

The WASH response is facing a critical funding shortage, particularly in Lebanon and Iraq. For example, at current funding levels in Lebanon, partners will struggle to sustain services for 190,000 people living in informal settlements beyond April 2018. To pre-empt the funding shortfall, a shift from full service coverage is underway, to mainly focus on the most vulnerable, semi-temporary cost-effective water and wastewater facilities, and the establishment of a surveillance mechanism to identify possible communicable disease outbreaks and trigger an immediate Health and WASH joint response. Highlights of the WASH Sector across the region in December include:

In **Jordan**, throughout December WASH services were provided to almost 130,000 people including almost 70,000 children living in Zaatari, Azraq and King Abdullah Park camps. In **Iraq**, the WASH sector continued to provide sustainable, sufficient quantities of safe water, appropriate sanitation facilities and improved hygiene practices to about 83,000 refugees in camps, out of camp and in education and health facilities. However, the focus on the IDP response by donors has limited funding towards refugee response. Solid waste and wastewater management remain key areas which exit strategy has been challenging. There is a need to utilize surface water after treatment, which requires higher levels of investment but avoids damaging the environment by ground water extraction and is more sustainable in the long term. In **Lebanon**, 247,903 individuals received a hygiene promotion/ community mobilization session in 2017, 37,197 in December.



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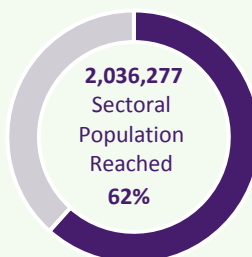
Syrian Registered Refugees in
3RP countries as 31 December
2017

*Includes North Africa

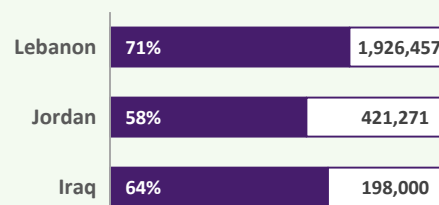


2,545,700 Refugees & Local Community Members Sectoral Target by end of 2017

Regional

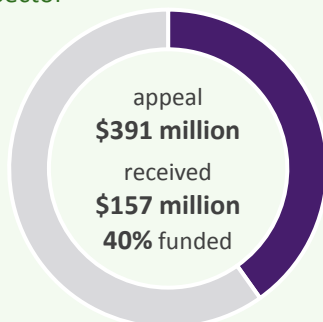


By Country

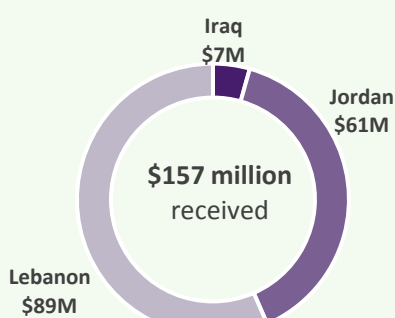


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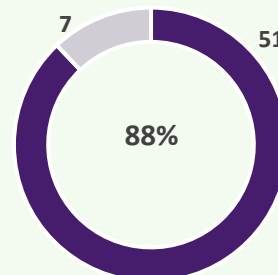
Sector



By Country



Responding Partners



51 out of 58 partners
reporting for the month



Sectoral Regional Indicator Progress

