

# IRAQ MONTHLY UPDATE - APRIL 2017

# **FOOD**





#### 54,668 Syrian refugees received food assistance.

Modalities of food distribution:

Food vouchers: in 8 camps (Domiz 1&2, Arbat, Basirma, Darashakran, Gawilan, Kawergosk and Qushtapa).

Unrestricted cash: Distributions at Akre Castle camp.

## **Highlights**

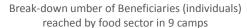
A total of 54,961 Syrian refugees received assistance from WFP in April 2017 under the regional Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO).

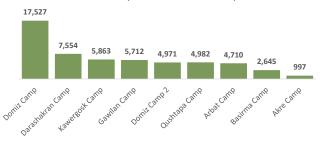
All beneficiaries received IQD 22,000 (USD 19) per beneficiary, per month.

On 26 April 2017, there was a fire in a WFP retailer shop, NazarTex, in Basirma camp, Erbil. Fortunately, no one was hurt or injured and the shop reopened in time for distributions in May.

The forthcoming inter-agency vulnerability assessment will be conducted on a sampling basis and is expected to produce a set of targeting indicators. These indicators will further enable a needs-based refinement of current caseloads.

Awareness of feedback and accountability mechanisms remains low amongst beneficiaries of assistance, though overall people were better informed about assistance than previously.





## **Needs Analysis**

Food security indicators improved according to the latest WFP Food Security Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) report for refugees. Food consumption stabilized, dietary diversity was high and coping strategy usage had declined since the previous report.

Food remains a top priority, with families spending more of their money on food than anything else.

Beneficiaries are still frequently buying food on credit and consider it a main income source, which may affect their longer-term ability to cope, though this has decreased since the previous FSOM.



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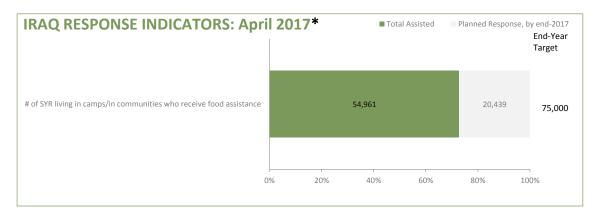
\* By 30 April 2017, 239,639 Syrian refugees (78,507 households) live in Iraq:

97% = 231,393 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): Erbil Duhok and Sulaymaniyah.

3% = 8,246 Live in other locations in Iraq.

62% = 148,823 live in non-camp/urban areas.

38% = 90,816 live in 9 camps (Basirma, Darashakran, Kawergosk, Qushtapa camps in Erbil, Domiz I and II, Akre, Gawilan camps in Duhok, Arbat Camp in Sulaymaniyah).



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