



OVERVIEW: 4323 Syrians entered the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) through Peshkhabour border crossing representing an increase of 15% from the previous month. Out of these 1,214 were admitted on 15 days entry visa mainly for medical and family visits and 2,674 readmitted after having previously been allowed to return to Syria by KR-I authorities. One individual was admitted as an asylum seeker on arrival on the basis of family reunification.

UNHCR registered 2,623 Syrian refugees including 682 new births. Out of whom 65% originated from Al Hassakeh, 18% from Aleppo and the others from the rest of the country.

UNHCR and partners conducted 3,355 household assessments for 13,668 Syrian refugees in KR-I. As a result of the assessment, 1,215 cases were referred for multi-purpose cash assistance and 359 cases for legal assistance.

UNHCR held a meeting with the General Assayish in Erbil against the backdrop of deportation of nine Syrian cases including three families of 15 individuals and threats of *refoulement* of three Syrian families from the Assayish of Zakho since March 2017. UNHCR underlined the importance of adherence to a fair and transparent legal process as well as being informed during the process.

UNHCR through its partner Gashbun conducted a two day community empowerment training for 25 refugee caregivers in Domiz-1 Camp on improving their capacity to deal with children with disabilities and to learn about their rights.

Resettlement : UNHCR submitted 24 cases of 79 individuals for resettlement consideration. UNHCR Resettlement staff in Erbil participated in two webinars organized by UNHCR Global Learning Centre on registration and identity management and SGBV. These trainings served as a refresher on identifying the causes of SGBV, contributing risks and possible consequences as well as building preventive and response actions based on key stages of the SGBV Protection Strategy in addition to registration procedures and existing anti-fraud mechanisms during registration.

Child Protection: The Child Protection sub-cluster together with UNHCR and UNICEF hosted a strategic workshop on sustainable programming for refugee response with child protection partners and government representatives from KR-I on 24 May 2017 aimed at identifying a common strategy to transition from an organization led response to a more sustainable community and government based approach. Participants shared good practices and jointly developed a common strategic framework.

Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) UNHCR has made significant progress in building the capacity of the Directorate of Combating Violence against Women (DCVAW) mobile teams covering refugee and IDP camp as well as urban locations in KR-I through mentoring and coaching as well as strengthening its SGBV prevention and response capacity through the deployment of a SGBV consultant.

UNHCR and SGBV partners participated in a four day workshop on community based complaints mechanism in Erbil. The participants developed an interagency work plan for addressing Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) in refugee settings in Iraq.

UNHCR SGBV consultant along with a DCVAW legal advisor conducted a four-day training for 39 DCVAW staff from KR-I on case management and a refresher on GBV core concepts guiding principles and referrals.



Child friendly space Akre camp, Duhok, UNHCR, R.Rasheed

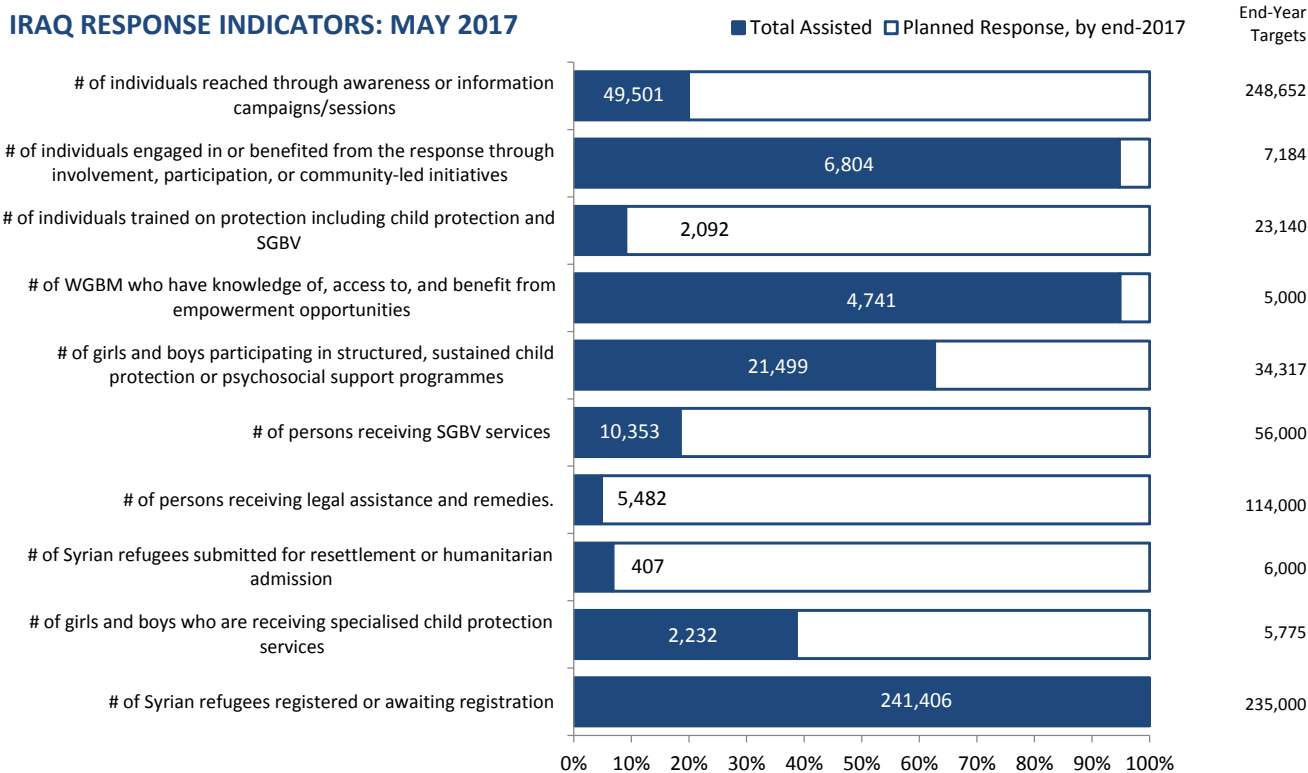
Needs Analysis

There is still a challenge in transforming Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) into community-owned and managed services in the refugee and IDP response in view of reduced funding and has led to closure of some facilities while others are unattended.

By 31 May 2017, 241,406 Syrian refugees (79,171 households) live in Iraq:

- 97% = 233,120 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniyah.
- 3% = 8,286 Live in other locations in Iraq.
- 62% = 150,024 live in non-camp/urban areas.
- 38% = 91,382 live in 9 camps in KR-I: 4 camps in Erbil (Basirma, Darashakran, Kawergosk, Qushtapa), 4 camps in Duhok (Domiz I and II, Akre, Gawilan and 1 camp in Sulaymaniyah(Arbat).

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