



HIGHLIGHTS

UNHCR continues to receive refugees seeking assistance at Registration Centre in Domiz-1 Camp in Dohuk governorate and undertakes home visits to assess their needs. In June, a total of 89 cases (48 females and 41 males) were identified and referred to service providers including distribution of core relief items (CRIs).

The Basic Needs assistance (including Cash) concern 3 governorates (Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and Duhok) in Kurdistan Region of Iraq where live some 98% of the Syrian Refugees:

In Erbil, a private donor distributed USD 200 to 38 vulnerable households in Basirma Camp. Islamic Relief International distributed 78 mattresses, 78 pillows, 39 hygiene boxes and 39 blankets to 39 families that moved into the camp from the external waiting list in Qushtapa Camp. Furthermore, the same organization also distributed hygiene kits, mattresses and blankets to more than 25 vulnerable households in the camp.

In Sulaymaniyah, assessments for shelter upgrades will take place and plans to distribute water jerrycans are underway to assist the refugees to cope with the summer heat.

In Duhok, UNHCR/Qandil continued with regular core relief item assistance to refugees in the camps and out of camps. The distribution was mainly for new arriving cases as well as replacement due to worn out Non-Food Items (NFIs) and fire incident response. Need assessments jointly done by Qandil and reviewed by UNHCR focal points. In addition, referrals were received from the respective functional unit such as the protection as well as from the camp management partners. Standard CRI kits were provided to the new arrival while replacements were done based on item specific needs. New arrival cases have barely no household items upon arrival to the camp/ place of arrival, similarly the fire incident cases documented show that families lose everything in the fire incidents. UNHCR/Qandil thus provides the basic NFIs to meet the standard of living for the affected cases and new arrivals.

During the reporting period, new arrival cases were supported with standard CRI kits. The standard items include: blankets, mattresses, kitchen sets, cooking stoves, water jerry cans, kerosene jerry cans, plastic sheets and hygiene kits.

While the physical well-being of the households supported cannot be determined at the time of the NFI delivery, NFIs provided give families semblance of normal life (living standards) considering that the new cases arrive to the camp/ shelters with no or lack of any household materials. The UNHCR/Qandil CRI/standard NFI provided gives the families the opportunity to restart and improve their living condition.

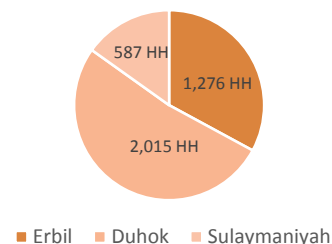
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NFI/CRI distribution for new arrival cases in Domiz1 refugee camp, Duhok.
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Basic Needs through Cash Assistance

Number of beneficiaries (Households/HH) from January to May 2017/ per Governorate



Basic Need Funding Status

21%

\$48.58M

NEEDS ANALYSIS

The majority of the 420 calls made to UNHCR protection partner's hotline in June were from the Syrian refugees. 88% of the calls were made by males and 12% by females. 95% of the calls were from refugees living in Erbil City with the main reasons being requests to schedule a household visit and inquiries about the cash assistance program. The callers asked for cash assistance, citing low monthly income, lack of job opportunities as well as inability to afford medical treatment.

By 30 June 2017, 242,558 Syrian refugees (79,573 households) live in Iraq:

- 97% = 234,262 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): Erbil Duhok and Sulaymaniyah.
- 3% = 8,296 Live in other locations in Iraq.
- 62% = 150,585 live in non-camp/urban areas.
- 38% = 91,973 live in 9 camps (Basirma, Darashakran, Kawergosk, Qushtapa camps in Erbil, Domiz I and II, Akre, Gawilan camps in Duhok, Arbat Camp in Sulaymaniyah).

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