

IRAQ

April – June 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).

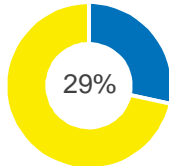
SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION

251,157 Syrian refugees registered in Iraq
37% living in camps and **63%** living in out of camp locations
97% of Syrian refugees in Iraq live in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq
69% of Syrian refugees in Iraq are women and children

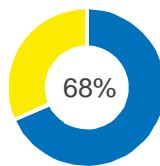
KEY STATISTICS

From April to June 2018, UNHCR conducted household-level protection monitoring of 3,075 households (HH) – 11,897 individuals. This has provided a representative sample of the population upon which the below statistics are based.

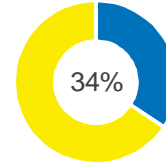
Individuals missing important legal documents



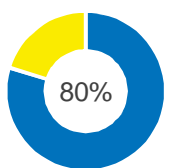
Families living in fair and good shelter conditions



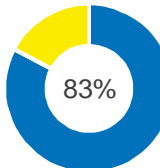
Families with members with a serious medical condition



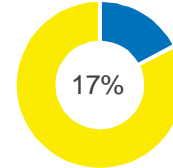
Children aged 6 to 12 years enrolled in school



Families with at least one member engaged in regular livelihood activities



Families depending on financial support from relatives



UNHCR RESPONSE

During the second quarter of 2018, UNHCR and its partners, in collaboration with governmental counterparts, continued supporting vulnerable Syrian refugees through different means, including shelter assistance and protection activities such as registration, extension and renewal of asylum-seeker certificates, protection monitoring, resettlement submissions, community based protection, provision of prevention services for sexual and gender based violence, quick impact projects, and child protection. In addition, UNHCR, in close coordination with the KRG Ministry of Planning, was engaged in the development of a Sustainable Solutions Strategy that will serve as a road map to achieve long-term solutions for refugees in KR-I.

KEY ACTIVITIES

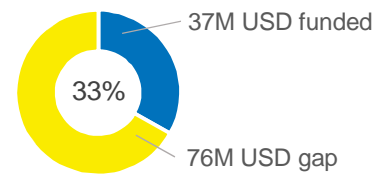
- **5,854** girls and boys were reached by protection monitoring
- **886** families received Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance
- **2,620** families received Core Relief Items
- **3,688** Syrian refugees were supported with legal assistance
- **1,057** Syrian refugees received focused psychosocial care on an individual basis
- **523** children provided with school transportation

Funding as of 30th June 2018

USD 113 M

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

Funding received





A young Syrian boy spotted on his way back home after attending his daily classes in Qushtapa Camp for refugees, Erbil Governorate, Iraq. © UNHCR/Alejandro Staller

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

“Education is a priority” - UNHCR programmes help Syrian refugees continue their education.

“Thanks to the catch-up classes my children are now able to go to school. This will make a huge difference in their lives” said the mother of Ali, Haveen, and Hamoudi, three Syrian refugee children that attend catch-up classes at Baharka Primary School in Erbil. The boys are originally from Qubain in Syria, and have been in Iraq for 5 years. They were unable to continue their schooling due to the lack of financial means, but with the support provided by UNHCR and partners they are back in school. All along the second quarter of 2018, UNHCR and its partners continued providing key educational support to Syrian refugees in Iraq. As part of its education strategy, UNHCR supports the Ministry of Education in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq to increase the quality and access of Syrian refugees to primary education. To do so, UNHCR, in collaboration with its partner INTERSOS, provides supportive catch-up classes to prevent and reduce drop-out rates. UNHCR also contributes to the training of teachers, the rehabilitation of schools, the provision of psychosocial support, and the development of learning materials that facilitate access to education. In addition to this support, UNHCR also supports Syrian refugees to continue their post-secondary education through the German-funded DAFI scholarship programme, which covers university tuition fees and provides refugees with a monthly allowance.

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