### IRAQ: RRP5 Update - December 2013

#### PROTECTION

**TARGETS**
As specified in the RRP5

| 350,000 | Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration) |
| 50,000  | Affected host population |
| 52 million | USD required |

#### NEEDS
As winter approaches, concerns about vulnerable families remain, particularly in the non-camp settings where approximately 60% of the refugee population is now living.

In the camps, there remains a need to strengthen monitoring and response mechanisms in the areas of child protection, persons with disabilities, elderly at risk and SGBV. With the rapid increase of service providers working in the camp, capacity building of these service providers must be undertaken and camp coordination mechanisms must be improved.

In the non-camp environment, there are large numbers of individuals with vulnerabilities for whom assistance is key, especially with winter coming. Livelihood projects will be a vital component of the non-camp assistance, however such programs will need to be combined with advocacy efforts to ensure that the non-camp caseload receive residency permits and access to the labour market. Although some particularly vulnerable people may be recommended to move to the camp, cash or housing assistance will be needed for some in the urban environment.

#### OBJECTIVES
Ensure continuous and unhindered access for refugees to the territory of the Kurdistan Region and ensure they have access to basic services, including legal and psycho-social support.

#### ACTION/OUTPUTS
- Refugees have access to territory and to safety
- Quality of registration and profiling improved or maintained
- Risk of SGBV Reduced and quality of response improved
- Protection of children ensured
- Community self-management and participation improved
- Self-reliance and livelihoods improved

#### KEY DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS
- Protection monitoring and co-ordination of protection activities in all camps in KR-I continued, and work progressed on enhancing inter-agency case referral mechanisms in the newly established camps. Fully-equipped registration centres are now in place in all camps, and Level 2 registration will be gradually rolled out to all new camps in early 2014.
- The main border crossing points into the KR-I (Sehela and Peshkabour) remained closed to all but exceptional cases such as family reunification and cases with medical needs. Monitoring of spontaneous returns (counseling, monitoring of UASC and registration closure) has continued.
- Residency permits have not been provided to recent arrivals or renewed except for residents in Domiz camp and Dohuk town. Advocacy for documentation to enable movement and access to services, including employment, continues
- Vulnerable refugees in non-camp settings (in Dohuk and Suleymaniah) were targeted with winterisation assistance, while the Unconditional Cash Assistance programme continued. The position of the Erbil authorities

#### ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE
(December figures in brackets)
- 3,674 (30) households with special needs were identified through level
- 338 (248) volunteers enrolled in the
- 47 (25) school expansion programs were undertaken through Quick Impact Projects
- 65 (55) BIAs were undertaken in
- 212,181 (reduced by 6,105**) individuals registered at level 1 & 2 (since March 2012).
- 1,168 (118) refugees received legal
- 3,994 (2703) camp and non-camp
- 8 (0) SGBV referral mechanism were present in the North and in Al-Qa’im.
- 12 (0) unaccompanied or separated children in Al Qa’im had at least a draft BID report completed.

---

Leading Agencies: UNHCR, Sector Lead Contact: Jacqueline Parlevliet, Senior Protection Adviser (PARLEVLJ@unhcr.org)

Reporting Agencies for this month: UNHCR, QANDIL, HARIKAR, CDO