JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:
As part of the winterization programme the authorities resumed works on the construction of permanent shelters in two camps.
In Sulaymaniyah work is progressing well in the Arbat camp, where UNHCR completed the structural work (tent foundations, kitchen areas) for seven blocks for approximately 9,000 persons. Construction work on Administration/Services area is also ongoing.
Construction of Primarily Health Clinics in six camps together with IRW is almost completed.
Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) have started and Multi Sectoral need assessment is planned for March.

REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:

Current Refugee Population

Expected Refugee Population by end-2014

Available Space Per Camp

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

42,425 individuals benefited from improved shelter

3,150 refugees benefited from the construction of 630 tent foundations and kitchens

6,000 refugees in camps benefited from 1,200 new or replacement tents

81,074 refugees in camps provided with temporary emergency shelter

Targets based on an expected population of 400,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 217,144 Syrian refugees in Iraq.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:
The objective of the sector is to provide adequate and targeted shelter support Syrian refugees living in camps in order to reduce vulnerability and physical settlement issues within the camp.
All individuals arriving in transit centres and camps will be prioritized for emergency shelter provision, while those who have been settled longer than six months will be assisted with replacement tents and plastic sheeting as well as materials to further build up the cement walls around the tents.
Land development will be required in seven camps for 48,555 persons, and land will need to be allocated for the establishment of new camps. WASH infrastructure will also need to be implemented.
Notwithstanding that the main focus for the shelter sector are the camp refugees, there are some urgent needs for the non-camp population. These include advocacy for continued refugee residency in host communities, upgrades to the dwellings of refugees living in non-camp settings, and the prevention of informal settlements in urban areas.
In this non-camp setting, families that include persons with specific needs will be targeted for assistance first, while mixed approaches will be taken for those without specific needs. Community outreach and protection services will be engaged in the beneficiary selection, so that those benefiting from shelter assistance will be based on demonstrated need.