

Jordan Winterization Needs

12.9 M funding gap for vital refugee winter needs

UNHCR plans to reach nearly **330,000 refugees**

76% of assistance is in cash through the CCF*



308,211 Syrian refugees



21,307 refugees from other nationalities



Background

For refugees across Jordan, the transition to the harsh winter season brings greater worries and difficulties in daily survival. In the seventh year of the crisis, families in protracted exile face the depletion of any former savings, mounting costs and the cumulative effects of living in sub-standard housing. Today families are more vulnerable than ever, with a vast majority (over 80%) living under the Jordanian poverty line (USD 96). This vulnerability is felt keenly during winter months, when purchasing heating, insulation and adequate clothing places an additional strain on already desperate families as temperatures dip below freezing.

In the winter of 2016-2017 UNHCR reached over **39,000 Syrian refugee families and nearly 10,000 refugee families of other nationalities with cash** to cover essential purchases of items including gas bottles, and heaters in camps and urban settings. This was supplemented by provision of blankets and other items during particularly bad weather conditions. **Winter assistance predominantly through cash has proved effective and flexible.** The vast majority of beneficiaries in winter 2016-2017 used the cash assistance for winter-related items with heating accounting for the majority of expenditure (gas cylinders, gas refills, and heaters). A fifth of the assistance was spent on warm clothes and sturdier shoes, and only a minority use it partially to cover needs other than winterization including vital health-related expenses, debt repayment, cooking fuel, and food.

**Common Cash Facility*

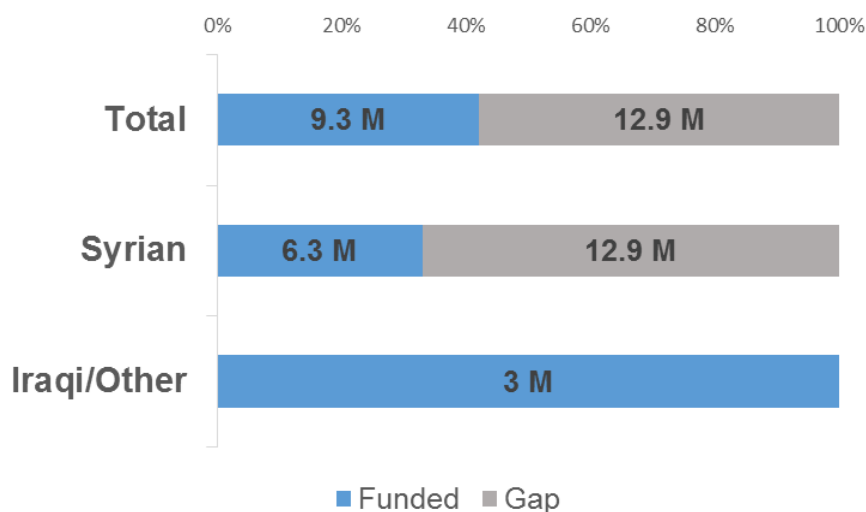
Current and Planned Activities

Between October 2017 and March 2018, UNHCR plans to assist about **330,000 refugees** in urban areas and the camps of Zaatari and Azraq. The total funding needed to reach those most in need is **\$22.2 Million**, equating to an average of \$67 per person. 76% of the winter assistance will be delivered in the form of cash, utilizing the Common Cash Facility (CCF), for Syrians and other nationalities. Three quarters of those targeted are in urban areas. The total cash families receive is dependent on family size. Winter items will also be distributed for refugees living in camps.

- In October, distributions began to 115,211 Syrian families in Azraq and Zaatari camps of cash assistance for gas and shelter maintenance, as well as heaters, high thermal blankets, plastic sheets and insulation aids specifically for Azraq camp.
- For urban refugees, a one-off cash distribution will take place in mid-November, targeting 138,000 Syrian refugees and 21,037 refugees from other nationalities. Which refugees to target is coordinated through the inter-agency Winterization Taskforce, focusing on the most vulnerable including the elderly, people with disabilities and those with specific medical needs.
- Maintenance work in Azraq and Zaatari camp of caravan shelters and surrounding infrastructure will begin in early December.

UNHCR has so far received under half of the funds it needs to cover all winter assistance. Response to the non Syrian population has been covered, amounting to 13.5% of the total response, in addition to 33% of funds needed to respond to Syrian refugees.

This leaves a funding gap of 58% of overall needs, or \$12.9 million. Further funds are urgently needed to ensure that the most vulnerable are supported over the winter months to meet their basic needs.



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