



Distribution of winter core relief items and cash/voucher assistance scaled up to reach 1.6 million people in the region

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

While the focus is currently on distributing winter assistance (see story at right), the provision of regular basic needs assistance also continues across the region.

In Jordan's Azraq camp, new arrivals packages (over 23,300 items) were distributed to almost 1,800 people, while in Zaatari camp 2,633 items and 725 hygiene vouchers were distributed to special cases in the new arrivals area.

In Iraq, where the number of new arrivals remains low, assistance in the form of CRIs was provided to around 230 households during November: mainly to families who moved to the camps from urban locations or to newly married couples.

In Turkey, partners have distributed regular (non-winter) core relief items (CRIs) to 5,000 households in camps and 2,500 households in urban areas during November.

As part of the Basic Needs Sector in Turkey, partners are also supporting Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality and Kilis Municipality in delivering solid waste management services to refugee communities. A feasibility assessment and waste composition analysis were completed, a strategy was developed for recycling and marketing recyclable waste, and proposed waste transfer stations were identified. The procurement process for new waste collection containers and collection vehicles was undertaken with tenders for three semi-trailers and trucks to be delivered to Gaziantep Municipality and a waste compactor for Kilis Municipality. The waste collection support will improve the capacity of the two municipalities to deliver and sustain waste collection services in areas of high refugee populations, especially in refugee camps where activities are also planned for public awareness raising and education to promote and improve overall efforts for waste collection and recycling.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The majority of the new refugee arrivals to neighbouring countries in 2015 arrive with few personal possessions and in need of domestic items to meet their needs, including blankets, water jerry cans and kitchen sets. The 3RP partners provide a response for basic needs which is predominantly humanitarian, with packages of basic domestic items for new arrivals, and replacement items for refugees who are accommodated in camps for long periods of time.

For the most vulnerable families, agencies have adopted unconditional, multi-purpose cash assistance programmes through the region, allowing beneficiaries to spend the assistance on goods and services they feel they need most, giving them the dignity of choice while positively impacting on local economies.

Weather in the Middle East includes low winter temperatures, near or below freezing (especially at higher elevations), and heat during the summer often reaching in excess of 40 degrees Celsius. These extremes require warm clothes, energy for heating, and reinforced shelters during the winter, while in summer refugees need basic materials to create shade and protection from disease vectors, especially for children and the elderly.



Winter distribution for out of camp refugees in Sulaymaniyah governorate. Photo: UNHCR / T. Raouf

Sector Response Summary:



1,546,405 Refugees & Local
Community Members targeted for
assistance by end-2015
1,473,325 assisted in 2015



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,270,000 Syrian Refugees
expected by end-2015
4,289,792 currently registered or
awaiting registration



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.3 billion
required in 2015 (Agencies)
USD 2.162 billion received in 2015



WINTER ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Across the region, the provision of winter assistance by 3RP partners has been scaled up to assist more than 1.6 million Syrian refugees.

In Turkey, nearly 210,000 individuals received winterization supplies this month including high thermal blankets, anoraks and winter clothing. The cash-voucher assistance programme to vulnerable Syrians has also been expanded, with a total of 12,000 families to be assisted with one-off winterization cash-voucher support.

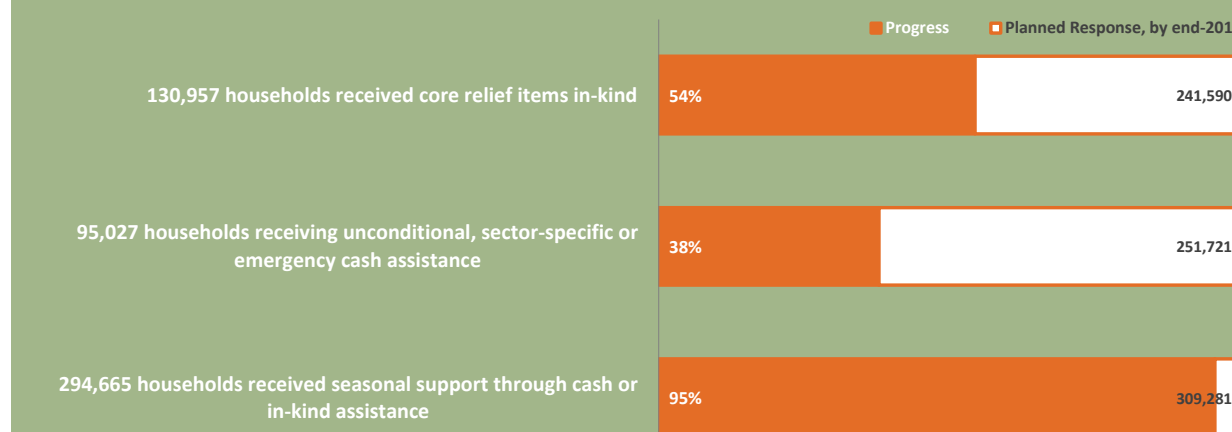
In Lebanon, winter assistance has been scaled up compared to last year due to the increasing vulnerability of Syrian refugees. ATM cards are being distributed to vulnerable families in need of winter assistance, reaching 106,748 families as of November. The first cash upload took place by 30 November and a second upload is planned in early December.

In Jordan, an inter-agency task force is working to provide winterization assistance to urban refugees amounting to USD 20.3 million. This month, 30,000 Syrian refugee families in urban areas received winter cash assistance. In camps, JOD 38 and JOD 10 cash vouchers for winter assistance have been distributed to 17,099 households in Zaatari camp and to 14,680 beneficiaries in Azraq camp respectively.

In Iraq, 3RP partners have now started winterization distributions for Syrian refugees in all KRI governorates, including distributions of non-food items, kerosene, cash for kerosene and tent insulation kits.

In Egypt, the winterization programme foresees the provision of unconditional cash assistance to help cover the costs of clothes, blankets, heating and safe accommodation for refugees during winter. An increased cash assistance of USD 42 per person will be provided to some 84,000 vulnerable persons through post offices in Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta during the first week of December.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2015



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