

Iraq : RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - FEBRUARY

HEALTH



225,548 Syrian Refugees are now registered

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The health sector continues to provide health care services; more than **25,000** utilised available primary, secondary and tertiary health care services.
- The sector completed the implementation of the Health Information System in all permanent camps in Kurdistan.
- The Early Warning and Response Network is in place. The system utilises multiple data sources and helps detect disease outbreaks at an early stage – when outbreaks are most amenable to interventions.
- **Mass immunisation campaign against Polio** carried out in all KR-I camps; at least **12,143** children vaccinated .
- Construction of **Basirma** Primary Health Care Centre completed. The new facility will be under the Directorate-General of Health, Erbil.



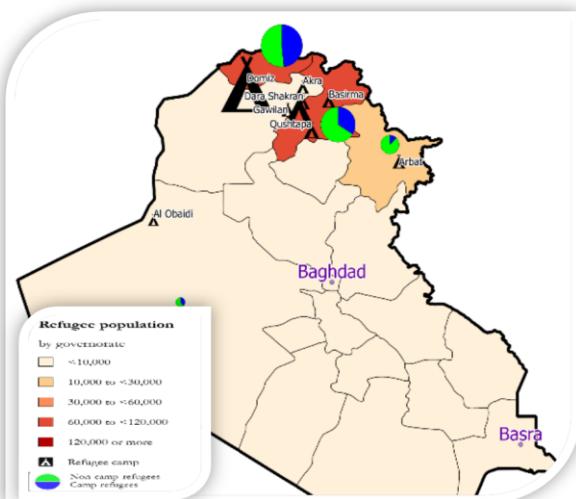
SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:

225,548

Current Refugee Population

400,000

Expected Refugee Population by end-2014



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

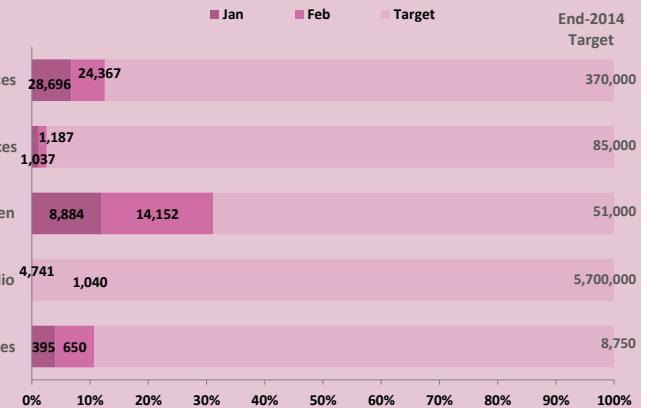
The primary objectives in the health sector response to the Syrian refugee crisis in Iraq is the provision of comprehensive primary health care services, ensuring adequate nutrition care, and maintaining access to essential secondary and tertiary health care for all refugees.

The threat of disease outbreak in the camps is real. Last year, measles cases were reported in all northern governorates. In Syria, polio has now been confirmed in at least 4 governorates. The risk of importation to Iraq remains.

Mass polio and measles vaccinations of both refugees and local population planned. Considering the risk of outbreak of cholera, dysentery and other WASH-related infectious diseases, the sector will continue monitoring EWARN and HIS data especially as the warmer months begin. Outbreak response plans already in place.

Preparedness for an increasing refugee population and the consequences of mass influx is a major priority. The sectors continues to maintain targeted vaccinations of all new refugee arrivals. Contingency plans for mass influx response continually updated.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 400,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 225,548 refugees.