



KEY NOTE OF THE MONTH

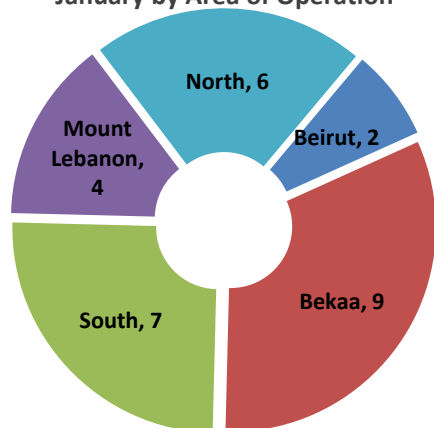
Shelter agencies continue to assist a widely dispersed refugee caseload

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

Concerted efforts by agencies to complete weatherproofing shelters as part of the winterization plan resulted in more than 30,000 refugees (15.8% of the target group) receiving assistance. This achievement amounts to 97.3% coverage of the plan to target around 194,000 refugees living in informal settlements, unfinished houses, worksites, and other forms of sub-standard living conditions.

New shelter space within collective shelters and houses that can be rehabilitated are being identified by agencies in order to accommodate the increasing number of refugees, including those that have become victim to eviction. Rehabilitation of houses will particularly benefit host communities as well as securing accommodation for refugees.

Number of shelter partners that reported in January by Area of Operation*



*One partner may be working in multiple locations



Formal Settlements set up in Aarsal, Lebanon - UNHCR

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Shelter remains critical throughout the country hindered by a growing reluctance of local communities to provide additional shelter space in collective shelters or to allocate public land for formal settlements.

Expanding on the initiatives of MOSA from the Aarsal emergency in 2013 to increase the number of shelters in formal settlements from 20 to 70 or more and to install temporary shelters in the vicinity of collective centres and individual houses are steps to increasing shelter options. Nevertheless, these options remain dependent on the acceptance of hosts communities.

In the absence of larger, managed sites, the identification of empty houses and buildings that can be rehabilitated and used by refugees for shelter remain a more viable option.

Many shelter agencies are still without confirmation of their funding, hindering the planning process for the implementation of the shelter strategy.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS

		End-2014 Target
# of persons provided with temporary emergency shelter (including formal tented settlements)	390	55,470
# of persons who received cash for rent and cash for host families	7,100	133,800
# of persons who benefitted from the rehabilitation of private and public collective shelter and collective shelter management	309	16,640
# of persons who benefitted from rehabilitation of their apartment/house (including Syrian refugees and Lebanese owners)	6,172	58,890
# of persons who benefitted from weatherproofing of their shelter (informal settlement and unfinished houses)	28,981	90,360
# of persons who benefitted from site improvement of their informal settlement	0	133,800
# of persons benefitting from shelter management by all type of existing refugee settlements	1,743	20,970

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