



103,931 Syrian refugees in camp settings received food assistance

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

- WFP provided in-kind food assistance to 29,752 beneficiaries in six camps including Al Obaidi, Arbat, Basirma, Gawilan, Kawergosk and Qushtapa camps through the distribution of monthly individual food parcels. The increase in the total number of beneficiaries assisted through in December is due to ongoing arrival of Syrian refugees from Kobane.

- 64,999 beneficiaries were reached in December with food vouchers in Domiz camp. Food assistance was also transition from in-kind food distribution to food vouchers in Akre and Darashakran camps in December. As a result, the total number of beneficiaries who received food vouchers in December was 74,179 valued at US\$2.3 million. Since the start of the voucher programme, over US\$48 million has been injected into the local economy.

- Following the announcement on 10 October by Kurdistan Regional authorities of the border opening at Ibrahim Khalil on 10 October, Syrian refugees fleeing the fighting in Kobane and neighboring parts of Syria arrived in the KRI. Save the Children continued to provide food assistance to the newly arrived families with the provision of immediate response rations for those who opted to settle in camps. WFP included the remaining newly arrived families in the regular monthly food distributions in various camps after consultation with UNHCR and the relevant camp administrators.

- UNHCR implementing partner ISHO continued its support to two bakeries in Al Obaidi camp. The bakeries provide each Syrian refugee a daily ration of at least four pieces of bread.

- Construction of voucher redemption shops inside Domiz camp and in Kawergosk is almost completed. The shops will be ready for the January voucher distribution cycle.

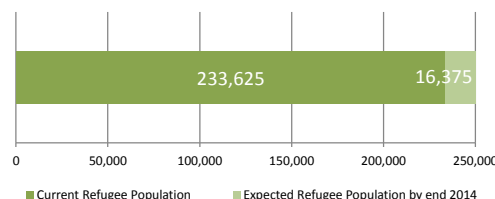
- The retailer for the voucher redemption shop in Qushtapa and Basirma has been selected. Construction of the retail shop in the two camps will begin in January 2015.

Further discussions have been held between UNHCR and WFP to enhance food assistance beneficiary data management. WFP also briefed its cooperating partners and agreed on the procedures to channel any complaints from beneficiaries regarding their food entitlements which are provided based on verification of their certificate of asylum seeker, issued by UNHCR.

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SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:



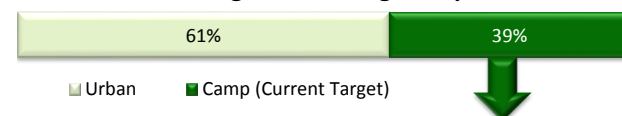
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

As per the request of the Government, humanitarian assistance focuses on those living in camps.

UNHCR's contingency plan for Iraq highlights that host communities' capacities and structures to absorb refugees will reach its limits given the on-going influx. Many have arrived with little to cover basic needs and are now increasingly in need of assistance.

There continues to be a need to provide critical food assistance to extremely vulnerable individuals (EVI) residing in both camp and non-camp settings.

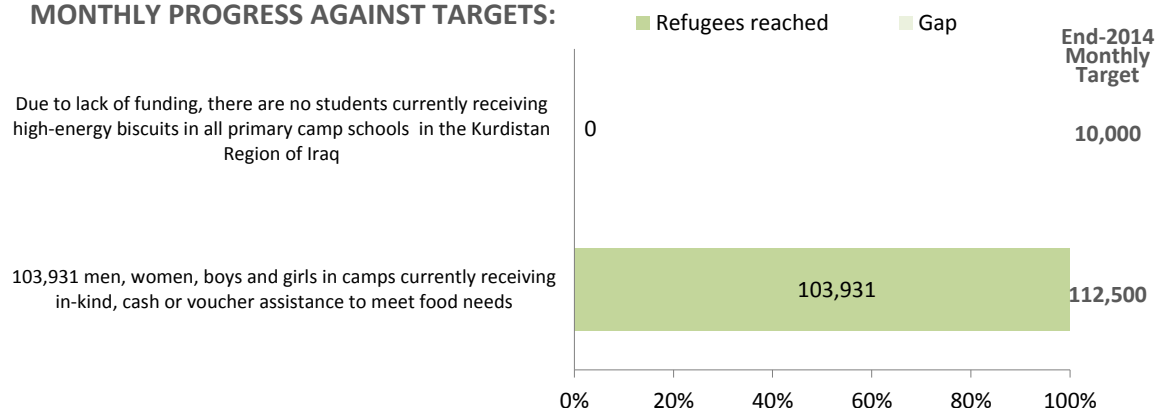
Current Registered Refugee Population



Modalities of Food Assistance



MONTHLY PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Due to lack of funding, there are no students currently receiving high-energy biscuits in all primary camp schools in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

103,931 men, women, boys and girls in camps currently receiving in-kind, cash or voucher assistance to meet food needs

Targets based on expected population of 250,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by the end of 2014. There are currently 233,625 in Iraq.

As per Government policy, food assistance is provided to in-camp refugees only. All Syrian refugees registered in camps are currently provided food assistance.