General In January, 3,804 Syrians entered the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) through Peshkhabour border crossing. The arrivals include 1,130 individuals admitted on 15 days entry visa mainly for medical and family visits and 2,674 individuals readmitted after having previously been allowed to return to Syria by KR-I authorities. No one was admitted as an asylum seeker or on family reunification grounds on arrival.

77 Syrian refugees were arrested and detained for irregularly moving from KR-I to Baghdad without requisite residency permits. As a result of UNHCR intervention, the authorities agreed to have the refugees and their families relocated to KR-I instead of sending them back to Syria. The first group of 10 refugees and their families were transferred to KR-I where they were received and provided legal assistance by UNHCR and partners.

1,278 protection monitoring household assessments for 5,112 individuals were conducted by UNHCR and partners in KR-I. As a result of the assessment, 384 cases were referred for multi-purpose cash assistance, 112 cases for legal assistance.

108 UNHCR and partner protection/registration staff and UNHCR resettlement staff in KR-I received training on integrity, fraud detection and deterrence, interviewing techniques and registration facilitated by a team from UNHCR Regional office in Amman as part of raising awareness on anti-fraud measures and improving the quality of registration, case processing and management.

Child Protection Erbil Directorate of Labour and Social Affairs (DoLSA) mobile teams based in Basirma camp extended their case management and other specialised child protection services for refugees to three out of the camp locations in Khalifan, Harir and Basirma Sub Districts in Erbil.

In January, UNHCR partner, Terres Des Homes Italy (TdH) commenced child protection programs in Qushtapa, Darasharkran and Kawergosk camps and Kaznazan, Shawes and Baharka out of camp locations in Erbil.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) 1,765 refugees accessed SGBV services out of whom 23% and 18% were boys and men respectively. 4,647 refugees were reached through awareness campaigns on SGBV and it is expected this will lead to increased access and increased reporting of SGBV incidents.

NRC provided training for 36 staff of WASH and CCCM partners received training on SGBV prevention and response as part of mainstreaming of SGBV.

Resettlement Resettlement submissions to the US were put on hold as a result of the US Presidential Order in January 2017.

In the meantime, eight cases were submitted to the UK through their vulnerable persons relocation scheme (VPRS).

*Planned response based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 235,000 Syrian refugees and 1 million members of impacted local communities by end-2017. By 31 January 2017, 233,224 Syrian refugees (76,233 households) live in Iraq.

38% = 88,863 live in 9 camps and 62% = 144,361 in non-camp/urban areas. 97% = 225,203 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): in Erbil Duhok and Sulaymaniyah and 3% = 8,021 ive in other locations in Iraq.

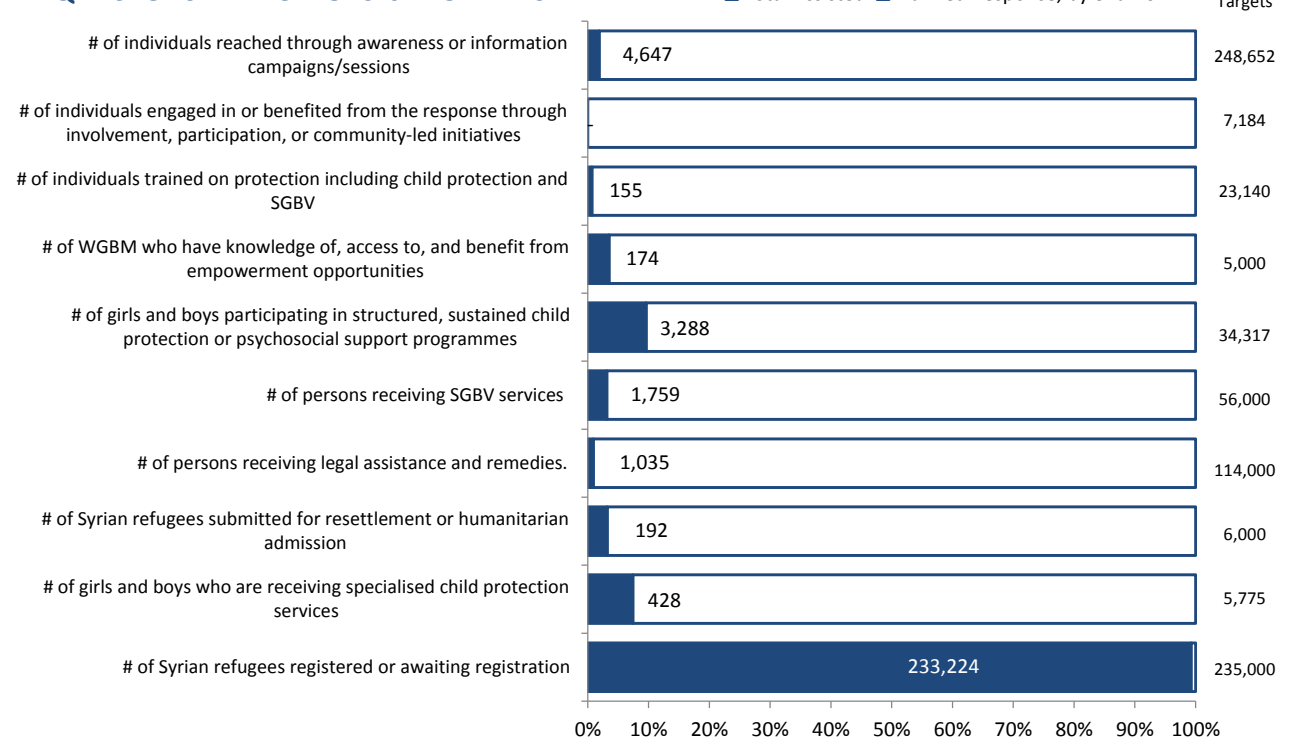Gawilan camp,Duhok, UNHCR, R_Rasheed

Needs Analysis

As a result of the US Presidential Order of January, resettlement submissions to US were put on hold and this greatly reduced the capacity of UNHCR in providing a durable solutions to majority of most vulnerable refugees for whom no local protection response could be identified.

Lack of recreational activities and vocational training and friendly services targeting people living with disability and elderly remain one of the main gaps in both urban and camps areas in KR-I.

Some child protection partners have only secured funding for first two months of 2017 and this is likely to lead to critical gaps in delivery of child protection services in some areas. Child protection subsector is involved in advocacy to secure further funding and coordination to address the gaps that would arise.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY 2017*

■ Total Assisted □ Planned Response, by end-2017

Indicator	Total Assisted	End-Year Targets
# of individuals reached through awareness or information campaigns/sessions	4,647	248,652
# of individuals engaged in or benefited from the response through involvement, participation, or community-led initiatives		7,184
# of individuals trained on protection including child protection and SGBV	155	23,140
# of WGBM who have knowledge of, access to, and benefit from empowerment opportunities	174	5,000
# of girls and boys participating in structured, sustained child protection or psychosocial support programmes	3,288	34,317
# of persons receiving SGBV services	1,759	56,000
# of persons receiving legal assistance and remedies.	1,035	114,000
# of Syrian refugees submitted for resettlement or humanitarian admission	192	6,000
# of girls and boys who are receiving specialised child protection services	428	5,775
# of Syrian refugees registered or awaiting registration	233,224	235,000

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