FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

240 refugees benefited from the construction of 48 tent foundations and kitchens. In various locations verifications for tent replacements were undertaken, resulting in the exchange of 2,727 tents. In various camps the Registration and PHC facilities were complete and handed over. Snow storm coupled with gusty winds in the first week of February resulted in the destruction of numerous tents in the Arbat Transit Camp in Sulaymaniyah. UNHCR Field Office responded immediately by accommodating the affected families in the available Rubhall. The affected tents were however replaced in the second week of February.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:
The objective of the sector is to provide adequate and targeted shelter support Syrian refugees living in camps in order to reduce vulnerability and physical settlement issues within the camp.

All individuals arriving in transit centers and camps will be prioritized for emergency shelter provision, while those who have been settled longer than six months will be assisted with replacement tents and plastic sheeting as well as materials to further build up the cement walls around the tents.

Land development will be required in seven camps for 48,555 persons, and land will need to be allocated for the establishment of new camps. WASH infrastructure will also need to be implemented.

Notwithstanding that the main focus for the shelter sector are the camp refugees, there are some urgent needs for the non-camp population. These include advocacy for continued refugee residency in host communities, upgrades to the dwellings of refugees living in non-camp settings, and the prevention of informal settlements in urban areas.

In this non-camp setting, families that include persons with specific needs will be targeted for assistance first, while mixed approaches will be taken for those without specific needs. Community outreach and protection services will be engaged in the beneficiary selection, so that those benefiting from shelter assistance will be based on demonstrated need.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

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

* Figures’ depending on continues refugees movement

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