



20,503 households are assisted in winter 2015

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Winter has set into North Iraq, ushering in damaging wind and punishing rain and nighttime temperatures in the low teens. UNHCR has started delivering winter assistance including core relief items and kerosene to refugees both in-camps and out of camps.

Duhok: In addition to the 116 CRI kits distributed to newly arrived refugee families and an additional provision of 185 mattresses and quilts to unified families IRC distributed 18 fire extinguishers (each 12 kg) to schools, PHCs and other public facilities in Domiz 2 as a risk mitigation tool prior to the winterization distribution. BRHA and UNICEF distributed hygiene kits to 1300 HH. Local NGO HIWA distributed second-hand clothes, shoes, and donated hygiene items (shampoo/washing powder etc.) to 1300 HH. Winterization distribution started with Akre refugee camp, 230 families have received winter items.

Erbil: Winterization distributions started in camps and out of camps. Winter items, clothes have been distributed for out of the camp refugee population and in Kawergosk, Qushtapa camps, in Basirma camp, 50 insulation kits, 78 stoves and 255 blankets were distributed among 78 families that received winterization assistance. Newly arrived and newly married refugees received full NFI kits. Also some items that were replaced as a part of CRI replacement in Basirma refugee camp were 19 blankets and 19 mattresses.

Sulaymaniyah: UNHCR, through YAO, distributed 200 liters of kerosene to all refugee families (1,511 HH) inside Arbat Camp. In total, 302,200 liters of kerosene were provided. UNHCR plans to do a second distribution in early December to help refugees cope with the cold winter season in Sulaymaniyah. As part of the winterization assistance, UNHCR will provide 200USD for 2,000 families out of camp. During October, YAO conducted cash for winterization assessment for vulnerable families in Sulaymaniyah governorate. Cash distribution will be done with Qandil, UNHCR's partner. UNHCR, in partnership with Qandil, completed the renovation of 50 houses for refugees living out of camp in Bazian district in Sulaymaniyah Governorate. The renovated houses are properly insulated against winter drafts and supplied with proper latrines and showers.

Anbar/Al-Qaim: A strong dust storm hit the camp on earlier of Oct led to collapsed and damage in 185 tents, Last 6 family tents (in camp stock) replaced the damaged tents and 35 canvas tents to families who lost their tents, 76 families moved to the kitchens as temporary solution. 11,900 liters of kerosene was distributed by UNHCR through ISHO during the month of October 2015. The number of families benefiting from this activity was 183 families.



Winter assistance, Shawes Neighborhood, Erbil. UNHCR/ D. Elfiki

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

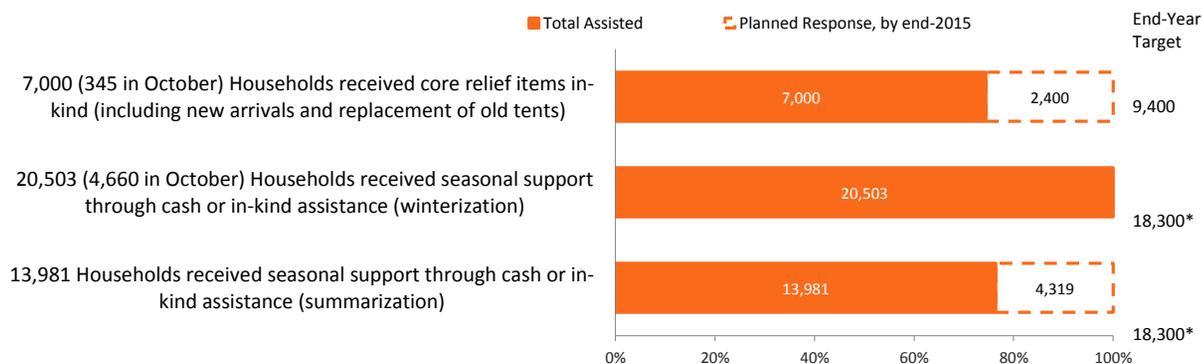
Shelter upgrade is needed for extremely vulnerable families in Domiz camp, as well as in Gawilan camp. GRC is planning to upgrade some 892 shelters in the camp and UNHCR plans to replace tents for the shelters that will not be included in the shelter upgrade.

In Basirma camp, assessment has started to know the number of plastic sheets needed for those who don't have permanent roofs. For non-camp refugees, 5,663 HHs need kerosene jerry cans.

Limited assistance is provided for the refugees out of camp in Sulaymaniyah. There is a limited number of agencies providing shelter sealing-off kits for refugees and IDPs living outside of camp; this is particularly a concern for colder districts such as Ranya, Pshdar and Dukan or those living in unfinished houses.

Due to the security challenges UNHCR could not deliver any CRIs to Al-Qaim and there is acute shortage of CRIs, baby and adult diapers. As it impossible to deliver CRIs and tents to Al-Obaidy camp in the near future with continuing of military operations in Anbar and the high risky and costly of transportation, UNHCR discussed availability of procure the tents from local market with its partner ISHO.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: OCTOBER 2015



- Planning figure for seasonal support remains within the 3RP target (18,300 Households) assisted for winter 2014-2015 and summer 2015.
- 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 245,134 Syrian refugees registered by UNHCR (39% in camps and 61% out of camps).

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