



In Jordan over USD 22.7 million has been provided in cash assistance to vulnerable refugees and Jordanians during 2015

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Unconditional multi-purpose cash assistance programmes continue to be stepped up throughout the region in line with the 3RP strategy while cash coordination mechanisms continue to be streamlined to ensure greater efficiency and effectiveness.

In Lebanon, the provision of cash assistance remains a key priority for partners. Of the 93,595 households targeted by the end of the year, 23,122 poor refugees households have been assisted since January. Results of the vulnerability assessments carried out to date show that 42 per cent of the 40,000 families visited are in need of financial assistance. Below standard living conditions (63 percent of the households visited live in substandard shelters) and negative coping mechanisms (89 percent of the households visited are in debt and 53 percent of visited families with children have withdrawn their children from school) are expected to be alleviated by cash assistance.

In Jordan, cash assistance continues to be provided to vulnerable refugee families and since the beginning of the year 34,588 vulnerable refugee households and Jordanians (out of yearly target of 92,026) have been assisted.

In Turkey, multi-purpose cash assistance has been provided to 6,019 vulnerable households in Gaziantep since the beginning of the year and plans are being developed to further roll out the scheme in the coming months.

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.



A Syrian refugee scans her iris at a bank branch in Amman, Jordan, to withdraw her monthly cash assistance. UNHCR.

Sector Response Summary:



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



3RP Overall Funding Status:



MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE TO REACH AN ADDITIONAL 30,000 SYRIAN REFUGEES IN TURKEY

Support to Life (STL) and International Medical Corps (IMC) are rolling out their multi-purpose cash assistance projects to Syrian refugees in Turkey.

Some 30,000 vulnerable individuals will be assisted in the next two months in Narlica, Gaziantep, Adana, Istanbul, Izmir and possibly Iskenderun through the provision of a multi-purpose voucher.

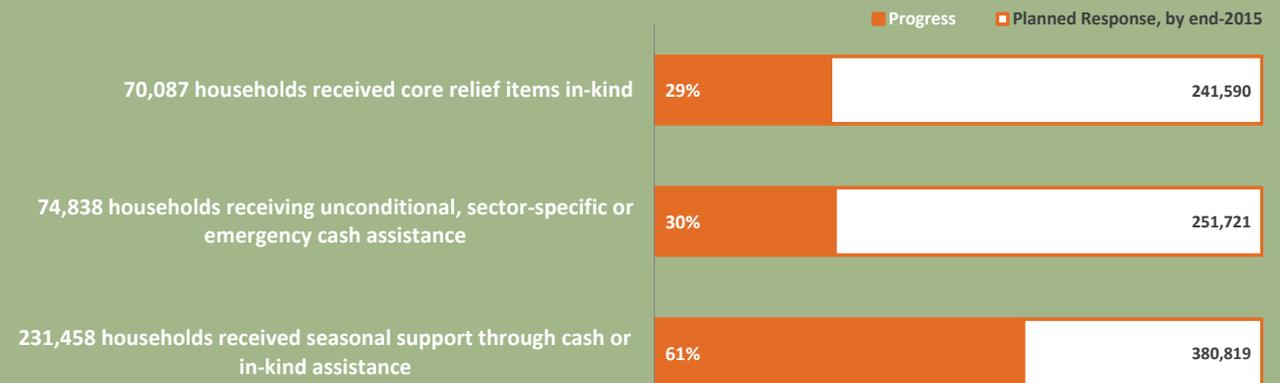
After having worked on the criteria for assistance, built the capacity of their staff and conducted a market assessment in the first quarter of the year, STL is now ready to start distributing the multi-purpose cash assistance to the 5,000 individuals (1,000 households) it is targeting. Pending approval by the Government of Turkey with regards to the distribution locations in Iskeendurun, distribution of vouchers will first start in Narlica in May.

IMC will identify the beneficiaries of its project through home visits to families identified as vulnerable by the Turkish Social Solidary Foundations (SSF) and Mukhtars. Following interviews and the completion of a vulnerability check list by IMC social workers, those assessed as vulnerable will be enrolled in the multi-purpose cash scheme. Distribution of vouchers is meant to start end of May and reach 25,000 individuals (5,000 households).

This support will come in addition to the 12,395 one-time vouchers IMC distributed since the beginning of the year to 6,019 households in Gaziantep.

It is also in addition to the support being provided by IOM to 3,987 individuals living in Kirikhan in Hatay province through the provision of vouchers.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - APRIL 2015



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