



Basic Needs Assistance during March 2016:

- 1,479 households received seasonal assistance during March 2016
- 279 newly arrived households received Basic Needs Assistance (Core Relief Items)
- 336 HH received replacement core relief items during March 2016

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

The final distributions of winter support for the 2015/2016 winter season took place during March with 214 families in Erbil receiving kerosene from UNHCR and 915 households in Domiz 1 and 2 receiving 915 stoves from Islamic Kurdish League (IKL). In addition 350 families in Basirma camp received a seasonal package of blankets, pillows, mattresses, stoves and boots from British Islamic Relief.

279 newly arrived families received their initial distribution of core relief items. These households are mostly either newly registered or have relocated to camps from urban areas.

A further 148 individuals who were reunited with their families received mattresses and quilts and a further 4 newly married households received cri support.

French Red Cross in partnership with UNICEF distributed 650 trash bins in Domes 1 for use by 3250 families.

DRC implemented a programme of post distribution monitoring in Darashakran using an ODK tool.



Small refugee waiting for kerosene distribution in Darashakran refugee camp, Erbil. March 2016, UNHCR/ O.Zhdanov

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Sulaymaniyah:

Arbat camp continues to receive refugee families who have relocated from urban areas stating an inability to meet their basic needs as the main reason. Sulaymaniyah continues to experience electricity cuts which will affect the protection and well-being of the Syrian refugees, particularly those residing in camp that do not have access to backup generators. This also affects the water supply as the pumps also require electricity. A solution is required as a minimum to ensure continuation of the water supply.

Erbil:

Some residents of Basirma have departed the camp either heading back to Syria or on to Europe without notifying either UNHCR or the camp administration. Evidence suggests that they are passing on their UNHCR certificates to relatives who in turn use them to receive benefits and services.

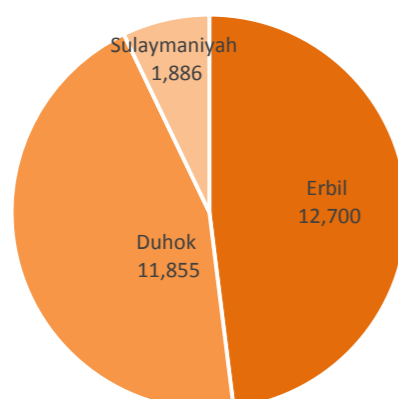
Duhok:

Reports an on-going requirement for fire extinguishers in all refugee camps as well as a fire truck for Domiz2. Hygiene kits in all camps trash bins in Domiz2 and construction of shading at distribution points for none camp refugees.

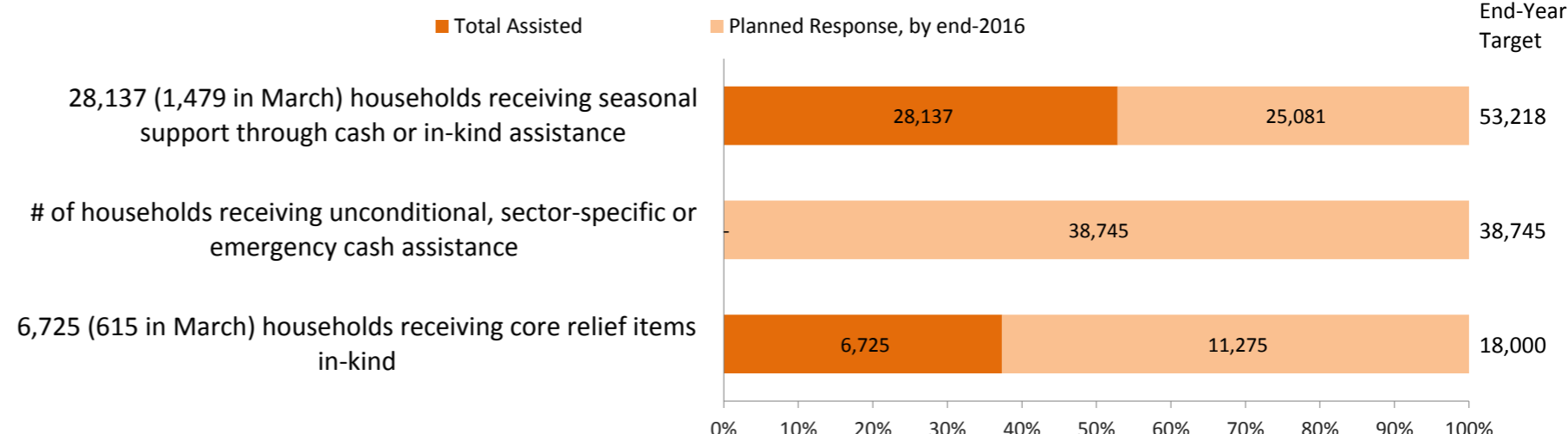
Duhok also reports that feedback from refugees informs that they prefer multi-purpose cash assistance rather than in kind support due to the travel costs involved.

There is also a general comment from all governorates about the quality of distributed stoves.

Winter assistance (Kerosene in-kind and cash)
Number of household (HH) beneficiaries/locations



IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: MARCH 2016



Planned response is based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 250,000 Syrian refugees and 1.5 million members of impacted local communities by end-2016. By 31 March 2016, 246,051 Syrians are registered by UNHCR: 39% live in 10 camps and 61% out of camps. From the total Syrians, about 97% = 237,710 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KRI): in Erbil (114,423), Duhok (93,146) and Sulaymaniyah (30,141) and about 3% = 8,413 live in other places in Iraq.

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