



### 46,742 Syrian refugees received food assistance.

#### Modalities of food distribution:

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

### JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

46,742 Syrian refugees received much-needed assistance throughout January 2016. In the 9 refugee camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I), most eligible refugees received food vouchers.

January 2016 saw the roll-out of the SCOPE system that WFP will be using for beneficiary data and distribution management. 10,308 refugees in the Kawergosk and Darashakran camps near Erbil received SCOPE cards, which are e-vouchers to be used in an on site store.

The results of a food security and vulnerability assessment of refugees living outside of camps in the KR-I were released in January. The report, carried out by World Vision International (WVI), concluded that 82.6% of out-of-camp refugees are food secure.

\$31

2014

\$28.2

Jan 2015

#### Food Voucher Value

\$19

Feb-Jul 2015

\$19

Aug 2015 - Present

\$10

- \* Tiered approach continued in Jan 2016:
- 1,307 individuals received US \$19 paid in IQD
- 45,455 individuals received US\$10 paid in IQD
- 163 households received 791 individual food parcels



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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.

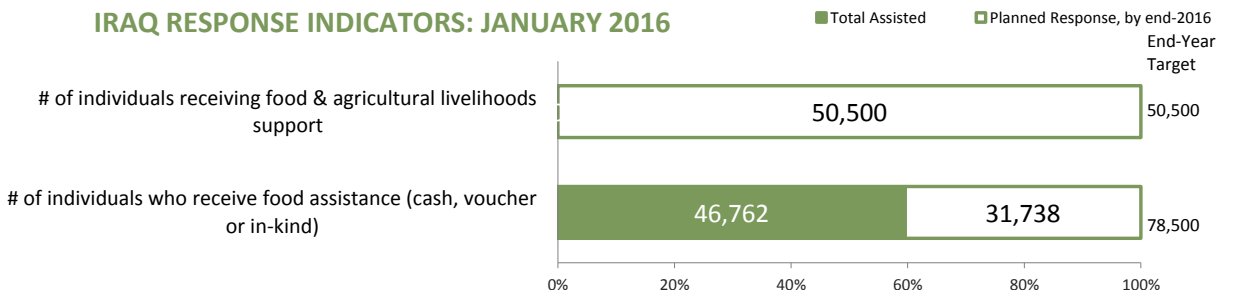
While there are differences in needs between refugees in camps, and those living out of camps, the recent WVI assessment highlighted variations amongst those living outside of the refugee camps. Those refugees living in urban areas were deemed to be more insecure in terms of food security than refugees in semi-urban or rural areas.

The introduction of unrestricted cash distributions in the coming months 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.

### 2015 Food Voucher Recipients Per Quarter



### IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY 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-2016.

There are currently 244,642 Syrian refugees registered by UNHCR.

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