

HIGHLIGHTS

213,736

Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR

346,188

IDPs reached with protection monitoring in 2014

10,223

IDP families provided with cash assistance in 2014

99,888

IDP households received NFIs or shelter in 2014

Population of concern

Over **3.1 million** people of concern

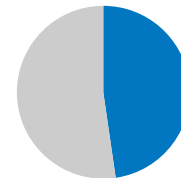
By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Various (non-Syrian refugees)	39,480
Syrian refugees	213,736
Stateless	120,000
Iraqi returnees (from Syria)	45,840
Internally displaced people	2,754,000
Total	3,173,056

Requirements/Funding

USD 564.3 million requested

Gap
52%



Funded
48%

Funding includes US\$ 91.7 million that is for Iraqis anywhere prior to the 2014 emergency.

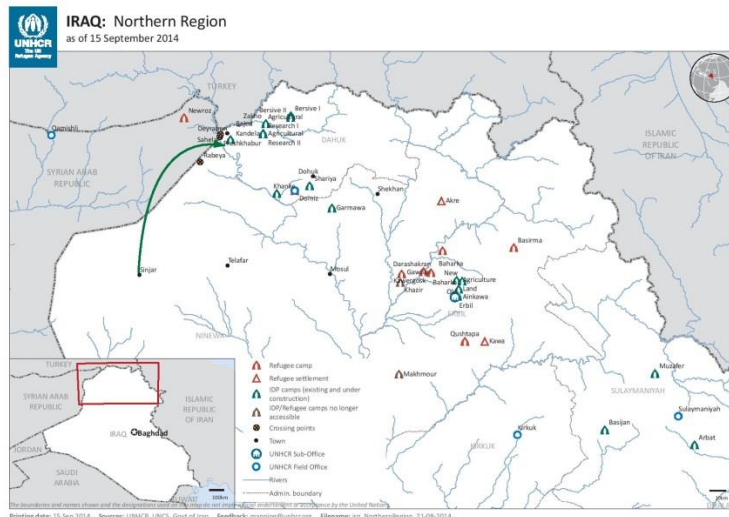
UNHCR Presence

Staff:

241 national staff
106 international staff

Offices:

5 offices located in: Baghdad, Erbil, Dohuk, Sulaymaniyah, Basra, and field offices and units in all other governorates.



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR maintains proactive relations with all government stakeholders and partners and explores new partnership opportunities with donors, national and international NGOs, think tanks, and with the private sector.
- UNHCR works with its partners across all 18 governorates to manage a country-wide network of 18 Protection Assistance and Reintegration Centres as well as six Return Integration and Community Centres in Baghdad.
- In response to the Syrian refugee crisis, a comprehensive system of coordination with all Regional Response Plan partners was established and formalised in late 2013, which includes some nine sectors, most of which have identified International NGOs partners as co-chairs.
- Working closely with partners, UNHCR is leading the Protection, CCCM and Shelter/CRI clusters under the inter-agency response to the IDP crisis throughout Iraq.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- As of 10 September, the protection monitoring teams of UNHCR and its partners have reached a total of 346,188 internally displaced people across Iraq to determine their needs, including vulnerabilities, registration status, basic demographic information, and family accommodation situation.
- Since February 2014, UNHCR and partners have approved 10,223 IDP cases across Iraq for cash assistance (7,496 for centre and south), and referred 12,915 cases for legal assistance and 4,742 cases for special needs support.

Durable Solutions

- In August, UNHCR submitted 26 cases (100 Syrian individuals) to Sweden, representing the team's most productive month yet in terms of submissions of Syrian refugees to resettlement countries. It is intended that all those submitted (112 total) will depart to Sweden in 2014.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- Over 100 Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) are ongoing in refugee and IDP communities across northern Iraq. QIPs are an integral part of UNHCR operations in Iraq, seeking to promote self-reliance, mobilise communities, improve social-economic condition, build capacity, gain accessibility, expand service facilities and accelerate service delivery. QIPs are community-driven interventions and are specifically designed to suit the context based on local knowledge and experience. These projects may include health and education initiatives such as rehabilitation works.
- UNHCR facilitates employment opportunities and training for Syrian refugees in camps, including employment with local companies, humanitarian organizations and UNHCR's partners; this year 50 individuals have benefited. UNHCR participated in the interviewing and selection process of 25 female headed households to work in a confectionary company in Domiz refugee camp; UNHCR also identified 19 professionally qualified refugees as potential job seekers.

Shelter and NFIs

- Thus far in 2014 UNHCR has distributed tents and core relief items to nearly 100,000 IDP families reaching more than 600,000 Iraqis in need. UNHCR is working to provide longer term solutions to the shelter emergency, such as providing cash assistance to thousands of IDP families to help them cover essential needs, including the rising rental costs. UNHCR is working with partners across Iraq to rehabilitate housing for IDPs, and to provide collective shelter wherever possible.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- On 5 September, the CCCM cluster was officially launched to consolidate the establishment, monitoring and management of displacement sites (collective centres, informal settlements and camps), and to facilitate collaboration amongst all the actors engaged. The cluster is led by UNHCR. Key stakeholders include the central Government and Kurdish authorities, and members of the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG). The main purpose of the cluster is to ensure equitable access to services and protection for displaced persons living in collective centres and camps, to improve their quality of life and dignity during displacement, and support the achievement of durable solutions.
- Thus far the cluster has met four times. Results include: a household level rapid assessment; Information management products such as camp lists, maps and IOM DTM analytics; a national CCCM strategy, and a CCCM page: (<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/operations/iraq/camp-coordination-management>).

Challenges

- The current IDP crisis impacts on access to services such as health care for all population groups including refugees. Shortages of essential medicines occur frequently in public health facilities, despite large medicine donations from humanitarian actors. Similarly, hospitals are faced with a high burden of patients; while emergency treatment is ensured, delays occur in receiving treatment for non-lifesaving surgical interventions.
- The results of protection monitoring within Erbil governorate indicate a new wave of arrivals of Syrian refugees in the camps. The majority of arrivals are refugees relocating from urban centres in Erbil and Dohuk, primarily for economic reasons, and in particular, a reduced coping capacity to meet living costs vis-à-vis the increase of the IDP population.

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