



FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

A total of 2,964 Syrians entered KR-I through the Pheshkabour border post during the reporting period, however, only 18 persons were permitted to register their asylum application due to restriction imposed by the authorities and the issuance of 15 days entry visas.

The Asayish regularization instruction for Syrian refugees living in the KRI, and who entered prior to 1 March 2016, have been finalized. When taking effect, it is expected that the registration of Syrians refugees entering on 15 days visas, and those seeking re-admission will be completely halted. This will severely impact on the ability of those in need of protection to register asylum applications with UNHCR.

An individual was deported on the 16th of February for having insulted the KDP leadership after serving an 8 months prison sentence. The deportation decision was taken by security.

In Sulaymaniyah governorate, the courts are not fully operational due to the non-payment of salaries. The Courts are only open 2 – 3 days a week resulting in a backlog of cases.

UNHCR protection teams referred vulnerable cases for inclusion in the food assistance list. However, preliminary findings in Domiz I and Akre suggest that less than 2% of these vulnerable persons have received positive feedback from WFP.

UNHCR's disability mission held FGDs with refugees and visited different local service providers to strengthen the response to these vulnerable refugees through existing humanitarian response programs across sectors.

In Al Obaidy Camp, ISIS instructed UIMS staff to close PHCC in the camp and the ambulance service. The UIMS staff is not allowed to enter the camp. There is no basic medical care in Al-Obaidy Camp.

Child Protection

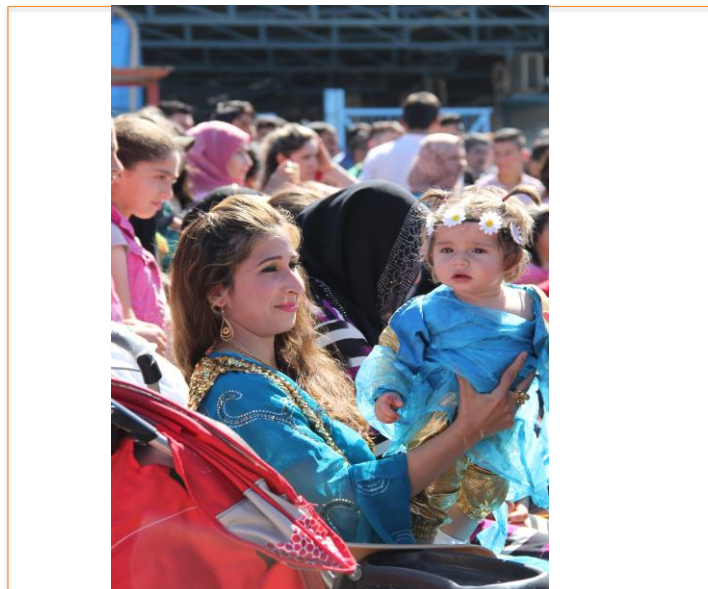
Inter-Agency review continued on SOPs regarding CP case management. 155 persons (staff, local government staff, local NGO state, community members) were trained in CP approaches by UNICEF, amongst them were 49 Case Management Workers.

SGBV

More men have accessed SGBV services (203 men and boys compared to 433 women) due to the non-discriminatory and discrete services provided by community centres.

RSD/RST

To respond to the increased resettlement allocation for Syrian refugees in the KR-I, additional staff resources have been deployed to the Governorates to speed up case identification and referrals. The high rate of acceptance decisions continued, 28 cases comprising of 101 persons were accepted for resettlement. Resettlement departures remained steady with 25 persons traveling to Sweden and 4 persons to the UK.



Celebration of International Women day in Kawergosk refugee camp, Erbil,

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

There are 5,671 asylum-seekers in Akre and Gawilan camps whose residency cards expired on 21st of January; in addition to about 700 to 800 new arrivals who are still waiting for the issuance of residency cards.

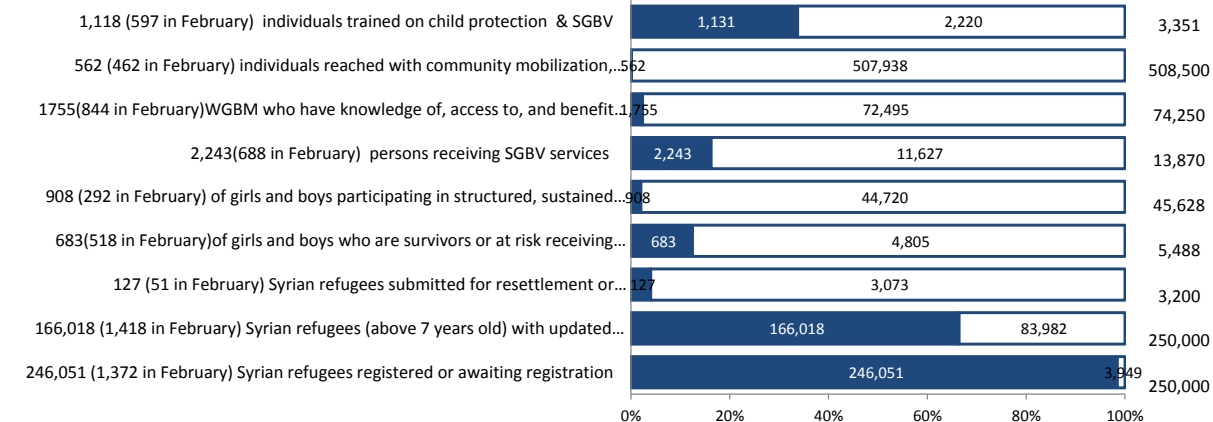
311 persons are still waiting for decisions by resettlement countries following their submission for resettlement consideration in 2015 whilst 218 persons accepted for resettlement in 2015 are still pending departure.

In Sulaymaniyah governorate, refugees' access to basic medical care is restricted as many government health facilities are closed due to strikes.

Persons with disabilities addressed the need to strengthen and mainstreaming persons with disabilities in all the sectors of response and their participation in decision-making.

UNHCR conducted a meeting with the Head of Women Section of its partner CDO. CDO highlighted the need of capacity building for their new community services staff, especially on general protection, community services and SGBV.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: February 2016



Planned response based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 250,000 Syrian refugees and 1.5 million members of impacted local communities by end-2015. **There are currently 246,051 Syrian refugees registered by UNHCR (39% in camps and 61% out of camps).**

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