

# Iraq:RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE- AUGUST 2014 SOCIAL COHESION & LIVELIHOODS



**2,978** refugees are accessing  
livelihood opportunities as of July 2014

## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

In Erbil, DRC found **jobs for 82 Syrian refugees** (30 women and 52 men).

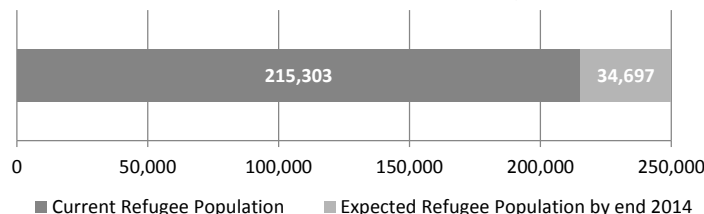
As part of UNDP project of Resilience Support for non-camp refugees and host communities in KR-I where 100 persons are planned to be trained, DRC, funded by PJW, organised **training for 25 persons who received Certificate Awarding for Job-Search Training**.

A workshop for Livelihoods Sector Working Group was organised to:

1. Refugees Plan: Review the current situation and prioritise the areas of intervention among key partners of the sector.
2. Refugee Response and Resilience Plan for 2015.
3. Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs): Discussions about a common strategy.



**SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:**

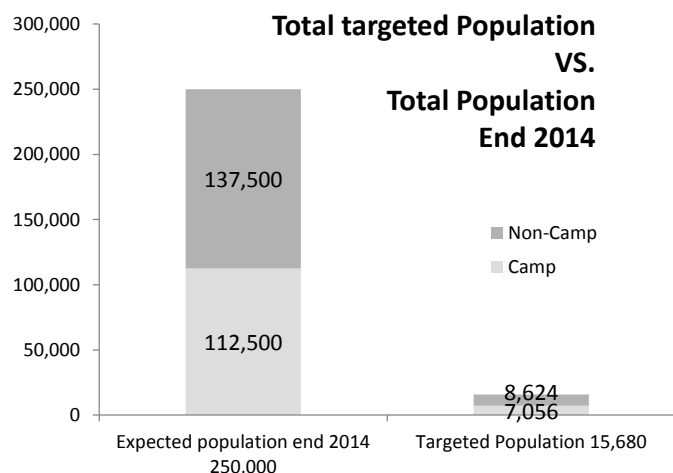


## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

According to the Needs Assessment conducted by REACH for camp-refugees in April 2014, **47 per cent of the respondents among camp residing refugees have reported no source of cash/income for their household**. The survey response in Basirra, Darashakran and Gawilan camps exhibit much lower figures of households having an income, 28 per cent, 35 per cent and 36 per cent respectively, which indicates refugees living in remote areas are in a disadvantageous position due to distance and the additional burden of transportation costs.

To ensure access to sustainable employment, it is vital to equip refugees and vulnerable local populations, including women, people with disabilities, the poor and the youth, with the skills that the markets demand. According to a study by REACH, only 6% of refugee households across all camps indicated having benefited from vocational trainings. Well-structured vocational training on marketable skills that can directly enhance employability needs to be provided to the disadvantaged populations, such as camp refugees in remote areas, women, the youth, and people with specific needs.

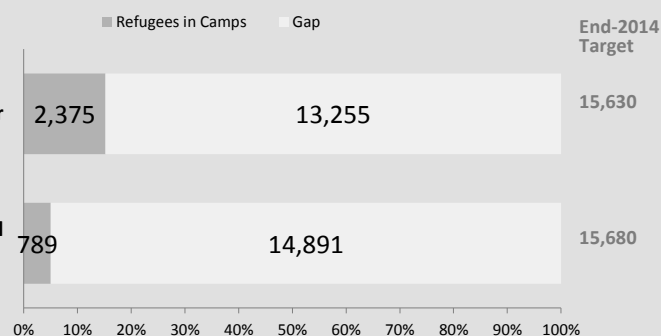
A special attention needs to be paid to the **refugees with vulnerability and special needs**, such as women, youth, and people with disability. The MSNA study indicates that only **18 per cent of female members of non-camp households are earning an income**. The Rapid Needs Assessment on refugees with disabilities in Domiz camp conducted by Handicap International in support of UNICEF indicates **99 per cent of refugees with disabilities were not working in comparison to 86 per cent of the non-disable control group**.



## PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

**2,375 (51 in August) persons participating in employment assistance, income generation activities or business development projects**

**789 (135 in August) persons participating in vocational training or skills development programs**



Targets based on expected population of 250,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end -2014. There are currently 215,303 refugees.