



Core relief items continue to meet the most urgent needs of newly arrived Syrian refugees in Iraq and Turkey

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

With June marked by an influx of refugees to Turkey and heavy heat in Iraq, the provision of core relief items (CRIs) remained key to help meet the immediate needs of refugees.

Intense fighting in Tell Abyad district in Ar-Raqqa Governorate, Syria, led over 21,000 Syrian refugees crossing the Ackakale border into Turkey, according to Turkish authorities. The partners of the basic needs sector responded to the needs of the new arrivals through the provision of blankets, pillows, floor mats, mattresses, dignity kits, children's clothes and baby diapers.

In Iraq, in order to help Syrian refugees get through the more than 40 degrees Celsius foreseen during summer, 9,901 households among camp and non-camp refugee population were provided with summer items (rechargeable fans, water jerry cans and sleeping mats) in Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniyah governorates. The basic needs sector partners had previously agreed upon the standardized summer kit. Despite requests made by refugees, the kit did not include air coolers, refrigerators or cool boxes, given their high consumption of water and electricity.

In Jordan, there were 1,590 new arrivals to the Azraq camp, all of whom received a full package of CRIs. Items distributed included diapers, packets of infant milk, sanitary napkins and gas cylinder refills.

Across the region, cash assistance programmes have also continued throughout June, with more than 77,298 households having now received unconditional, sector-specific or emergency cash assistance since the beginning of the year.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The majority of the projected 80,000 monthly new refugee arrivals to neighbouring countries in 2015 will 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 provides 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 increasingly 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.



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Sector Response Summary:



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



3RP Overall Funding Status:



PARTNERS JOINING FORCES TO HELP THOSE MOST IN NEED IN JORDAN

UNHCR and UNICEF are working in partnership to provide assistance that directly targets some of Jordan's most vulnerable refugee children in a salient example of 3RP partners joining their expertise to assist those most in need in Jordan.

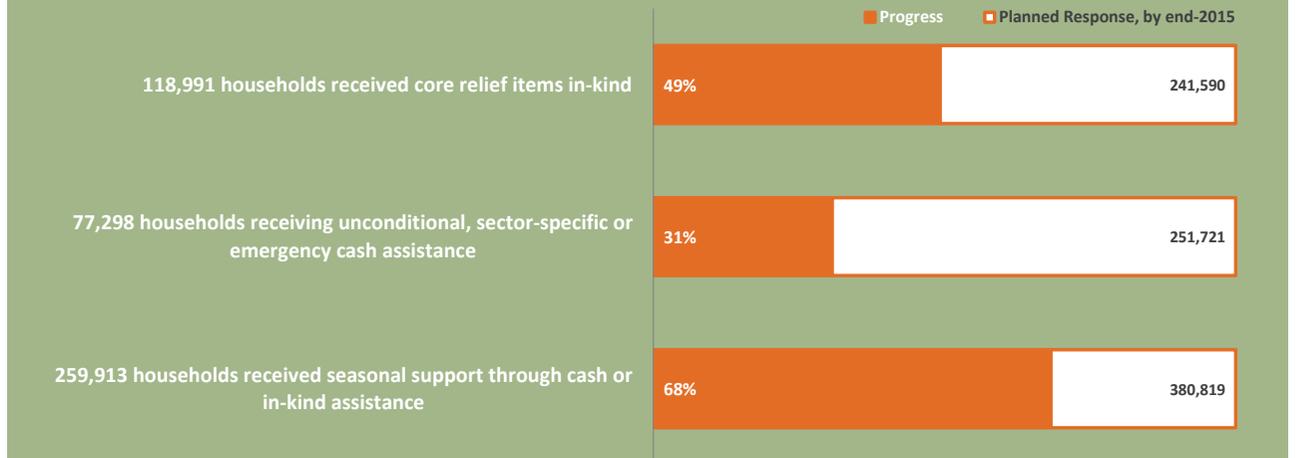
The UNICEF child cash grant programme started in February 2015 and is expected to benefit, over a six month period, over 54,000 children from 16,500 vulnerable Syrian families living outside of camps. These families are part of the 30,000 most vulnerable households identified as particularly vulnerable by the Inter-agency Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF). The most vulnerable families include those with children living below the poverty line, female headed households, households with children under five years, and families taking care of unaccompanied and separated children. Each child is provided with a monthly grant of JOD 20 (approximately USD 28).

UNICEF's support is channelled through UNHCR's cash assistance platform, complementing UNHCR's existing assistance to vulnerable urban refugee households. The cash is disbursed through the Cairo-Amman Bank (CAB) network of ATMs using cutting-edge iris recognition technology.

The delivery of cash assistance in this way is secure, dignified, cost efficient and effective, with minimal overhead costs.

UNHCR's regular cash assistance programme currently assists 22,000 refugee families (approximately 94,000 individuals) and has improved the ability of Syrian refugee households living in urban areas to meet their basic needs, reducing by 20 per cent the number of households living in poverty.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - JUNE 2015



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