



NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

General

3,804 Syrians arrived in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) through Peshkhabour border crossing in November. Out of these 1,130 individuals were admitted on 15 days entry visa mainly for medical and visitation reasons while 2,674 individuals were readmitted after they were previously allowed to temporarily return to Syria by the KR-I authorities. No one was admitted as an asylum seeker on arrival.

The feedback from 2017/18 3RP Regional Technical Committee on protection sectors' narrative and response matrix was reviewed by protection sector and the subsectors and submitted to the inter-sector coordinator for compilation of the 2nd draft of the country plan. 15,210 additional Syrian refugees were identified for food assistance through the WFP paper food vouchers in November and December 2016.

Community Based Protection (CBP)

UNHCR and partners received 1,151 applications for the DAFI/HOPES scholarship programme. Following interviews and screening conducted by UNHCR and partners, 120 DAFI and 30 HOPES candidates were selected. The list has been submitted to Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHE) in KR-I to liaise with local universities for placement. UNHCR led 2016 Participatory Assessment exercise targeting refugees and IDPs in camp and out of camp locations in Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniyah. The findings are being compiled.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)

On 27 November 2016, the 16 days of activism against SGBV under the theme '*from peace in the home to peace in the world: step up for freedom and equality*' was launched in Erbil, KR-I by the Prime Minister. UNHCR and partners carried out a series of activities to mark the event in Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniyah. SGBV issues among refugees were addressed and prevention measures given highest priority and quality of services was ensured through emphasis on case auditing, feedback mechanisms, and discussions with clients.

Child Protection

UNHCR child protection case management consultant carried out capacity building activities with UNHCR and child protection partners to strengthen response. 706 refugee children (300 girls, 406 boys) received specialised services and a further 9,848 participated in psychosocial support activities (4,697 girls, 5,151 boys).

Resettlement/Refugee Status Determination (RST/RSD)

56 cases of 278 persons were referred to the MENA Regional Hub for resettlement consideration, of these, 15 cases of 62 persons to the UK and 41 cases of 216 persons to the US. 5 cases of 11 persons departed to the UK. There was no rejected case (s) in the month and this can be attributed to improved screening and scrutiny processes. The Resettlement unit has surpassed its revised target of this year's cases to the US by 20.2% i.e. 1,212 individuals. 4 caseworkers undertook a mission to assist with the processing of Syrian cases in Branch Office Amman.



young refugees are supporting their family business, Kawergosk camp/O_Zhdanov

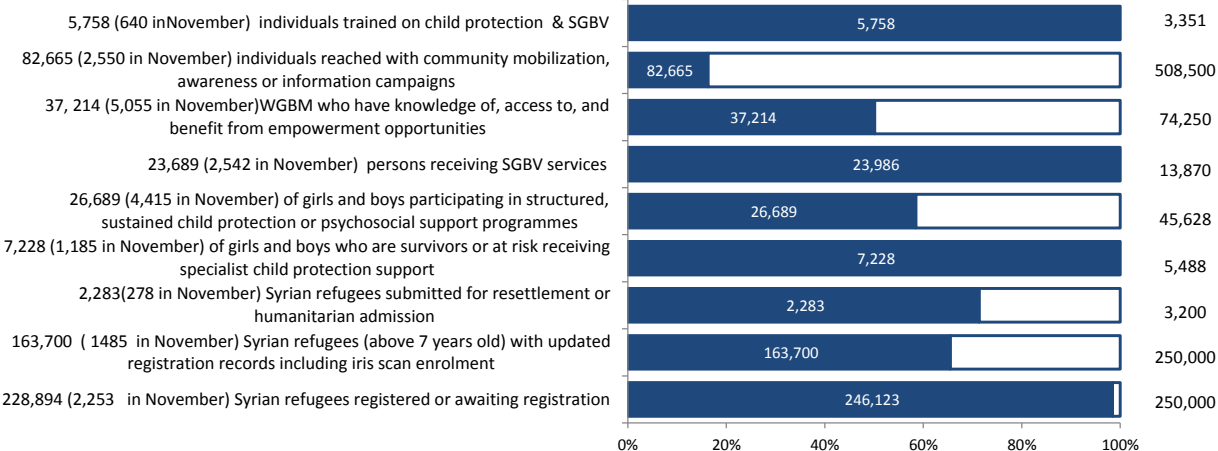
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

With the ongoing Mosul emergency response, UNHCR is closely monitoring the impact on refugee programmes and this includes staffing constraints.

There is an increase demand to relocate refugees to the camps from the non-camp areas of the across KR-I as a result of the increased hardship caused by economic inflation.

Access to public hospitals has become restricted for POCs with chronic illnesses with reports that in addition to UNHCR certificates, POCs are also asked to present a valid residency permit or an official letter from the Assayesh to obtain a medical card at a hospital specializing in diabetic cases.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: NOVEMBER 2016*



*Planned response based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 250,000 Syrian refugees and 1.5 million members of impacted local communities by end-2016. By 31 November 2016, 228,894 Syrian refugees (74,984 households) live in Iraq. 38.9% = 89,039 live in 10 camps and 61.1% = 139,855 in non-camp/urban areas. 97% = 220,950 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): in Erbil Duhok and Sulaymaniyah and 3% = 7,944 live in other locations in Iraq.

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