



**Winterization plans were finalized and the distribution of assistance began during October**

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS:

In Lebanon, preparations were finalized for the start of winterization activities as of early November. A combination of in-kind items (blankets, stoves, clothes), vouchers and cash transfers will be provided to support beneficiaries to survive winter without adverse effects or increased negative coping mechanisms to meet heightened basic needs. In Jordan, the winterization package has also been finalized, with the full package valued at 340-350 JOD and the partial package at 190 JOD. In Iraq, the winterization programme's first phase reached almost 6,000 families.

Partners in Iraq also responded to the influx from Kobane by distributing tents, CRI kits and winter kits.

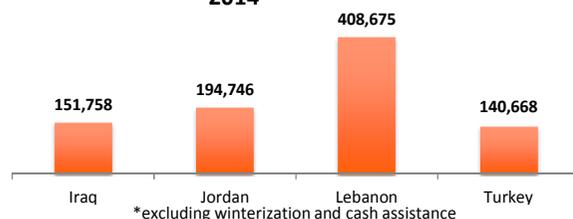
In Lebanon, a total of around 2 million USD in cash assistance for multiple purposes was provided to 12,076 of the most socio-economically vulnerable families during October, while core relief items (CRIs) were distributed to 19,250 persons (3,850 families) during the month. More than 81,000 families have now received CRIs in Lebanon since the start of the year.

In Turkey, cash grants and vouchers to support people with their basic needs have now been received by more than 30,000 people since the start of the year. In-kind items also continue to be distributed, including some 10,000 mattresses and pillows to help with the emergency response to the influx in Suruc. Over 130,000 people have now benefited from the distribution of in-kind items since the start of the year.

In Egypt, 26,500 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted through the provision of monthly cash grants in October, representing 20 per cent of the registered Syrian refugee population in Egypt. More than USD 10.7 million has been injected into the economy through the monetization of assistance since the start of 2014.

In Jordan, more than 190,000 people have now been assisted this year with regular monthly cash assistance.

**Individuals provided with core relief items in 2014\***



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## SYRIAN REFUGEES IN THE REGION:

3,181,848

Refugee Population, end-October 2014

3,590,000

Refugee Population

## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

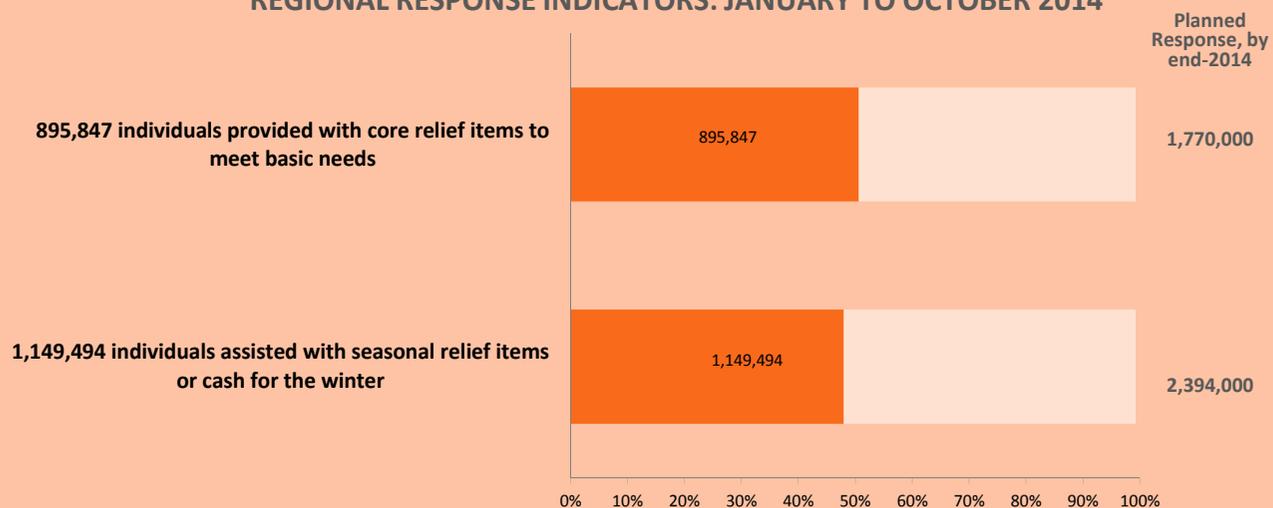
Sector Working Groups estimate that up to 90 per cent of newly-arriving Syrian refugees have no or very few personal belongings. Syrians report that the biggest challenges for material assistance were food, rent and basic items (blankets, clothes, kitchen utensils, plastic buckets/jerry cans).

Recent assessments of refugees living in host communities have found that the income versus expenditure gap caused by limited livelihood opportunities, rising rent and service prices tends to lead to increased use of negative coping strategies as the crisis continues. In Egypt, 11 per cent of families reported borrowing as their main source of income, while in Jordan up to 87 per cent of registered Syrian families living outside of camps are in debt. In Lebanon, an average of 70 per cent of Syrian families are in debt and the amount of debt is generally higher for large households or those who have been in Lebanon longer.

Though large-scale dataset analysis has not yet been completed for all refugee countries, there are indications that the most vulnerable families include those whose household expenditures exceed the identified average minimum expenditure basket and those families with large family size, large number of children or who live in crowded conditions. These among other indicators help to identify the most vulnerable.

Planning has already started for winterization programmes. Winter will add additional concerns for families including the need for heating fuel, warm clothes, reinforced winterized shelters and additional blankets. Winterized living conditions are in particular needed in the refugee camps in Iraq, including insulated foundations for tents with adequate drainage to prevent flooding.

## REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY TO OCTOBER 2014



Planned response based on full funding of RRP6 for an expected population of 3.59 million Syrian refugees in the region by end-2014. As at end-October 2014, there were 3.18 million refugees in the region and the overall RRP6 appeal was 51% funded.