



| Overview |

Working environment

- The escalation of armed conflict across the central governorates of Iraq, and the constantly changing security situation, have resulted in new and secondary movements of internally displaced people (IDPs) across central Iraq and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I).

- UNHCR’s access to some IDP and refugee locations (particularly in central Iraq), as well as the ability of IDPs and refugees to transit through certain areas of Iraq, will likely remain restricted.
- Newly displaced people in Iraq find their limited financial resources quickly depleted by the increasing costs of accommodation and basic foods.
- The number of Iraqis seeking refuge in other countries is rising considerably; however, it is anticipated that the

Syrian refugee population currently in Iraq will probably remain at a similar level or increase slightly, depending on developments in the north-eastern part of the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria).

- The central Government and KR-I authorities have contributed to the IDP and Syrian refugee response with: registration, core relief item (CRI) distribution, cash assistance, essential services in collective centres, and land allocation and site preparation for camps.

Planned presence

Number of offices	6
Total personnel	351
International staff	103
National staff	226
UN Volunteers	11
Others	11

2015 plan at a glance*

2 million**	People of concern (PoC)
USD 230.5 million	Overall funding requirements
400,000	Internally displaced people (IDPs) targeted for protection-network monitoring and assessments
40,326	Registered children targeted for enrolment in primary education
308,000	PoC targeted to receive core-relief-item kits
48,780	PoC targeted to receive one-time cash assistance

* All PoC figures refer to projected 2015 end-year information at time of planning (mid-2014)

** N.B. subsequent to planning, the ongoing crisis in Iraq has significantly increased the overall PoC figure

People of concern

The main groups of people of concern planned for in 2015 are: refugees and asylum-seekers of mostly Syrian, Palestinian, Iranian and Turkish origin, located in camps, settlements and urban areas across the country, essentially in the KR-I but also in Baghdad and other central governorates; over 1 million IDPs already displaced in the country before the new upsurge in violence in 2014, and many others forcibly displaced – some forced to

move multiple times – within the country since mid-2014; returnees (mainly to Baghdad governorate), most of whom are coming back from Syria; tens of thousands of people, mainly Faili Kurds and Bidoon, thought to be stateless in Iraq, whose situation is difficult to assess given current access limitations. In addition, since February 2012, UNHCR has been working to identify individuals with international protection needs and to find solutions outside Iraq for the remaining population (2,746 individuals) of the Hurriya Temporary Transit Location (formerly Ashraf Camp) residents.

Planning figures*

Type of population	Origin	Jan 2015		Dec 2015	
		Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Total in country	Of whom assisted by UNHCR
Refugees	Palestinian	12,000	12,000	12,400	12,400
	Syrian Arab Rep.	310,000	310,000	400,000	400,000
	Turkey	16,000	16,000	16,600	16,600
	Various	8,300	8,300	8,550	8,550
People in refugee-like situations	Various	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,500
Asylum-seekers	Islamic Rep. of Iran	6,000	6,000	5,500	5,500
	Syrian Arab Rep.	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
	Turkey	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,500
	Various	800	800	800	800
Returnee arrivals during year (ex-refugees)	Iraq	40,000	20,000	35,000	15,000
Internally displaced	Iraq	1,500,000	120,000	1,400,000	100,000
Returnee arrivals during year (ex-IDPs)	Iraq	100,000	10,000	90,000	10,000
Stateless	Stateless	50,000	5,000	46,000	5,000
Total		2,047,700	512,700	2,019,050	578,050

* PoC planning figures in the table above are based on trends and registration data from early 2014. In light of the evolving situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq, updated projections will be presented in any forthcoming appeals for supplementary requirements in 2015 for the Syria and Iraq situations, including the 2015 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP).

| Response |

Needs and strategies

Since the 2015 plan and corresponding comprehensive budget for the Iraq operation were drawn up (mid-2014), the situation in the country has changed significantly. In 2015, the total population of concern to UNHCR is likely to exceed 3 million people. While UNHCR will remain engaged with all populations of concern, the programme will mainly be oriented towards the protection of refugees. The Office will continue to take the lead in coordinating the humanitarian response for all refugee populations.

The Office will also continue its engagement in the IDP situation within the framework of the inter-agency cluster approach, leading three designated clusters,

namely protection, camp coordination and camp management (CCCM), and shelter/non-food items (NFIs). It will advocate the Government of Iraq, UN Country Team and other actors fulfil their respective responsibilities with regard to IDPs, particularly for those displaced before the recent crises in 2014.

UNHCR's strategy in Iraq will continue to focus on working together with the Government, other humanitarian stakeholders and donors to provide protection and durable solutions for people of concern. The main areas for attention will be to advocate and promote legal and protection interventions, deliver basic assistance and support to newly displaced people and longstanding IDP populations, as well as to build the capacity of governmental and national non-governmental partners.

Main objectives and targets for 2015

The following matrix contains examples of some of the main activities planned in 2015.

Using a selection of objectives from UNHCR's programme plans for the 2014-2015 biennium, it is designed to illustrate:

- what - under the global needs assessment planning and prioritization process - has been planned (**Planned activities**) for particular groups of people of concern (**People of concern**);
- the identified needs that can be covered if full and flexible funding is made available (**2015 comprehensive target**); and
- the needs that may not be met if funding falls short of the ExCom-approved budget (**Potential gap**). The estimation of a potential gap is based on the country operation's own assessment of the likely impact of a global funding shortfall. Calculations are based on various criteria, including the particular context,

strategic priorities and experience of resource availability for the respective area of activity in previous years.

Activities under objectives on child protection (including best interest determination), education and prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) are core areas which are given priority in the allocation of funding (priority area). In order to ensure the necessary flexibility in the allocation of funds, UNHCR relies on unrestricted contributions from its donors.

It should be understood that in some cases, targets for activities or delivery of services may not be reached for reasons other than a funding shortfall, e.g. lack of access to people of concern, cases not reported, changing circumstances, security problems, insufficient capacity to implement all programmes planned, etc. In the Global Report 2015, an explanation of why any target may not have been reached will be provided.

Planned activities	People of concern (PoC)	2015 comprehensive target	Potential gap
FAIR PROTECTION PROCESSES AND DOCUMENTATION			
Quality of registration and profiling improved or maintained			
In the absence of a fully developed national system, the Office continues to undertake registration for the steady stream of new asylum-seekers of all nationalities to Iraq.			
All individuals seeking asylum in Iraq with UNHCR are provided with asylum-seeker certificates. Moreover, 3,325 children under 12 years will be provided with birth certificates by the authorities			
Number of PoC registered on an individual basis with minimum set of data required	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	81,000	4,500
FAVOURABLE PROTECTION ENVIRONMENT			
Access to legal assistance and legal remedies improved			
UNHCR aims to increase access to civil status documentation for PoCs to support their representation before administrative bodies and courts. The Office will also provide other legal support for documentation, property and civil requirements to enable refugees and asylum-seekers to enjoy their fundamental rights and, in some cases, facilitate naturalization.			
Number of people receiving legal assistance	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	8,000	3,000
	IDPs	15,040	7,040
	Refugees and asylum-seekers	6,000	2,250
	Refugee returnees	4,000	2,000
BASIC NEEDS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES			
Population has sufficient basic and domestic items			
Kits containing CRIs will continue to be an important part of UNHCR's humanitarian assistance for IDPs and refugee returnees. In 2015, the Office will support 308,000 PoC with CRIs to restore their losses, help them become more self-reliant and support them in regaining some dignity.			
Number of households receiving CRIs	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	10,000	1,500
	IDPs	27,000	27,000
	Refugee returnees	6,000	4,000

Planned activities	People of concern (PoC)	2015 comprehensive target	Potential gap
Shelter and infrastructure established, improved and maintained			
By the end of 2015, about 160,000 refugees are expected in the camps, creating a need for additional shelter for 36,000 refugees (7,200 households). There are 40 camp infrastructures, including schools, clinics, registration centres and offices in Al-Obaidy, Akra, Arbat, Bajid Kandela, Basirma, Domiz, Darashakran, Gawilan, Kawergosk and Qushtapa. An estimated 60 more structures will be constructed in 2014, and in 2015 UNHCR will support the authorities in maintaining 209 structures.			
IDPs living in informal settlements will benefit from improved protection from the elements through minor shelter repairs. Moreover, 500 new construction shelters for IDP returnees will be supported by UNHCR as long-term shelters. This will facilitate local integration on land allocated by the Government for those IDPs who wish to be locally integrated and have the required documents.			
Number of structures repaired/maintained	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	209	21
	IDPs	3,760	1,760
	Refugee returnees	1,300	800
Number of long-term/permanent shelters provided	IDPs	850	530
	Refugee returnees	400	300
Services for people with specific needs strengthened			
Owing to significant challenges, such as lack of employment, regular income, access to basic services and documentation, IDPs are living in dire conditions. People with specific needs will be supported with unconditional cash assistance, allowing them to pay for their rent, food, heating fuel and other essential items. In 2015, UNHCR is planning to provide 48,780 families with cash assistance.			
Number of PoC receiving cash grants	IDPs	11,280	5,280
	Refugee returnees	24,000	18,000
	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	8,000	6,080
	Refugees and asylum-seekers	5,500	3,625
Population has optimum access to education			
To increase the number of primary school-aged children enrolled in primary education, UNHCR, in collaboration with other education service providers, will implement a sensitization campaign, increase the number of teachers and their incentives, and enhance education infrastructure. In 2015, 19 educational infrastructures will be constructed and/or rehabilitated to facilitate enrolment in primary education for 40,300 refugee children.			
Number of educational facilities constructed and improved	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	19	priority area
Number of children enrolled in primary education	Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers	34,187	priority area
	Refugees and asylum-seekers	6,139	priority area

| Implementation |

Coordination

UNHCR leads the refugee protection and assistance response in support of the Iraqi authorities.

The Integrated Coordination Office for Development and Humanitarian Assistance (ICODHA) coordinated the inter-agency response to the IDP crisis in Iraq until mid-2014. Since then the OCHA-led inter-agency coordination mechanism has been working in close cooperation with the Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government, represented by the Iraqi Ministry of Migration and Displacement and the Department for Displacement and Migration,

respectively. UNHCR leads the Protection, CCCM and Shelter/NFI clusters throughout Iraq.

In response to the Syrian refugee crisis, a comprehensive system of coordination with all Regional Response Plan partners was formalized in 2013, including nine sectors, most of which are co-chaired by international NGOs. In the KR-I, this sector system for the Syrian refugee response formed the basis for the response to the needs of new IDPs. Maintaining this approach will avoid duplication efforts and ensure efficient coordination.

Partners

Implementing partners

Government agencies:

Development and Modification Centre - Domiz camp, Directorate of Displacement and Migration, Erbil Refugee Council, Ministry of Displacement and Migration

NGOs:

Action Contre La Faim, Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), Al Arqam Cultural Charity Association, Al Khair Humanitarian Organization, Association for Cultural Development for Civil Society, Civil Development Organization, *Croix-Rouge française*, Danish Refugee Council, Harikar, International Rescue Committee, Intersos, Iraqi Humanitarian League for Human Rights, Iraqi Youth League, Islamic Relief Worldwide, Kurdistan Reconstruction and Development Society, NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq, Norwegian Refugee Council, Peace Winds Japan, *Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale*, *Qandil*, Reach, Rebuild Iraq Recruitment Program, Resurrecting Iraq People Centre, Save the Children Federation, *Un Ponte Per*

Others:

IOM, UNESCO, UN-Habitat

Operational partners

Government agencies:

Directorate of Displacement and Migration, Ministry of Displacement and Migration, Permanent Committee of Refugees/Ministry of the Interior

NGOs:

ACTED, *Croix-Rouge française*, Danish Refugee Council, International Rescue Committee, Islamic Relief Worldwide, Norwegian Refugee Council, Peace Winds Japan, *Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale*, Save the Children Federation

Others:

IOM, UNESCO, UNICEF, WFP, WHO

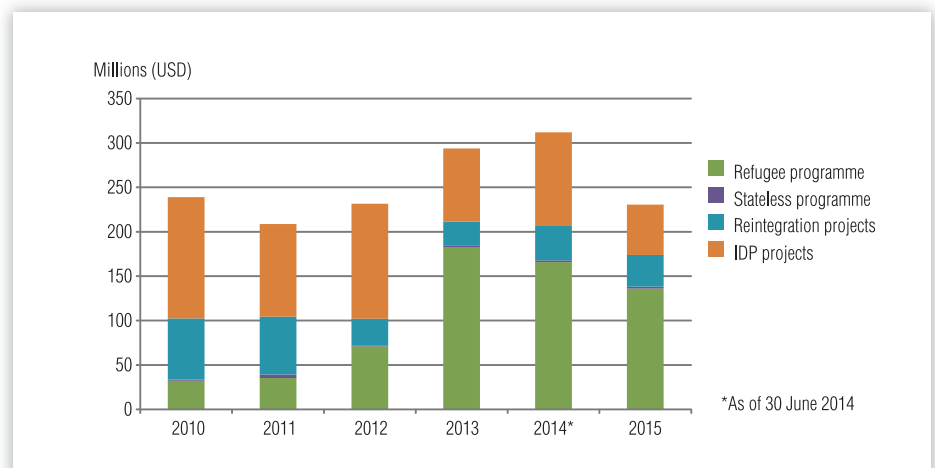
| Financial information |

The Iraq operation's revised 2013 budget amounted to USD 293.7 million, in light of the growing needs of Syrian refugees. In 2014, the ExCom-approved budget was set at USD 216 million, a drop from 2013 that reflected less shelter construction for IDPs and refugee returnees.

However, the onset of armed conflict in Anbar in early 2014 and the further escalation in violence across central Iraq since the middle of the year, also affecting the KR-I, saw UNHCR launch a supplementary appeal, increasing the total requirements for 2014 for Iraq to well over half a billion USD.

UNHCR Iraq's approved 2015 comprehensive budget stands at USD 230.5 million. However, this amount is likely to be revised upwards to cover the evolving needs of the people displaced within the country by the ongoing conflict. Any additional requirements for 2015 not covered in the comprehensive budget will be presented subsequently in a supplementary appeal.

Budgets for Iraq | 2010–2015



2015 budget for Iraq | USD

Budget breakdown	PILLAR 1 Refugee programme	PILLAR 2 Stateless programme	PILLAR 3 Reintegration projects	PILLAR 4 IDP projects	Total
2014 revised budget (as of 30 June 2014)	165,749,561	2,000,001	39,598,855	104,618,765	311,967,182
Favourable protection environment					
International and regional instruments	0	275,141	0	0	275,141
Law and policy	1,397,652	230,141	0	159,651	1,787,444
Access to legal assistance and remedies	1,994,479	0	1,235,237	10,659,451	13,889,166
Access to territory and <i>refoulement</i> risk reduced	1,107,441	0	0	0	1,107,441
Public attitude towards people of concern	603,721	0	0	770,651	1,374,371
Subtotal	5,103,293	505,282	1,235,237	11,589,752	18,433,564
Fair protection processes and documentation					
Reception conditions	2,503,721	0	0	0	2,503,721
Identification of statelessness	0	200,141	0	0	200,141
Registration and profiling	3,036,209	0	235,237	0	3,271,446
Status determination procedures	482,489	0	0	0	482,489
Individual documentation	0	0	6,635,237	2,846,251	9,481,487
Civil registration and status documentation	836,209	0	0	0	836,209
Subtotal	6,858,628	200,141	6,870,474	2,846,251	16,775,493
Security from violence and exploitation					
Prevention and response to SGBV	4,088,147	0	590,474	592,901	5,271,522
Freedom of movement and detention risk reduced	703,721	0	0	0	703,721
Protection of children	2,772,418	0	0	0	2,772,418
Subtotal	7,564,286	0	590,474	592,901	8,747,661
Basic needs and essential services					
Health	5,130,869	0	0	0	5,130,869
Nutrition	553,721	0	0	0	553,721
Food security	2,186,841	0	0	0	2,186,841
Water	1,503,721	0	0	0	1,503,721
Sanitation and hygiene	10,780,112	0	0	0	10,780,112
Shelter and infrastructure	18,235,082	0	10,105,710	22,952,901	51,293,694
Access to energy	6,932,930	0	0	0	6,932,930
Basic and domestic items	13,434,413	0	4,370,474	10,612,901	28,417,787
Services for people with specific needs	7,689,930	275,141	1,835,237	883,451	10,683,758
Education	8,357,954	0	0	0	8,357,954
Subtotal	74,805,571	275,141	16,311,421	34,449,253	125,841,385
Community empowerment and self-reliance					
Community mobilization	3,114,930	0	0	0	3,114,930
Coexistence with local communities	6,086,209	0	1,835,237	0	7,921,446
Natural resources and shared environment	657,651	0	0	0	657,651
Self-reliance and livelihood activities	11,995,539	0	3,435,237	0	15,430,776
Subtotal	21,854,329	0	5,270,474	0	27,124,802
Durable solutions					
Comprehensive solutions strategy	782,489	0	0	225,451	1,007,939
Resettlement	1,339,930	0	0	0	1,339,930
Reduction of statelessness	0	730,282	0	0	730,282
Subtotal	2,122,418	730,282	0	225,451	3,078,151

Budget breakdown	PILLAR 1 Refugee programme	PILLAR 2 Stateless programme	PILLAR 3 Reintegration projects	PILLAR 4 IDP projects	Total
Leadership, coordination and partnerships					
Coordination and partnerships	853,721	0	0	1,729,301	2,583,022
Camp management and coordination	5,489,930	0	0	319,451	5,809,380
Donor relations and resource mobilization	0	0	0	150,251	150,251
Subtotal	6,343,650	0	0	2,199,002	8,542,652
Logistics and operations support					
Logistics and supply	5,254,272	0	2,035,237	469,851	7,759,360
Operations management, coordination and support	6,190,174	335,141	3,450,474	4,256,552	14,232,340
Subtotal	11,444,446	335,141	5,485,710	4,726,402	21,991,700
2015 total budget	136,096,621	2,045,988	35,763,788	56,629,011	230,535,408