

IRAQ

January – March 2018

In line with its mandate, and in support of the Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government, UNHCR, the UN agency for refugees, leads the humanitarian response to the Syria situation in Iraq. In doing so, it coordinates the intervention of 10 UN agencies and over 30 local and international NGOs through the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP).

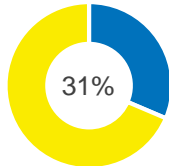
SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION

248,382 Syrian refugees registered in Iraq.
37% living in camps and **63%** living in out of camp locations.
97% of the Syrian refugees in Iraq live in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.
69% of Syrian refugees in Iraq are either women or children.

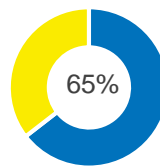
KEY STATISTICS

From January to March 2018, UNHCR conducted household-level protection monitoring of 2,859 households (HH) – 10,460 individuals. This has provided a representative sample of the population upon which the below statistics are based.

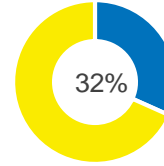
Individuals missing important legal documents



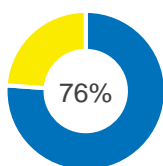
Families living in fair and good shelter conditions



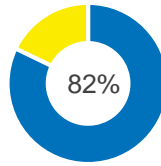
Families with members with a serious medical condition



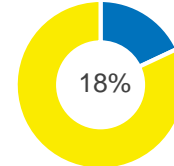
Children aged 6 to 12 years enrolled in school



Families with at least one member engaged in regular livelihood activities



Families depending on financial support from relatives



UNHCR RESPONSE

In the first quarter of 2018, UNHCR and its partners in collaboration with governmental counterparts distributed winter support (such as heating stoves and tent insulation kits), core relief items (such as blankets and kitchen utensils) and cash assistance to over 120,000 Syrian refugees. UNHCR also continued providing health, legal, and social support through multi-purpose community centres, quick impact projects, and refugee hotlines. Shelter assistance across the country continued through the maintenance and reparation of key infrastructures in camp locations, and over 100 Syrian refugees with acute vulnerabilities were submitted for resettlement.

KEY ACTIVITIES

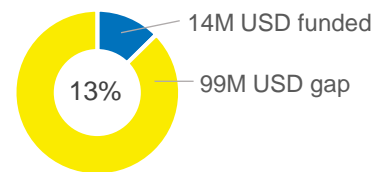
- **1,271** Syrian refugees were supported with legal assistance.
- **1,028** Girls and boys received textbooks.
- **439** Women and men benefited from SGBV awareness activities.
- **70,908** Syrian refugees received medical assistance through consultations.
- **181** Girls and boys were identified for resettlement.
- **3,379** Syrian refugees received protection counseling.

Funding as of 31st March 2018

USD 113 M

Requested for UNHCR's response to the Syria situation in Iraq

Funding received





A young Syrian girl plays behind tents next to a child friendly space in Kawergosk camp for refugees, where children receive support to improve their resilience and well-being through community organized activities. © UNHCR/Alejandro Staller

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Vulnerable children benefit from medical care and rehabilitation therapy in Qushtapa camp for refugees.

During the first months of 2018, UNHCR, in collaboration with Terre Des Hommes (TDH) and other partners, continued supporting vulnerable Syrian refugees in camp locations by providing them with direct peer-to-peer children support, parental training, focus group discussions, and specific medical services. In Qushtapa camp, in Erbil Governorate, TDH provides community-based rehabilitation services to children with disabilities through different facilities where vulnerable children are also engaged in recreational and non-formal education activities that support their social integration and enrolment in school. Aya, a young Syrian refugee born with foot drop, a medical condition that causes her difficulty standing and walking, receives regular physiotherapy sessions at one of the rehabilitation centres. After a number of sessions, Aya managed to walk and keep her condition from deteriorating. In the centre, Aya meets other children during different group activities. “At first she was shy, but in a couple of weeks she has made many friends” said Aya’s mother. Bringing children of various abilities together through art therapy and storytelling sessions helps them feel part of the community. Through the centre, the TDH team also trains school staff to improve their social inclusion techniques, and assists children with educational support. Aya, now 13 and in 7th grade, would like to become a doctor in the future. It is still a long way for the community to fully integrate children with special needs, but it is only through the continuous support of such activities that it can be achieved.

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