



MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

In May, 2015, 212 families have received assistance as new arrivals that crossed the border check point opened only once a week. The trend of urban refugees moving to the camps due to continuous challenging economic situation was ongoing. Refugees claim increased difficulties in paying rent, utilities and other costs. Active preparations - needs assessments, planning distributions and partners' arrangements - took place during May for the forthcoming provision of summer support. Kits containing rechargeable fans, sleeping mats and water jerry cans will be distributed in June for the refugees in camps and non-camp settings. Relocations to the newly constructed plots/phases have been completed in few camps. The number of cases of scabies in the camps is decreasing.

Duhok governorate:

UNHCR in coordination with Qandil has distributed 25 tents and 143 CRI kits targeting new arrivals from Kobane as well as new marriage cases settled in Gawilan and Domiz camps. Five hundred twelve cases of newly married families and those with new born babies, received additional various core relief items; BRHA provided 2,555 liters of kerosene together with barrels to 26 newly arrived families in camps, 11 non-camp families received by 80 liters of kerosene as well. CARITAS distributed 1,216 blankets targeting 240 new arrival families. BCF supported 600 refugee families with pasta and second hand clothes, 275 children with milk formula and baby diapers, 155 individuals with the ready meals.

Erbil governorate:

In an attempt to optimize distribution modalities in Kawergosk camp, two new rules have been introduced. Distributions are done once a week (except emergency cases) enabling to improve predictability and planning. In order to enhance targeted approach, requests for CRIs replacement are now linked to referrals by protection partners in the camp, made after a physical assessment of the situation of each family.

In Qushtapa camp 83 tents and 129 CRI kits distributed to relocated and newly married families, accommodated in a new sector following the relocation process. Some tents were distributed as a replacement the ones in poor condition.

In Basirma camp DRC Camp Management has conducted a comprehensive camp sweep in order to collect accurate data for the first phase of the relocation.

In Darashakran camp 41 newly arrived families have received CRI kits. As part of the scabies response DRC replaced 152 Mattresses, 148 Quilts, 71 Pillows, 26 hygiene kits, 26 blankets. A total of 26 new scabies cases were registered during the month of May. Infected NFIs were replaced for all of them. Three old/damaged tents have also been replaced.

Sulaymaniyah Governorate

Block D of the Arbat refugee camp has been completed and long-term staying refugees, who have been accommodated inside the tents of their relatives will be given priority to be allocated one of the 300 new tents. Two hundred sixty tents have been provided to the relocated families. Summarization items have been received and are planned to be distributed in the Arbat refugee camp during the first week of June.

Al-Obaidi refugee camp, Anbar governorate:

UNHCR through its partner ISHO provided the Syrian refugees in Al-Obaidi with CRI Kits to 7 families who arrived to the camp. In addition to that 1,718 Soap Bars, 4,400 Sanitary Napkins, 1,680 Adult Diapers, and 6,900 Baby Diapers were distributed to the refugee population in Al-Obaidi Camp. UNHCR summarization included the distribution of rechargeable fans and plastic sheets that covered the whole camp population (170 cases). 11,350 liters of kerosene were distributed to the camp population to be used as cooking fuel.



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NEEDS ANALYSIS:

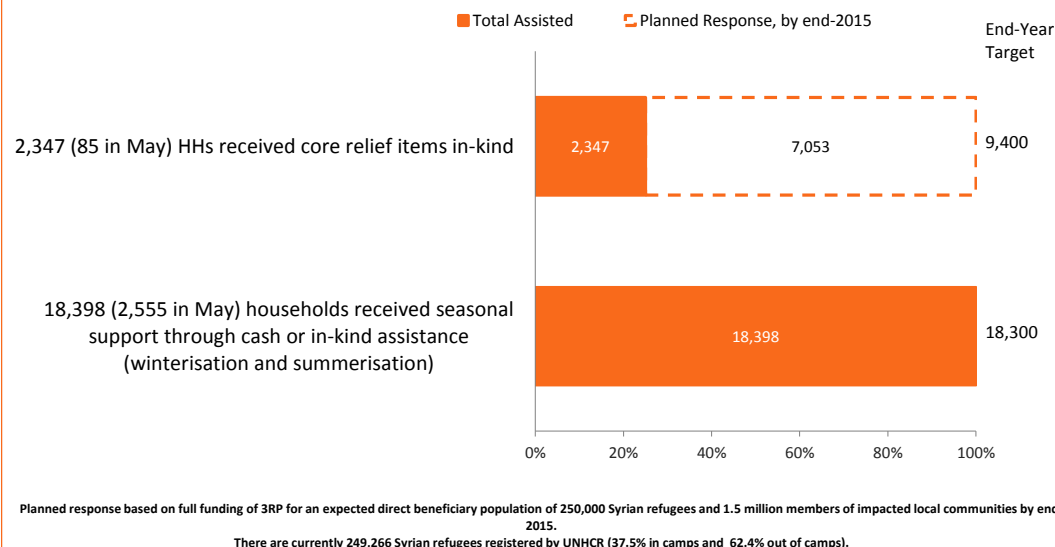
Baby diapers, sanitary napkins as well as hygiene kits still remain a gap in all refugee camps. UNHCR is exploring alternative means to source for those items.

Due to space constraints in the camps, allocation of tents for newlyweds and new arrivals is a challenge. Camp management and authorities are working on identification of additional space and provision of tents on a case by case basis.

A high number of tents and inner liners in various camps are being seriously damaged and have to be replaced. A plan will be proposed for replacement of tents in the most problematic sectors of the temporary phases that cannot expect relocation soon.

Refugees request to add more items in summer kits, such as air coolers, refrigerators and cool boxes. Despite the recommendation by shelter/NFI WG to its partners not to distribute such items due to high consumption of water and electricity, some charities and governmental agencies are planning to proceed with the distribution.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: MAY 2015



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