



## MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

### General:

2,665 Syrians arrived in KR-I which include 1,745 re-admission cases and 2 individuals admitted as asylum seekers upon arrival.

UNHCR continued with mass information campaigns on regularization of registration for Syrian refugees resulting in an increase in total registration activities by 87% and 180% for reactivated cases in Duhok. A Drop in centre ("one-stop" shop) aimed at ensuring access to PoCs and services was tested in Zakho for possible roll-out in urban areas. UNHCR and CDO conducted mobile registration for Syrians in Rania in response to residency and registration needs of Syrians unable to travel to Sulaymaniyah due to distance and means. The first test of RAIS for protection monitoring in Erbil was concluded and established that refugees are very mobile, 51% moved at least once during the last 12 months of which 75% moved to cheaper accommodation due to their dire economic situation as 87% of the employed refugees are in the context of daily labor. Erbil courts discontinued processing cases of *Maktoom* (stateless persons) refugees as the courts doubt the authenticity of Syrian identification papers including Syrian family books.

### Community Based Protection (CBP):

UNHCR trained 33 community outreach and community centre staff on identification of PWSN and the importance of Community Centres in Sulaymaniyah. 20 COVs received training on UNHCR Code of Conduct.

### Child Protection:

Case Management SOPs Roll-out plan for KRI, Ninewa governorate and Kirkuk were developed. 3 day workshop on UASC was held in Erbil for 30 CP Sub-Cluster members. Standardized interagency agency forms and contextualization of the Inter Agency guidelines were agreed on.

### Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV):

Women accessing SGBV services has increased significantly (65.3%) which could be attributed to increased awareness on SGBV. As large awareness raising campaigns took place in Erbil, women there were the main category accessing SGBV (83%). 45 staff members from UNHCR, HARIKAR and NRC working with service providers were trained on SGBV prevention and response. 2 community committees, who play a major role in prevention and response to SGBV, received training from IRC on SGBV in Sulaymaniyah. 6,273 Community members were trained on SGBV prevention including 5,885 individuals by different actors.

### Resettlement:

The IOM RSC mission from Amman was successfully completed. 9 Syrians attended pre-screening interviews for refugees submitted by UNHCR for resettlement consideration to the USA through the P1 programme. Case identification and assessment interviews were undertaken for 97 cases of which 86 cases were prioritized mostly under the survivors of violence and/or torture category. 6 cases are pending for Best Interests Assessment/Determination and Medical Assessment Forms. 26 RSD/resettlement interviews and assessments were conducted. Resettlement counselling was provided for 115 cases. 110 persons were submitted for resettlement consideration to Canada. 8 persons were accepted by the UK. 12 departures were recorded this month.



Gawilan Refugee camp, Duhok. UNHCR

## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

UNHCR has noted with concern that some 45,000 registered refugees lack a valid residency card in Erbil. Support will be required to ensure that refugees are properly documented within a reasonable time frame.

CBP team observed a gap in terms of organizing child protection case management and activities of Child Protection Committee in Kaznazan district due to closure of Child Friendly Space (CFS), which was being run by SCI. there is no space to implement activities for children or hold meetings and discussions.

Referrals from the Protection units in the three governorates is still low as the RST unit struggles to meet its monthly submission targets. UNHCR continues to enhance its anti-fraud messaging and engaged all partners in spreading the message that all UNHCR services are free during their daily activities.

257 persons are still waiting for decisions by resettlement countries following their submission for resettlement consideration in 2015 whilst 68 persons accepted for resettlement in 2015 are still pending departure.

## IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: MAY 2016

