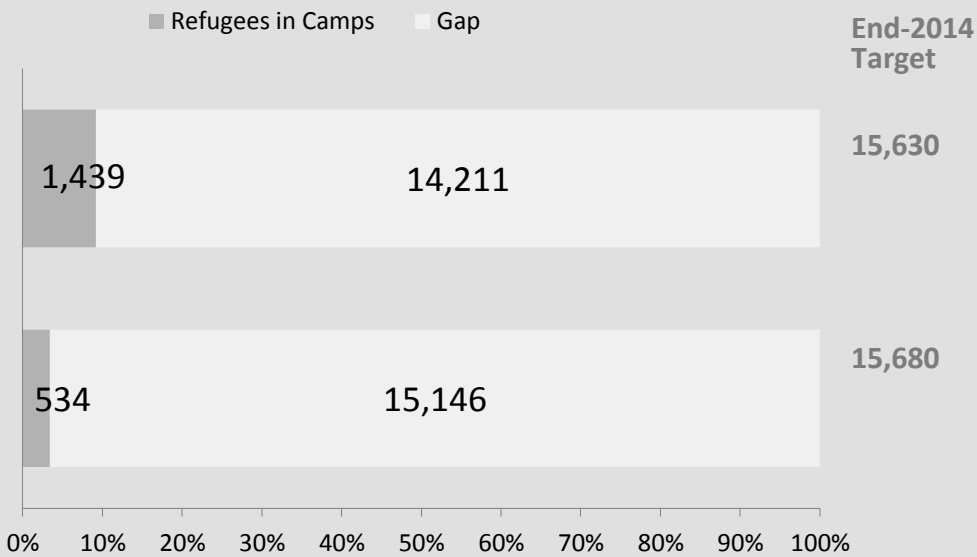
Expected Refugee Population by end-2014



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

1,439 persons participating in employment assistance, income generation activities or business development projects

534 persons participating in vocational training or skills development programs



Targets based on expected population of 310,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 226,174 refugees.