



A total of 24,593 persons (4,918 families) were assisted during December, 2014

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Upon arrival in the camps, all new arrivals received Non-Food Items (NFI) and winterization kit. The new arrivals (4,087 persons in December 2014) are mainly from Kobane who came to KR-I. Thus totaling the number of Kobane refugees to 26,057 (since September 2014). Majority of the new arrivals headed to Erbil, so the accommodation space in all four refugee camps in Erbil governorate has reached the maximum capacity. Around 50% of new arrivals have been accommodated in the camps, and were provided with the full CRI and winterization kits, others settled in host communities, however, received CRI assistance.

During the month, distribution of winterization kits and kerosene remained a key priority for the field offices. Basic needs assistance were mainly in Duhok, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah (KR-I) and Al-Qaim as following:

In Dohuk due to the limited resources, the winterization distribution was limited to the four camps (Domiz 1; Domiz 2; Gawilan and Akre) and to the targeted vulnerable groups. The available kits met 35% of the total needs (9,009 families) in the 4 camps. Insulating Kits and Panels were distributed to families staying in the tents and who did not receive winter assistance during the last winter distribution: total number of families reached with assistance is 733 families. Kerosene distribution covered all families in the four camps with 200 liters/family. Distribution was systematically done by DMC with door to door distribution. IRC, PWJ, Save the Children supported with winterization items some of the non-camp refugees. This assistance included clothes for the children, kerosene, stoves and other winterization items.

In Erbil, in all four refugee camps, distribution of various winterization items including insulation kits, kerosene, stoves, and additional blankets has been continuing. In Kawergosk camp, each family received 100 liters of kerosene; in Qushtapa and Darashakran camps, the newly arrived 238 refugee families from Kobani received a UNHCR tent and a standard CRI kit.

In Sulaymaniyah, Arbat camp, distribution of 455 insulation kits, 150 winterization CRI kits to the newly arrived refugees, 87 heating stoves, 104,800 litres of kerosene to 1,084 refugee families in the camp was completed. Also 17,400 litres of kerosene to 147 Syrian urban refugee families in Said Sadiq, 58 km east of Sulaymaniyah city was done.

In Anbar, Al-Obaidi camp (in Al-Qiam District), despite the security challenges, distribution of kerosene was done by ISHO, the UNHCR partner. A total of 27,200 liters of kerosene was distributed in the camp: 100 liters to small families (till 6 members in each) and 200 liters to big families (with 7 members or more).

Distribution was completed by the end of the month whereas subsequent rounds of distribution have been continuing in some urban locations of Dohuk and camps such as Basirma camp in Erbil.

UNHCR Winterization Kit Contents:

- Tent Insulating 3rd Layer
- Thermal Blanket
- Plastic Sheets 20 sq.m
- XSP Insulating Layer 23 sq.m
- Kerosene Heater
- Kerosene 100 liter/family/month



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Limited response to the camp population only (around 38% of refugees have been covered with the winterization assistance) caused many problems, especially among non-camp/urban refugee population.

In Erbil, distribution of winter items needs to continue for winter shelter kits - tent insulation, thermal mattresses polystyrene boards and replacement of some 2339 deteriorated tents. Due to heavy rains during the distribution period, some parts/roads in the camps became inaccessible; this caused delays in distribution.

Refugees complained about the quality of the kerosene heaters as they attribute the fire accidents to the poor quality.

In AL-Obaidi refugee camp there are very limited chances to have detailed information and provide proper assistance. Access to the camp for the UNHCR staff is restricted, all activities, including monitoring, distributions, can be implemented by partners only.

SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:

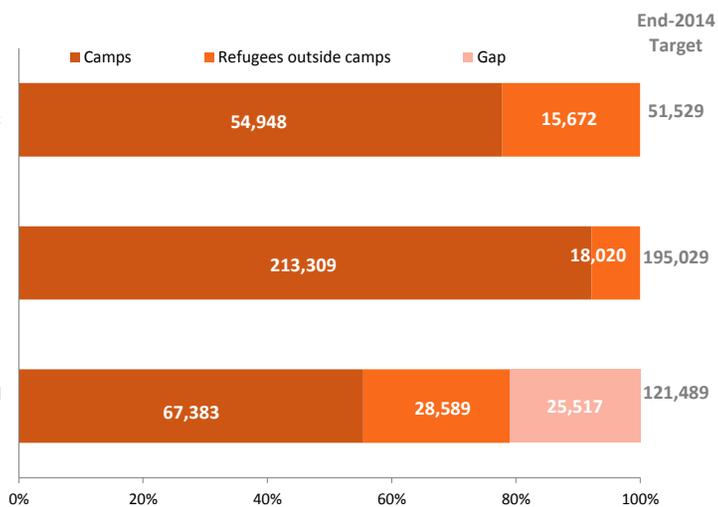


PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

70,620 (8,842 in December) newly arrived persons who have been provided with core relief items to meet basic needs

231,329 (15,365 in December) persons who have been assisted with seasonal relief items*

95,972 (386 in December) persons who received replacement of core relief items



* Including kerosene

Targets based on expected population of 250,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 233,625 refugees.