



217,444 Syrian Refugees are currently registered in Iraq

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- In Iraq, the distribution of winterisation items and fuel continued throughout January.
- As winter is coming to an end, the Basic Needs Sector Working Group is shifting its focus towards planning the best way to address the needs of refugee families for the first part of the year.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and its partners replaced worn tents together with the winterization kits.
- This activity is still going on. All new arrivals in camps received the arrival package.



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The priority needs as identified by the Sectoral Working Group are:

- Provision of Core Relief Items (CRIs) kits on arrival
 - Replacement of CRIs
 - Provision of CRIs based on seasonal requirements
 - Enhanced logistics distribution and capacity for Core Relief Items
- These priorities include both Camp and Non-Camp refugee populations, as well as a consideration of the host community.

In an effort to respond in the best way possible in 2014, the Sectoral Working Group will run a thorough needs assessment which will inform the strategic choices and methodology to be implemented across camps.

As part of that exercise, tables are being designed which will facilitate the follow up on planned vs actual distributions done, by agency and by location. The sector will also work on distinguishing between the different types of distribution, such as new arrivals, replenishment to existing caseload and seasonal (winter) distributions.

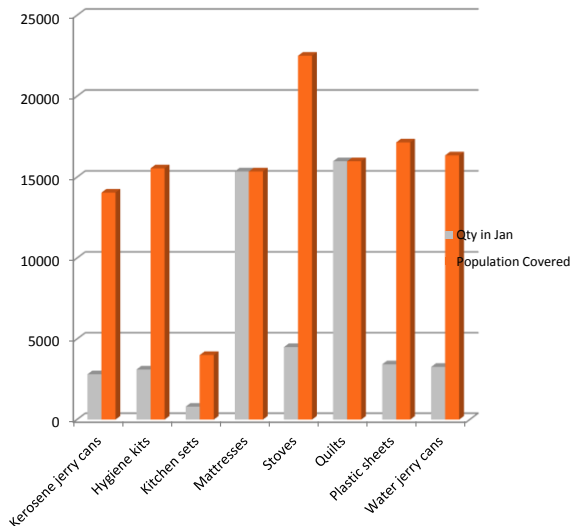
In 2014, the Sector plans to provide core relief items for 100% of the population in the camps and 40% of the needs for the non-camp population. The targeted new arrivals number 54,681 in camps and 27,766 in urban areas. Replacement of core relief items is planned for 120,356 in camps and 74,027 in urban areas. Finally, winterization targets are 160,000 in camps and 152,046 in urban areas. Based on the existing stock and pipeline, as well as planned numbers and the given non food item packages proposed, the sector is proceeding with defining the need for procurement by organization, in line with their financial capabilities.

There is still a lot to do to include all those participating in the distribution to actively take part in the planning and the division of work.

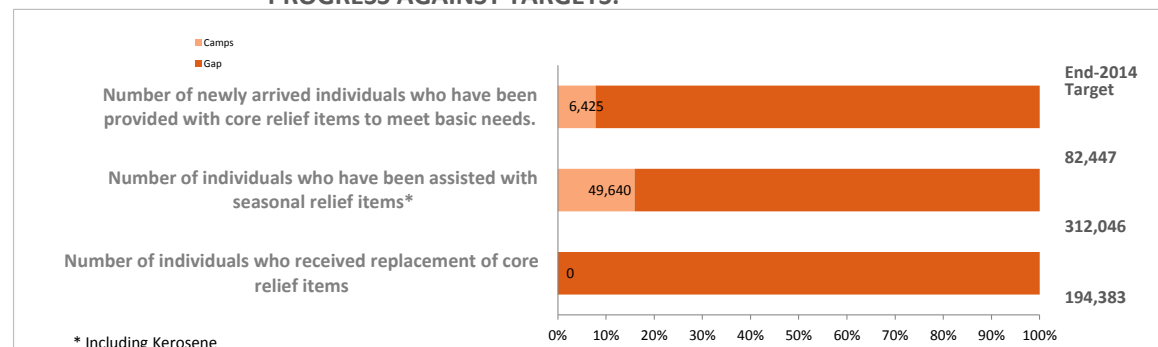
REFUGEE POPULATION IN Iraq :



JANUARY DISTRIBUTION BY ITEM AND PERSONS COVERED



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 400,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 217,144 refugee.

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