



**OVERVIEW:** From the total of **241,406** Syrian refugees (**79,171 households**), **38% (91,382 persons / 23,339 households)** live in **17,780** shelter units in 9 camps in the Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): in Duhok (4 camps), Erbil (4 camps) and Sulaymaniyah (1 camp). The remaining **62%** of the Syrian refugees (**150,024 persons / 55,832 households**) rent accommodation in urban areas (out of camps). Shelter interventions have taken place mainly in camps, with improvement made to more than **96% (17,224)** of the shelter units\*.

Sector partners are working towards improving the remaining **636** shelter units. Funds currently available with UNHCR allow for the improvement of **395** shelter units in 2017.

### May 2017 highlights

**Improvement** works are ongoing for 395 shelter units: **80** units will be completed in Qushtapa camp (Erbil) in July 2017 and the remaining **315** shelter units will be completed in Kawergosk camp (Erbil) by September 2017.

**Upgrading** of 160 shelter units is planned. Work started in view of the upgrading of **118** shelter units (32 shelter units completed) in Darashakran camp, and 58 shelter units (28 completed) has started in Qushtapa. **Total upgraded by May 2017 is 60 shelter units.**

- **Domiz 1 and Domiz 2 camps (Duhok)** : After the completion of the warranty period of six months, shelter sector actors have handed over **552** improved shelter units and recreational area projects to the camp managers. The shelters were assigned to families having been identified in light of vulnerability criteria, contributing to enhanced protection and improved living conditions.
- **Gawilan camp (Duhok):** **76** new tented shelters have been allocated to newly arrived families and refugees from Duhok urban areas due to the unaffordability of rent in urban areas.
- **Arbat Camp (Sulaymaniyah):** Regular care and maintenance activities were conducted for some **200** shelter units.



Shelter upgrading process with participation of refugees. Domiz 2 camp, Duhok, UNHCR, R. Rasheed.

### NEEDS ANALYSIS:

**Camps:** To ensure camp populations continue to live in dignity and safety, continuous maintenance work will be carried out in all 9 camps, in respect of both shelter units and camp infrastructures

**Shelter improvement** will be pursued, as well as better exploitation of available space in some camps, to allow for decongestion of other ones. In Kawergosk for instance, some 500 households live under the minimum standard space per person (37.5 sqm), while Domiz 1, the largest Syrian refugee camp in Iraq, was built in an emergency mode and has to undergo drastic improvement.

**Shelter upgrading:** All the improved shelter needs upgrade.

**Infrastructure:** Roads improvement/paving works are required in Kawergosk and Qushtapa camps to mitigate damages caused by rains.

**Non-camps (urban areas):** The provision of adequate and targeted shelter support to refugees residing out of camps requires increased attention as needs remain very high. Interventions generally include upgrading of dwellings, rental support and support to community infrastructure. Assistance should be provided in close consultation with local authorities as well as with the landlords. Refugee households should be identified based on a set of vulnerability criteria. A more comprehensive and systematic response entails enhanced outreach and referral mechanisms and an effective prioritization of such interventions.

By 31 May 2017, 241,406 Syrian refugees (79,171 households) live in Iraq:

97% = 233,120 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): Erbil Duhok and Sulaymaniyah.

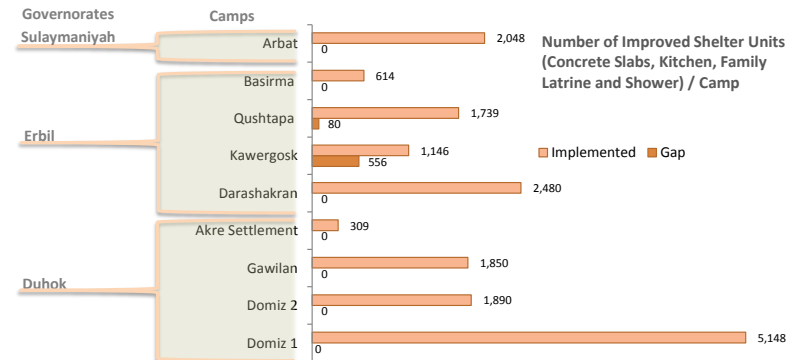
3% = 8,286 Live in other locations in Iraq.

62% = 150,024 live in non-camp/urban areas.

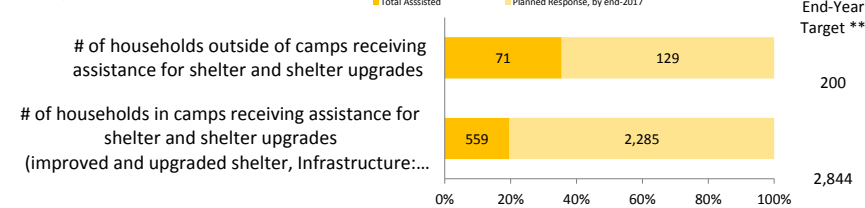
38% = 91,382 live in 9 camps (Basirma, Darashakran, Kawergosk, Qushtapa camps in Erbil, Domiz I and II, Akre, Gawilan camps in Duhok, and Arbat Camp in Sulaymaniyah).

\* An improved shelter unit is a dwelling where the shelter unit is semi-upgraded . It includes concrete slabs, kitchen, family latrine, shower, with a tent on as the roof and walls of 60 cm high.

\* An upgraded shelter unit is a fully upgraded shelter that includes concrete slabs, kitchen, family latrine, shower, with a Sandwich panel roof and walls of 2.8. m high).



### IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: MAY 2017



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