



HIGHLIGHTS:

As temperatures dropped across the region, a new round of needs assessments and beneficiary identification took place in camps as well as in urban, peri-urban and rural areas, with the objective to support families with basic core relief items and necessary seasonal winter items. The assessments targeted areas which were more prone to extreme cold.

During post-distribution monitoring, a woman said, "Kerosene saved our lives [this winter]." Many families burned the kerosene throughout the night, and clinics did not observe any rise in cold-related illnesses.



Non-food item distribution in Sulaymaniah governorate. 2017. UNHCR



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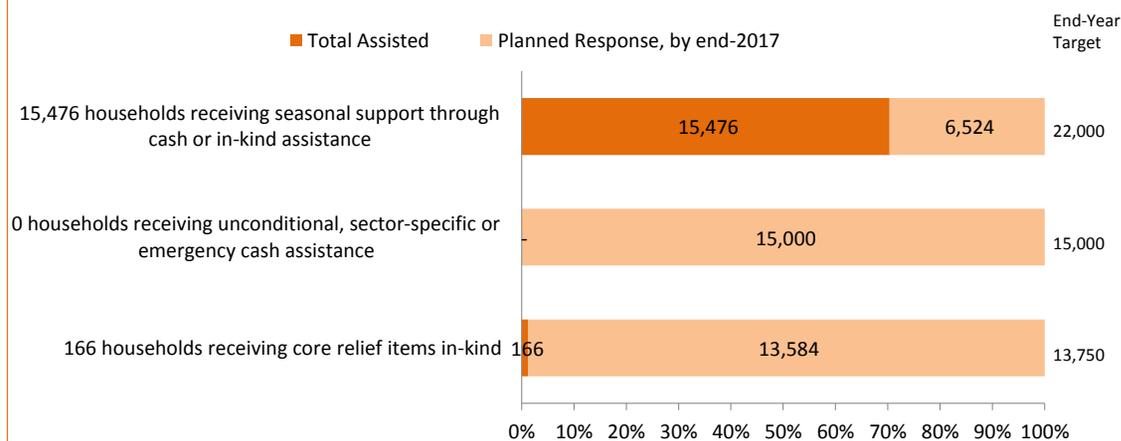
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The economic downturn and resulting limited job opportunities (in particular during the cold season) continue to impact refugees' livelihoods and coping mechanisms. An increase in the number of refugees requesting plot allocation in the camp has been noted, while concerns keep growing in light of increasing vulnerabilities among the population as their resources are exhausted.

Post-distribution reports in all refugee camps inform that hygiene kits feature high on the list of most useful and needed items. Their regular replenishment could be considered, funding permitting.

Indoor air quality is likely to deteriorate as the use of heaters and cooking stoves rise in winter. Mitigation measures and fire safety precautions, subject to mass information campaigns in prior years, are recommended for future; sensitisation of refugees in camps has been ongoing.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY 2017*



*Planned response based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 235,000 Syrian refugees and 1 million members of impacted local communities by end-2017.

By 31 January 2017, 233,224 Syrian refugees (76,233 households) live in Iraq.

38% = 88,863 live in 9 camps and 62% = 144,361 in non-camp/urban areas.

97% = 225,203 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): in Erbil Duhok and Sulaymaniyah and 3% = 8,021 live in other locations in Iraq.

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