



**NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:**

**The first objective** of the shelter sector according to the 2017 3RP is to provide sustainable and adequate shelter units to the refugees living in nine camps throughout the KR-I (4 camps in Duhok, 4 camps in Erbil and 1 camp in Sulaymaniyah). This objective is achieved through 3 phases:

**Providing emergency shelter units:** tent and land (space of about 37.5 sqm).

**Improving the emergency units** by including concrete slabs, a kitchen, family latrine and shower, walls of 60 cm height and roof with tent.

**Upgrading the improved units** raising the walls to 2.8 m high and changing the roof-tent to a weatherproof roof.

All these phases are also accompanied by continuous care and maintenance of camp facilities (roads, electricity and camps infrastructure).

**Erbil camps:** In Qushtapa and Kawergosk camps, Road maintenance works have started in order to prepare the roads for winter. Further to that, the construction of a supporting wall (2 rows of concrete blocks) around the communities to prevent soil sliding has been completed. In Basirma camp, care and maintenance has been done for camp management. For Darashkran, care and maintenance has been done for 310 roofs for kitchens and WASH facilities.

**Duhok camps:** In Domiz 1, the construction of 132 new upgrade shelters (self-construction) is on-going (NRC is providing construction materials and cash for work, whereas UNHCR/Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) are developing the infrastructure (site preparation, opening the roads, casting open channels, construction of electricity, water project, and sewage system). Also, 238 emergency shelters have been upgraded, by providing construction materials, cash for work and technical support.

In Domiz II, and through UNHCR efforts and encouragement to use renewable energy, a PV solar system has been installed for UNHCR registration center to provide electricity and to cover the gap of national power. In Akre, electricity network improvement works through the provision of a 1000 KVA transformer are ongoing and has reached 98%.

**The second objective** is to provide shelter assistance to vulnerable refugees and impacted community members living out of camps (in urban and rural areas). The majority (62%) of refugees live out of camps, in rented dwellings. Compared to camp dwellings, the sector has been less active. To fill this gap of assistance, multiple processes are in place.

• **Quick Impact Projects** or Community Support Projects: So far, 9 projects out of 14 projects (6 health, 3 WASH, 3 education and 1 community-based project) have been completed and the remaining 5 are under implementation, to which the shelter sector has provided technical support and is monitoring the implementation.

\* Self-construction is providing construction material to the targeted families with cash to upgrade their shelters by them self.



Self-upgrade for improved shelters in Kawergosk camp/ / M. Al-Nkshbandi/UNHCR



Improved shelters with concrete open channels and road in Kawergosk camp/ M. Al-Nkshbandi/UNHCR

**Self-Upgrade**

This terminology is used for shelters (improved shelters) that have been upgraded by refugees, either supported by NGOs through the provision of construction materials or without.

The above picture is in Kawergosk. After emergency shelters were improved in November by UNHCR and families were selected to start their relocation. Many families are doing shelter upgrade by themselves using concrete blocks for walls and sandwich panels for roofs and are keeping latrines with showers that were constructed by UNHCR.

**NEEDS ANALYSIS:**

To reach the above-mentioned three objectives, the **main requirements in the 9 camps** in the KR-I are:

- Continuous care and maintenance for all camp infrastructure. There is an urgent need to pave the roads of Kawergosk and Qushtapa camps.
- Improvement of 274 emergency shelter units in Kawergosk and 80 new improved shelters in Darashakran, Erbil.
- Upgrading of the majority of shelter units in all camps.
- Finding solutions for the overcrowded areas in Domiz 1 (Duhok). Initially, the camp was built in an emergency situation without any site planning. As a result, the camp is overcrowded, shelter units need improvement and upgrading, and the camp infrastructure requires improvement. Moreover, in Kawergosk, Erbil, some 500 families live under the minimum standard space per person.

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