

# IRAQ: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - APRIL 2014

# PROTECTION



Out of **223,113** refugees

207,441 are registered and 15,672 are waiting for registration.

## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

As at 30 April 223,113 Syrians were registered with UNHCR (79,832 households). Registration directly into the ProGres database in all camps is now almost fully rolled-out. As at 30 April 92.9% of the total population were registered in ProGres.

Multi-functional teams continued to monitor the situation at the border. During the reporting period, three out of the four border crossings from Syria remain closed (Rabaa, Al Qaim and Al Waleed) for all entries and exits. In addition, no movements have been possible through the Syrian KR-I border at Peshkhabour since 10 April.

Protection monitoring and co-ordination of protection activities in all camps in KR-I continued, and significant progress was attained towards the establishment of agreed inter-agency referral mechanisms. A high-level meeting on advocacy concerning the consistent access to residency permits place during the reporting period with representation from 3 Governorates within KR-I. It was agreed to work towards a streamlining of the procedures, including with respect to registration of new arrivals, family reunifications and file transfers, across the KR-I.

Individual advocacy by UNHCR at the KR-I level has resulted in the return of the Syrians concerned to the region, as an alternative to deportation from Iraq by the central authorities.

A multi-sector needs assessment of the non-camp population across KR-I was undertaken during the reporting period. Preliminary results suggest a lack of knowledge amongst the non-camp caseload of protection services available in the urban areas.

The Protection WG and its Steering Group met twice a month respectively; the Steering Group will commence the development of the Protection WG Strategy in May 2014. The SGBV Sub-WG is now at an advanced stage of finalizing KR-I wide SOPs, while the Child Protection Sub-WG has commenced work on drafting a KR-I Child Protection Strategy.



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## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Safeguarding asylum space remains a key activity of UNHCR and its partners. Identifying persons in need of international protection amidst mixed migration movements is challenging, as well as ensuring access to asylum for those new arrivals who initially enter as persons who seek medical assistance or for family visits, and at a later stage seek to submit asylum applications. Ensuring timely and accurate registration is also key. This includes ensuring reliable mechanisms are in place to update the data base on a regular basis with regard to specific needs that may have been identified at the registration stage or later in the process of asylum.

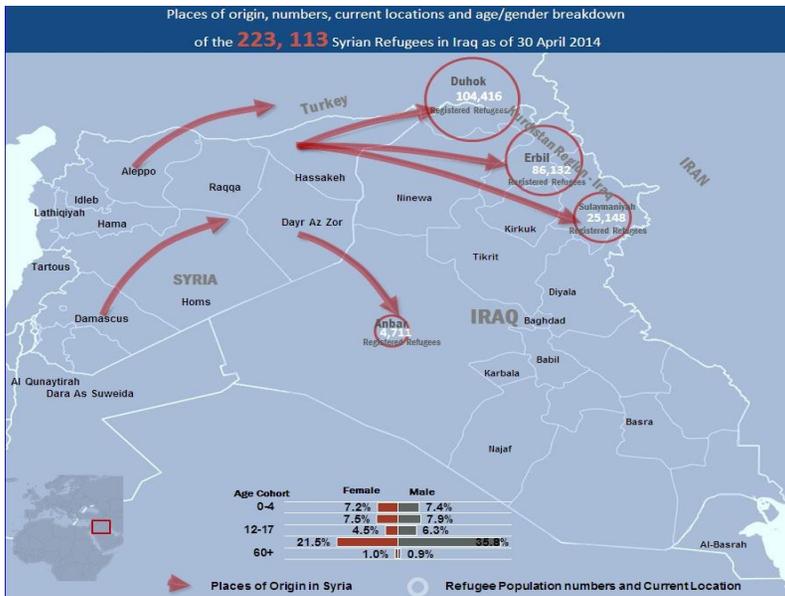
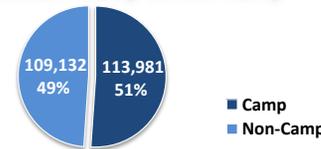
Prevention of and ensuring appropriate responses to instances of SGBV remains a priority for the sector. The reporting of instances of SGBV, and a proper analysis of the data, will be facilitated once the GBV IMS system is fully operational in the camps and for the urban population. Identifying child protection needs and responses for all children at risk in the camp continue to require strengthening.

Ensuring the equal participation of communities' self-identified male and female refugee representatives in camps and urban areas will strengthen refugees' ability towards self-reliance in protection and assistance, including for the most vulnerable refugees, and facilitates access to information in a timely manner. Clear procedures, referral mechanisms, and human resources will be put in place to facilitate the identification of the most vulnerable refugees, including those in need of resettlement as a durable solution.

## SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:

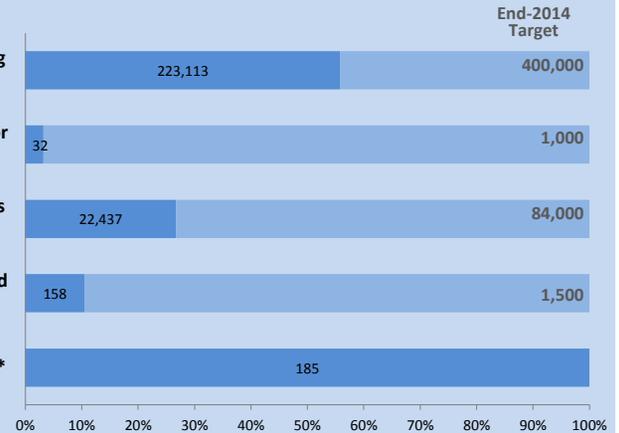


### Population : Camp vs Non-Camp



## PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

- 223,113 (5,055 in April) Syrians registered as refugees or awaiting registration with UNHCR
- 32 (7 in April) Syrian refugees submitted for resettlement or humanitarian admission to third countries
- 22,437 (7,984 in April) children with access to psychosocial services (Through child and youth friendly spaces only)\*
- 158 (28 in April) child protection cases receiving specialized support
- 185 (23 in April) SGBV cases receiving specialized support\*



\* Anbar data from the beginning of 2014 are added since April

Targets based on expected population of 400,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 223,113 Syrian refugees in Iraq.

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