



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

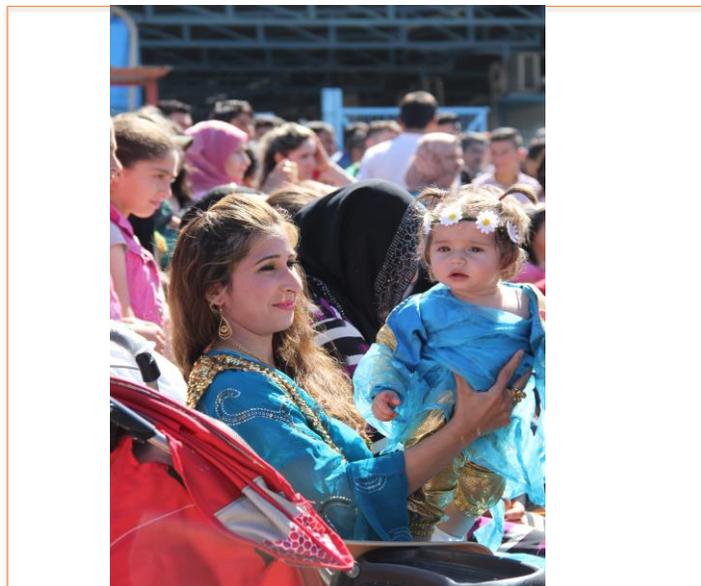
Inter-Agency review continued on SOPs regarding CP case management. 155 persons (staff, local government staff, local NGO state, community members) were trained in CP approaches by UNICEF, amongst them were 49 Case Management Workers.

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,

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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.

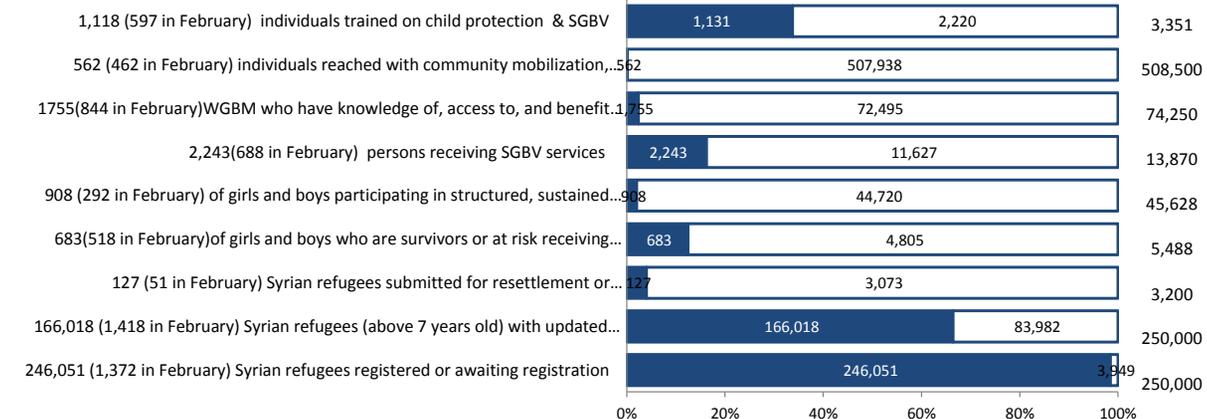
311 persons are still waiting for decisions by resettlement countries following their submission for resettlement consideration in 2015 whilst 218 persons accepted for resettlement in 2015 are still pending departure.

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.

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46,608 Syrian refugees received food assistance

Modalities of food distribution:

- **Food vouchers** : in 8 camps (Domiz 1&2, Arbat, Basirma, Darashakran, Gawilan, Kawergosk and Qushtapa).
- **Unrestricted cash**: pilot distribution at Akre Castle camp.

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46,608 Syrian refugees received much-needed assistance throughout February 2016. In the 9 refugee camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I), most eligible refugees received food vouchers.

Pilot distributions of unrestricted cash through the use of electronic SCOPE cards started in February. The pilot distributions began on 8 February in Akre, Dohuk governorate, and reached approximately 811 Syrian refugees.

Extremely food insecure Syrian refugees in the Akre castle refugee camp received USD 19 per person in the February distribution cycle, while moderately food insecure families received USD 10 per person. This is in line with the targeting principles used to distribute e-vouchers to refugees in other camps in the KR-I, and was managed using the SCOPE system.

Under the pilot, which is being implemented by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), refugees are receiving cash assistance through money transfer agents. This modality will be scaled up in the coming months.

The SCOPE system was rolled out in two additional refugee camps, Gawilan and Arbat, during the February distribution cycle. SCOPE e-voucher cards were topped-up for entitlements in the Kawergosk and Darashakran refugee camps, following the launch of SCOPE in those camps last month.



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NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Funding shortfalls have already led to the implementation of targeting in order to provide adequate assistance to the Syrian refugees currently staying in camps in Iraq.

However, targeting comes with many difficulties as individual situations can change rapidly. For example, those previously noted as working and therefore ineligible to receive assistance may now be unable to do so. This means that assessments are continually ongoing in order to ascertain levels of food security.

The introduction of unrestricted cash distributions is likely to bring new challenges. While refugees are afforded more freedom and greater dignity by being given cash, security will have to remain vigilant during such distributions. Monitoring and evaluation of the cash will also need to be carefully scrutinised.

The Syrian refugee operation in Iraq has a six-month net funding requirement of USD 7.4 million from February until July 2016. This is the amount WFP needs to continue assisting Syrian refugees in Iraq for the next six months.



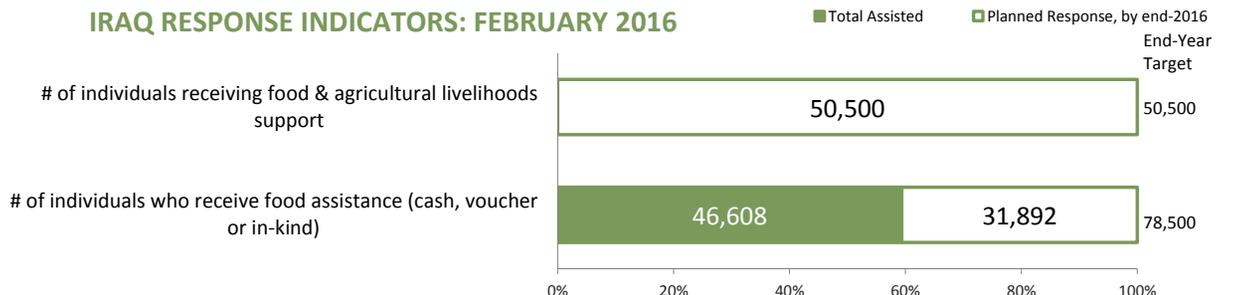
- * Tiered approach continued in Feb 2016:
- 1,288 individuals received US \$19 paid in IQD
 - 45,320 individuals received US\$10 paid in IQD
 - 811 individuals received unrestricted cash

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In Dohuk 140 teachers were trained, including 62 female and 78 male teachers, on healing classroom principles, classroom management topics. Education partner's social workers carried out 3 mentoring visits with school counsellors in Dohuk to review cases, discuss referral mechanisms, and to create action plans. Parenting skills groups were implemented and training with 79 Syrian refugee parents in Sulaymaniyah (49 parents) and Dohuk (29 parents), included 10 men and 68 women. Additionally, 144 trips (6 buses per day) to transport 121 kids from Domiz 2 camp, and Domiz community to attend schools in Domiz 1 camp.

Education learning and teaching materials were distributed to 9 schools in Dohuk, four schools in Sulaymaniyah, and 11 schools in Erbil.

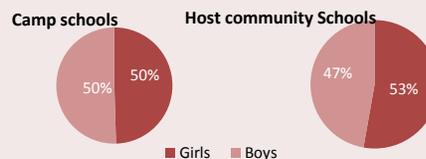
In Sulaymaniyah and Erbil brief focus group discussions were conducted with teachers in camp and urban schools to better understand how the lack of incentives has affected teachers and their desire to stay or leave the teaching profession.

Erbil education programme in Daratu established remedial classes for 15 secondary children, and the distribution of winter clothing for 210 children.



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Percentage of girls and boys enrolled in School



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

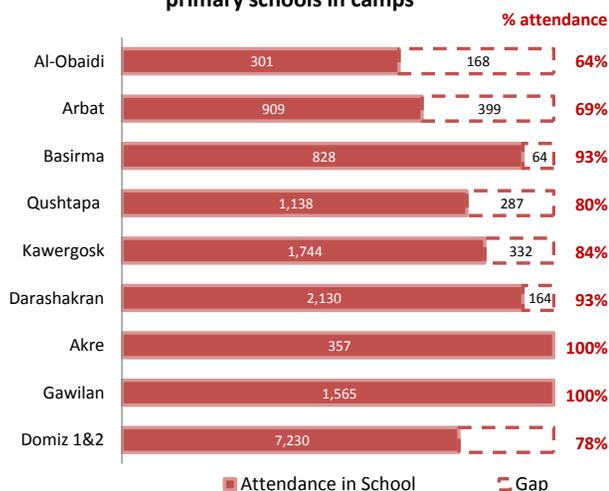
Continued delays in teachers' incentives has led to hardship and debt, as well as demotivation among unpaid teachers. Teachers themselves note that they are less motivated and that the quality of their teaching has declined.

More refugee families are considering migrating to Europe; among them are teachers. Many schools have decreased enrolment rates since the beginning of the school year; headmasters notice students are leaving for Europe or to return to Syria.

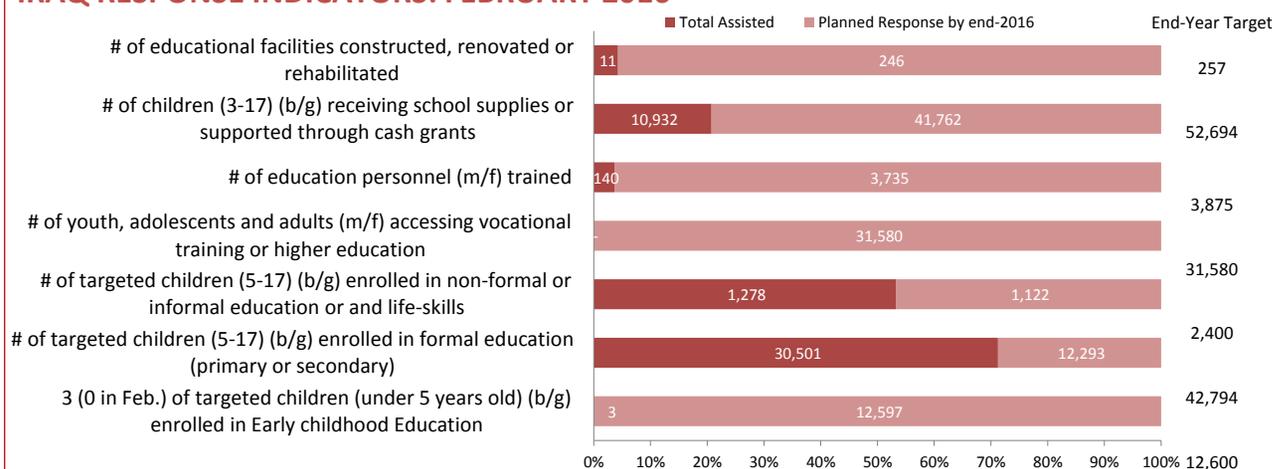
Other obstacles where refugee children are not obtaining access or quality education are attributed to transportation to and from schools continues to be a challenge for students who are living in urban areas. In some schools, there is not a sufficient number of text books for refugee students. Schools are running at or above capacity, and there is not space for additional children to enroll; thus many displaced children remain out-of-school. Secondary formal education opportunities for refugee children in Daratu area are lacking.

There continues to be a lack of systematized quality non-formal education options for children who have spent multiple years out of school.

Children (6-14 years) attending primary schools in camps



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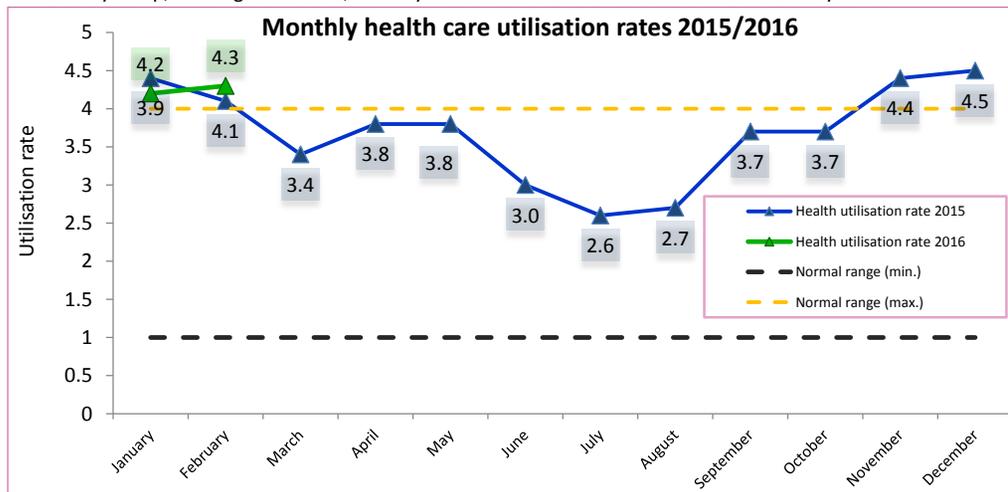
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34,938 consultations are provided to the Syrian Refugees in primary health care services

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- A total of 30,860 patient consultations (acute and chronic conditions) were conducted in Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities in refugee camps (source UNHCR HIS-Health Information System). This translates an average patient consultation rate of 4.3 consultations/ person/ year was registered in February which is slightly above the expected range of 1-4 consultations. This increase is related to an increase in upper respiratory infections with the onset of winter. Major cause for patient consultations remained upper respiratory tract infections, skin infections and urinary tract infection. 985 patients were referred to secondary and tertiary hospitals for further investigations and/ or hospitalization. During the same period, 1,143 patients attended mental healthcare services.
- With the support from UNICEF/WHO, National polio immunization campaign has been conducted in Iraq by Directorate of Health (DoH) in each governorate for five days targeting Syrian refugees as well. Results of campaign revealed a good success with 98.5% coverage in Duhok (9,799 U5 Syrian children vaccinated), 93.1% coverage in Sulaymaniyah (2,823 U5 Syrian children vaccinated) and 98% coverage in Erbil (10,748 U5 Syrian children vaccinated).
- In order to improve mental health services and follow up on recommendations from last UNHCR/WHO mission on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), UNHCR has recruited a MHPSS consultant who will works with MoH/DoH and implementing partners to strengthen coordination mechanisms in MHPSS and enhance quality of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Primary Healthcare programmes.
- In Obaidy camp, Anbar governorate, Primary Health Care Centre has closed due to security concern.



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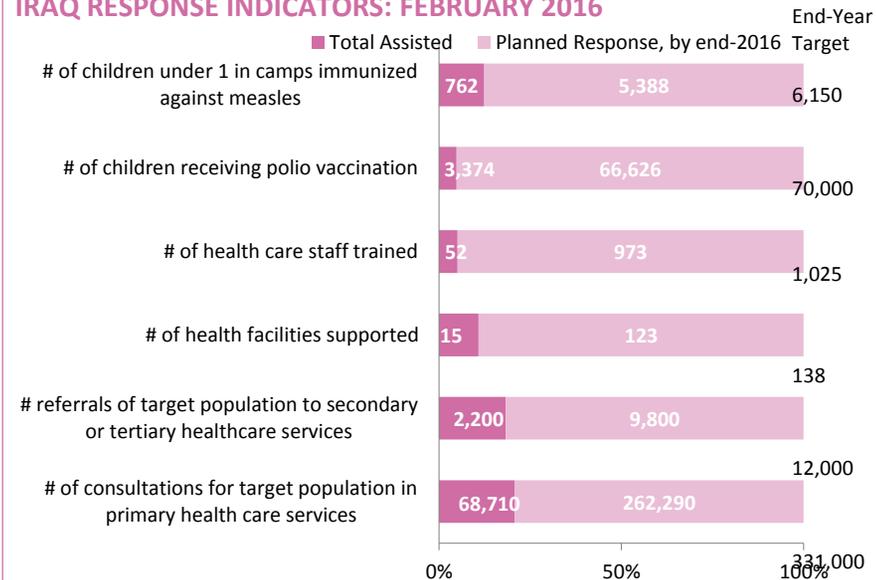


PU-AMI laboratory technician is working in Gawilan camp PHC. February, 2016

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

- Partners face increasing constraints to raise the needed funds to maintain health services for refugees. Continued support for health care services provided by the Ministry of Health and humanitarian actors is a key priority to prevent excess morbidity and mortality among the displaced Syrian populations.
- Medicines shortage is a key concern in public health facilities due to financial crisis. Continued support to MoH/DoH is a priority to ensure the availability of essential medicines.

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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

The overall situation of the sector: Total shelter capacity of Syrian refugee camps is **19,060** shelter units. A total of **15,861 (83%)** improved shelter units are constructed (provided with concrete slab, kitchen, family latrine and shower) and **14,238** are occupied. More than **14,000** refugee households (about **69,000** persons) are benefiting from improved shelter assistance in the camps.

A total of **2,640** shelter units is planned as part of 3RP 2016.



Shelters Improvement in Gawilan camp, Duhok. UNHCR/Hussein

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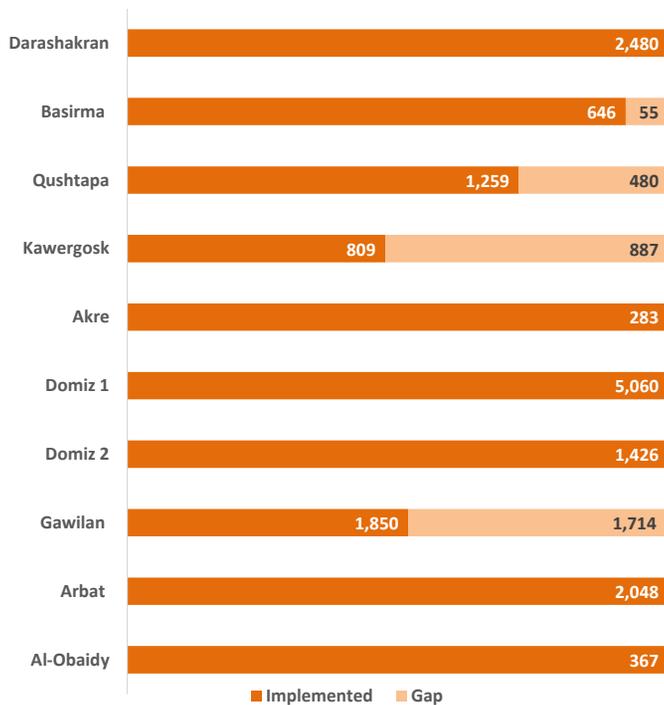
The objective of the sector is to provide adequate and targeted shelter support to Syrian refugees living in camps and out of camp, in order to meet their shelter and settlement needs.

There is need to construct 3,733 new improved shelter plots in Gawilan, Kawergosk, Basirma and Qushtapa. Out of which construction of 2,640 improved plots is planned in 2016 subject to availability of fund. Moreover, even after completing the construction of improved shelter units that there is space for, a total of additional 568 shelter units will be required to accommodate all refugee families that currently live in Erbil camps.

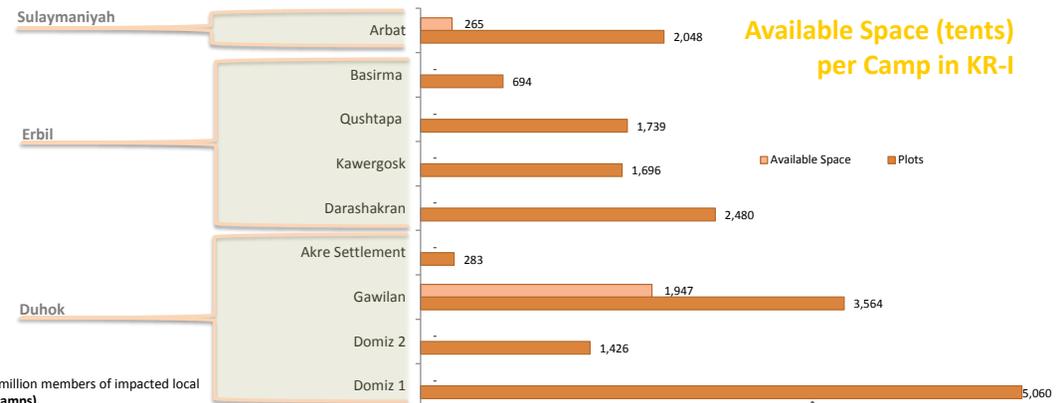
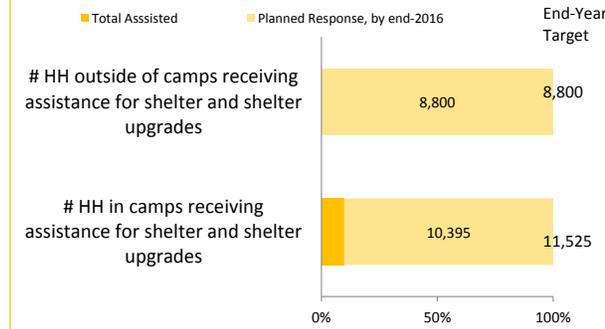
Currently due to lack of funds and given that camps are priority the main focus of the shelter sector is the refugee camps. However, there are needs for the out of camp refugee population such as upgrading of dwellings, rental support and support to community infrastructure.

The assistance to out of camp refugee will be based on vulnerability of refugee families. The assistance will be provided in close consultation with local authority and on conditions that the landlord does not increase the rent and evict the refugee families. However there is limited fund available to support out of camp refugee families.

Number of Improved Shelter Units (Concrete Slabs, Kitchen, Family Latrine and Shower) / Camp



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Basic Needs Assistance (cash and in-kind) during February 2016:

- 275 households received Basic Needs Assistance (Core Relief Items)
- 9493 households received 2nd round winter fuel support and 1706 HHS received Non-food item winter support

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Winter support to Refugees across KR-I both in and out of camp continued in February. The second round of kerosene distribution of 200 liters per household intended to provide heating for January and February continued.

A total of 9,493 households received winter fuel support during the month while a further 1,706 receive winter support in the form of none food items:-

Duhok: 83 HH in-kind kerosene out of camp UNHCR
1,569 HH in-kind kerosene out of camp German PWJ
1,771 HH cash for kerosene out of camp UNICEF/Tearfund

Erbil: 6,070 HH in-kind kerosene in camp UNHCR

Sulaymaniyah: No distribution for winter as winter assistance distribution was completed in January when 1,886 HHS were assisted.

Additionally for winter support in Basirma camp 362 families received XPS floor insulation panels from UNHCR. In Gawilan SCF distributed kerosene heaters to 1363 households. UNICEF/Acted distributed children's clothes to 204 HHS and in Domiz 1 the international Islamic Charity Organisation of Qatar in coordination with the camp management distributed 200 kerosene stoves.

275 CRI kits were distributed to newly arrived families and 342 individuals reunified with their families received mattresses. In Duhok UNHCR through QANDIL distributed additional kitchen sets to 2567 HHS of families above 6 members and replacement CRI's to 9 families whose shelters were storm damaged.



Extra kerosene distribution for vulnerable families in Darashakran refugee camp, Erbil, March 2016, UNHCR/ O.Zhdanov

Duhok: Reports an on-going requirement for fire extinguishers in all refugee camps as well as a fire truck for Domiz2. Hygiene kits in all camps 216 trash bins in Domiz2 and construction of shading at distribution points for none camp refugees.

Refugees again highlighted their preference for cash assistance rather than in-kind assistance, particularly out of camp where some families claim that the cost of travelling to distribution centres outweighs the value of the items distributed.

Field teams monitoring outside the camps report that refugees have informed them that due to the lack of job opportunities and the fact that WFP is not providing food assistance to refugees outside camps they are considering relocation, particularly making attempts to travel to Europe where they feel they will have more opportunities.

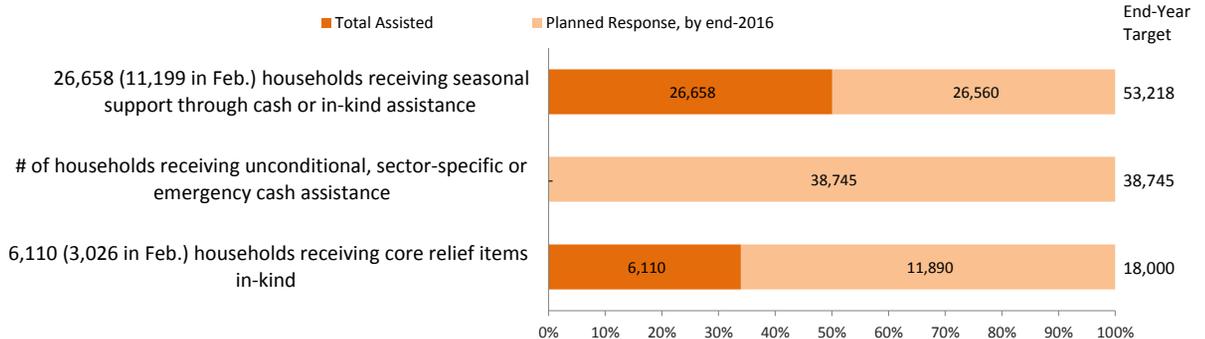
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Sulaymaniyah:

Sulaimaniyah is experiencing electricity cuts which will affect the protection and well-being of the Syrian refugees, particularly those residing in camp that does not have access to backup generators. This also affects the water supply as the pumps also require electricity. A solution is required as a minimum to ensure continuation of the water supply.

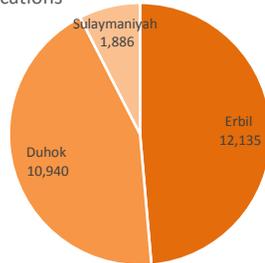
Erbil: In Basirma camp DRC is awaiting UNHCR's approval of CRI distribution to new arrivals.

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Winter assistance (Kerosene in-kind and cash)
Number of household (HH) beneficiaries/locations



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Across Iraq, **96,290 Syrian refugees living in 10 camps** continued to benefit from routine access to water, sanitation and hygiene services. **1,405 Syrian refugees and host community members** living off camp benefited from access to safe water and sanitation facilities and services. **6,306 Syrian Refugee children in camp schools and CFS** benefitted from access to functional latrines.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

Duhok (Domiz I and II, Akre and Gawilan): Daily water supply, including trucking in low pressure areas, routine O&M of facilities, waste collection continued. In **Akre** installation of flowmeters, network maintenance, drilling of a new borehole, construction of pump house and installation of a 2,150 meter pipeline to the camp were completed. In **Domiz I**, 33 new latrines (15 for people with disabilities) were constructed, 30 (of a planned 50) holding tanks were completed, connected to existing latrines. 10 pits were decommissioned. Construction of 742 mtrs of open channel (roadside, behind tents), installation of 907 mtrs of drainage pipes was completed. In **Gawilan**, maintenance of black water cesspools, hygiene promotion, community/school cleaning campaigns continued.

Erbil (Basirma, Darashakran, Kawergosk and Qushtapa): Daily water supply, water quality monitoring, O&M of facilities, garbage collection, de-sludging continued. In **Basirma**, the Reverse Osmosis Unit is now operational and water trucking has been completely stopped. In **Kawergosk**, the water supply network is completed and water trucking also stopped. Due to public power supply shortages, lack of Government funds for fuel to run standby generators, water supply in all camps has reduced to an average of 66 ltrs/person/day. In all camps camp cleaning days were organised and service numbers distributed to the refugees for reporting urgent problems.

Sulaymaniyah (Arbat): Regular household level water supply continued. There are plans to install a second pipeline to increase water quantity from the boreholes. Garbage collection, O&M of water points, latrines and showers continued. Hygiene promotion, cleaning campaigns and comprehensive WASH in the upgraded section are planned.

Anbar (Al-Obaidi): Access remained limited. Service provision continued, including: regular water supply, still unchlorinated due to security restrictions on chlorine provision; repair and maintenance of latrines and bathrooms and garbage collection.



Basirma Camp/ Erbil, Recently installed Reverse Osmosis unit. Eng. Mazin Rajab. UNICEF. February 2016.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

With ongoing electricity shortages increased generator use is necessary.

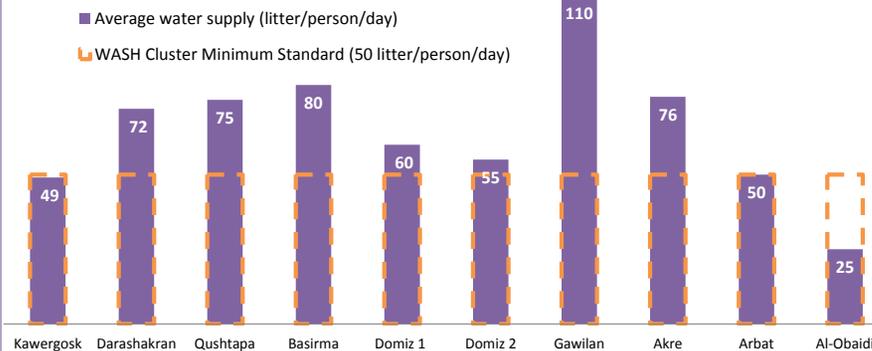
Government partners cannot however sustain fuel cost for this, seriously hampering continued water supply for camp, off camp and host communities. Impact is already being felt in Erbil, where water supply is significantly reduced in all camps due to reduced pumping, distribution frequency.

Impact is being felt in other camps, and water supply capacity expected to reduce further in the coming months.

This situation will be particularly challenging in the upcoming summer.

Efficient use, conservation of water remains an area in which community advocacy is required. Water losses due to overflow of storage tanks without floating control valves remains a pending issue.

ACCESS TO SAFE WATER SUPPLY IN CAMPS: FEBRUARY 2016



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	Total Assisted	Planned Response, by end-2016	End-Year Targets
# of target beneficiaries with access to adequate quantity of safe water	97,807	162,481	260,288
# of individuals benefiting from improved access to adequate quantity of safe water	96,290	3,710	100,000
# of target beneficiaries with access to appropriate sanitation facilities and services	102,681	118,509	221,190
# of beneficiaries who have experienced a hygiene promotion session	96,290	101,310	197,600

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