

HIGHLIGHTS

257,250 households – Lebanese (15%), Syrians (79%), and Palestinian (6%) – were identified as economically vulnerable and exposed to cold and therefore prioritized to receive assistance in the Interagency Winter Support Plan for 2015/2016 that started in November. Due to their social and economic conditions, those families needed extra support to survive the harsh winter conditions.

Over the course of 2015, more refugee households have been falling in poverty as indicated by different vulnerability assessment frameworks in light of absence of significant self-reliance opportunities and increased dependency on direct assistance. This fact urged the sector partners to come up with wide and holistic targeting criteria for winter assistance focusing on food eligibility, economic vulnerability, and to great extent shelter vulnerability.

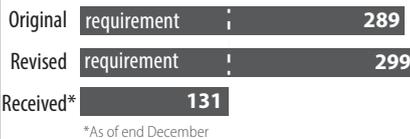
The information available through the households visits as well as other sources (like food eligibility targeting lists) were optimized to identify the neediest most vulnerable families. To ensure families assisted prioritize their own needs and meet part of their winter expenses, two cash for winter packages were developed based on the 500m altitude cut off line. The design of the packages took into consideration additional in kind shelter and basic assistance support (weatherproofing kits, clothing kits, drainage kits, etc.).

Until the end of December 2015, more than 150,000 households received different cash for winter packages depending on their area of residence. An additional 40,000 households received in kind items such as clothing kits, stoves, blankets, as well as fuel vouchers where cash is not possible. Distributions and preparedness measures are ongoing until the end of February where partner agencies have team deployed on the field throughout the different areas of operation.

In addition, different partners engaged with the targeting and households' visits exercise continued their regular assessments during November and December 2015. By the end of December, more than 122,000 households have been assessed: in total 25% of the profiled households scored severely vulnerable, 29% highly vulnerable, 27%, mildly vulnerable and 18% least vulnerable. In addition, 35,966 households received multi-purpose cash by December, a jump from 23,700 in October 2015.

FUNDING

(in Million \$)



PEOPLE

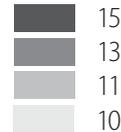
In Need/Target



PARTNERS

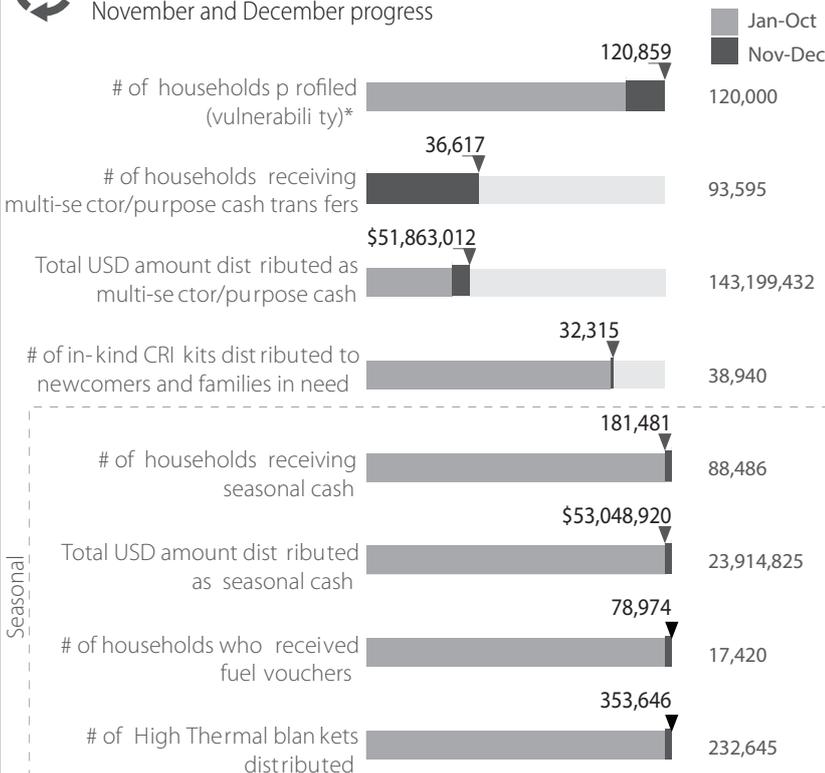
33 in Lebanon

count of partners per area of operation



PROGRESS AGAINST 2015 TARGETS

November and December progress



BASIC ASSISTANCE - FACTS AND FIGURES

Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB):	114\$/Capita/Month
Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB):	87\$/Capita/Month
Syrian refugee households living under MEB:	(source VaSyr 2015) 70%
Syrian refugee households living under SMEB:	(source VaSyr 2015) 50%

