



KEY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH

68,740 vulnerable families received **USD 7.3 million** in cash assistance

HIGHLIGHTS:

Winterization activities are ongoing through the distribution of in-kind items (blankets, stoves, clothes), fuel vouchers and cash-for-winter assistance (USD 100 or 80 depending on altitude) to support beneficiaries most affected by winter and address exacerbated basic needs to ensure reduced adverse effects and negative coping mechanisms:

Distribution of fuel vouchers reached 28,572 vulnerable families, amounting USD 5,714,400 covering estimated needs during November and December.

50,065 families were assisted with a total of USD 4,109,800 as cash-for-winter. Some families received the assistance for December while others received the assistance for both December and January months in one payment.

18,675 of the most socio-economically vulnerable families were supported with USD 3,273,200 multi-sector cash assistance (USD 175).

15,580 persons (3,116 families) received general (non-winter related) core relief items. A standard kit consists of one blanket and one mattress per person (5 blankets and 5 mattresses per family/kit on average), one kitchen set and one hygiene kit per family, and a baby kit for each child under the age of two.



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NEEDS ANALYSIS:

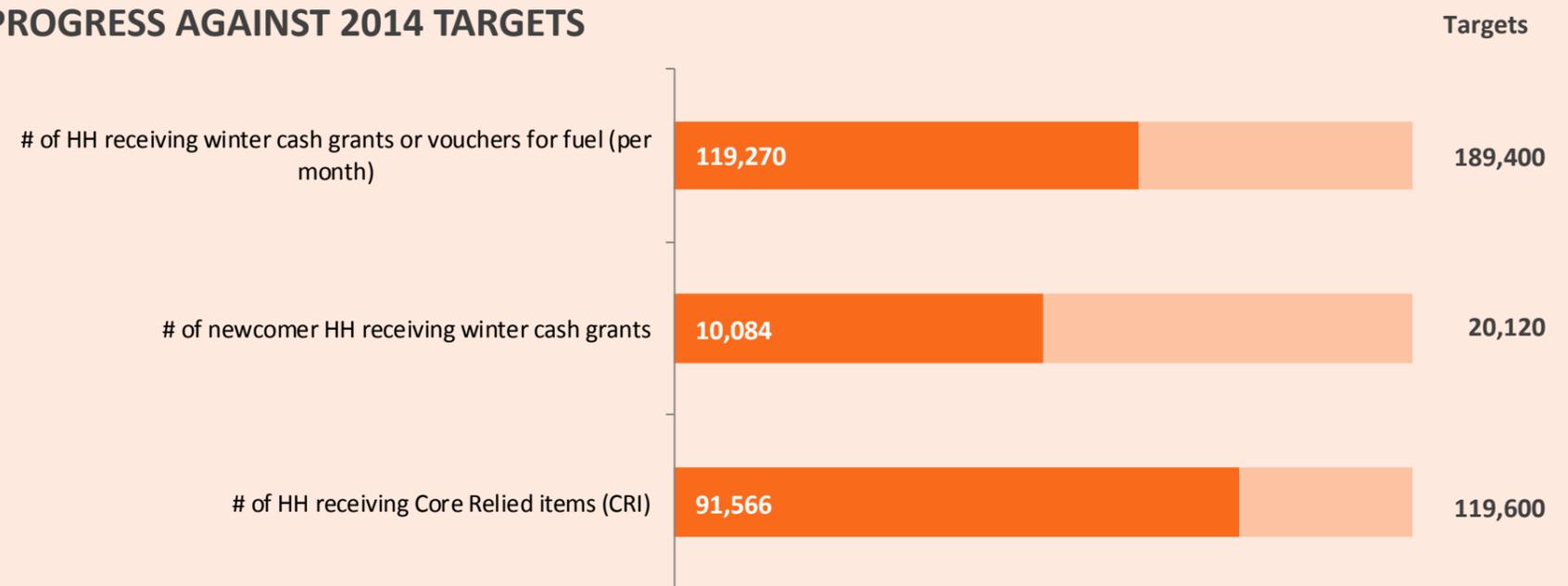
December is the last month that this sector will be referred to as 'Basic Needs'. From 2015 onwards, via the new mechanism of the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP), this sector will be called 'Basic Assistance'. This sector will focus on addressing a range of basic cross-sectoral needs of the most economically vulnerable households by providing multi-purpose cash assistance to enable families to meet their basic needs in a safe and dignified manner that provides choice and allows households to access products available in the local markets.

The targeting exercise started late December and saw 3,016 households assessed and over 1,000 questionnaires scored against economic vulnerability criteria.

The winterization programme continued assisting households according to economic vulnerability and exposure to cold, as outlined in inter-agency strategy. This programme will also be used as an opportunity to identify and refer economically vulnerable households into the multi-purpose cash assistance program.

As the numbers of newcomers are decreasing, the eligibility criteria in the assistance SOPs will focus on the needs for CRIs identified by field assessments. Households could be in need of CRIs because of internal displacement, during which families could not carry items with them. The assistance could also meet gaps in coverage for households not assessed and assisted within the newcomer eligibility period. Finally, some items may need to be replaced after prolonged use.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



Source: figures reported above reflect the information reported to Sector Coordinators by Partners participating in Working Groups

