



## KEY FIGURES



**245,000** Syrian Refugees expected by end-2018

**248,092** currently registered



**USD 226.8 million** overall funding required in 2018

**21 million (9.3% of total)** required for Livelihoods

## HIGHLIGHTS

In February, Emergency Livelihoods Sector actors continued to respond to the needs of Syrian refugees as well as Iraqi IDPs and host community members. Support for Syrian refugees includes cash for work, but mainly sustainable livelihoods interventions that build capacity through vocational and entrepreneurship training, direct job placement through private sector partnerships, asset grants and providing small business support. These types of interventions are based upon the 2018 3RP framework set by the Emergency Livelihoods Sector to ensure that those in protracted displacement work toward securing long-term and sustainable access to employment or income generation. Existing small businesses inside and off camps have been supported and new businesses are being established to employ women and men in sectors such as food processing and production - including greenhouse growing and small factories, bakeries, small sewing factories, etc. Other skills trainings, such as sewing, mobile maintenance, barbering and hairdressing, computer repair, etc., will allow participants to either find employment in hosting businesses, or employ these skills in home-based businesses.

## NEEDS ANALYSIS

Partners have reported various challenges faced by Syrian refugees trying to become self-sufficient and improve their livelihoods situation. Many have reported being unaware of livelihood opportunities as well as poor interactions with the host community, which can hinder facilitating integrated and sustainable income generation and trust-building. While many organizations are providing vocational and professional skills training, refugees are often reluctant to participate as they do not see a guaranteed path to employment. An overall need for supporting Syrian refugees is funding; while other types of support are offered to refugees, little funding has been available for livelihoods initiatives.



Small business by REACH - Sewing shop for Syrian refugee in Erbil

## ACHIEVEMENTS



### Sectoral Indicators Progress



**4 partners reporting for the month**

**Reached/Target**

544 individuals benefited temporary employment activities (cash for work etc.)

544

9,256

9,800

231 individuals participated in professional skills, vocational or business development training courses

231

18,019

18,250

3 individuals who benefited from job referral mechanisms (registered, job fairs, job portals, job newsletters, job centers)

3

5,747

5,750

173 individuals supported to establish or scale up businesses (micro-finance, small grants, etc.)

173

4,427

6,600