IRAQ

WINTER PREPAREDNESS: IRAQ

25 January 2015

UPDATE

The UN’s Iraq Strategic Response Plan (SRP) estimates that 800,000 Iraqi IDPs are in need of shelter assistance and specific winter support. The Dohuk Governorate is of particular concern, as it currently hosts more than 500,000 IDPs, representing the largest concentration of IDPs in Iraq.

Within the parameters and scope of the SRP as well as UNHCR’s Supplementary Appeal released in September 2014, UNHCR is committed to provide winterization support for up to 600,000 IDPs, which includes 420,000 who will receive additional basic domestic items needed during the winter, and up to 240,000 who will be provided with winterized shelter interventions, including tent insulation kits.

In total, UNHCR’s winter plan budget requirements are USD 124.5 million, of which USD 71.8 million has been received to date. Funding received thus far has permitted UNHCR to provide 420,000 people with basic domestic items, begin construction of 10 camps, and provide more than 200,000 IDPs with basic shelter support including support to collective centres and tented housing.

*IDP children at Bajed Kandala IDP camp, Dohuk governorate. UNHCR/R.Rasheed*
SUMMARY OF WINTERIZATION ACHIEVEMENTS

Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I)

In KR-I the winterization process to support the internally displaced families included distribution of winterization kits, (which included water and kerosene jerry cans, blankets, plastic sheeting and heating stoves) and winterization of buildings in which IDPs reside, notably refurbishment and provision of sealing-off kits for unfinished and abandoned houses used by IDPs, as well as the provision of kerosene.

50,000 internally displaced families across the KR-I had received winter items as of 25 January 2015, with 2,250 families receiving items between 1 and 25 January 2015. Initially 30,000 families received winter items in November 2014. In December, 2014 an additional 20,000 families were identified by UNHCR as requiring winter items, which have since been distributed for the IDP camp and non-camp population.

Prior to winterized refurbishment of buildings, UNHCR first identified the sites requiring reinforcement from among the houses and buildings where IDPs resides, with a view to make them more habitable in the winter months. In Erbil, 1,000 sealing off kits were provided, through UNHCR partner, KURDS, to IDPs living in unfinished buildings, and more than 2,000 buildings were identified for further interventions. In a Dohuk refurbishment project, implemented by NRC, 700 families were targeted in three different sub-districts. This project included installation of windows, doors, basic flooring and WASH facilities. Other organizations are also implementing projects dealing with the provision of sealing off kits to IDPs in Dohuk.

Kerosene distribution continued in the KR-I throughout January. To complement the Government’s provision of 8,417,210 litres of kerosene to IDPs, as of January 25, UNHCR had distributed 6.1 million litres of kerosene, thus meeting the heating and cooking needs of 39,611 families.

Centre and South

As of 25 January, UNHCR dispatched enough blankets/quilts, plastic sheeting, stoves, and kerosene and water jerry cans to meet the needs of 19,622 families in the central and southern governorates of Iraq. Families in the following governorates received winterization items:

- 800 families in Anbar
- 1,250 families in Babylon
- 1,972 families in Baghdad
- 4,500 families in Diyala
- 1,500 families in Kerbala
- 5,000 families in Kirkuk
- 1,500 families in Najaf
- 1,000 families in Salah al Din
- 500 families in Wassit
- 350 families in Ninewa
- 250 families in each of Thi Qar, Qadissiyah, Basra, Missan, and Muthanna

As of 25 January, 11,060 families in Kirkuk and Diyala received 1,176,425 litres of kerosene from UNHCR.

The Government of Iraq is also distributing kerosene to IDPs. As of 25 January, local authorities had distributed some 1,410,050 litres of kerosene to families in the central and southern governorates.
DETAILED UPDATES

1. Cash

The UNHCR cash assistance programme is targeting vulnerable IDPs in various parts of Iraq. UNHCR has identified and approved 27,758 cases for cash assistance across Iraq against a total target of 30,000 families to be supported under this intervention. Below is the statistical snapshot of the cash assistance to IDPs as of 25 January 2015.

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2. Winter relief and shelter items

The following distribution of additional domestic items including heating stoves has been carried out by UNHCR as of 25 January:

- 23,537 families have received heating stoves in Dohuk
- 10,000 families have received heating stoves in Erbil
- 8,500 families have received heating stoves in Sulaymaniyah

The following tent insulation kits with polystyrene boards have been distributed in Dohuk, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and Diyala as of 25 January 2015:

- 11,131 families in Dohuk
- 988 families in Erbil
- 3,003 families in Sulaymaniyah
- 1,250 families in Diyala
- 1,750 families in Kirkuk

The following items have been dispatched for distribution in the centre and south of Iraq:

- 800 winterization kits and 4,800 quilts in Anbar
- 1,250 winterization kits and 7,500 quilts in Babylon
- 1,972 winterization kits and 11,832 quilts in Baghdad
- 4,500 winterization kits and 4,500 quilts in Diyala
- 1,500 winterization kits and 1,500 quilts in Kerbala
- 5,000 winterization kits and 30,000 quilts in Kirkuk
- 1,500 winterization kits and 9,000 quilts in Najaf
- 1,000 winterization kits and 6,000 quilts in Salah al Din
- 500 winterization kits and 3,000 quilts in Wassit
- 250 winterization kits and 1,500 quilts in each of Thi Qar, Qadissiyah, Basra, Missan and Muthanna
3. Kerosene

As of 25 January 2015, UNHCR has reached 39,611 families with approximately 6,106,125 litres of kerosene.

- 10,838 families in Dohuk (2,130,600 litres)
- 7,435 families in Erbil (743,500 litres)
- 10,278 families in Sulaymaniyah (2,055,600 litres)
- 3,638 families in Diyala (751,000 litres)
- 7,440 families in Kirkuk (812,625 litres)

In addition to UNHCR’s distribution, as of 25 January 2015, government authorities had cumulatively distributed 8,417,210 litres in 12 governorates across Iraq reaching 71,460 families:

- 71 families in Baghdad
- 660 families in Basra
- 4,840 families in Diyala
- 893 families in Missan
- 764 families in Babylon
- 306 families in Najaf
- 450 families in Qadissiya
- 870 families in Thi Qar
- 4,593 families in Wassit
- 55,071 families in Dohuk
- 3,000 families in Kerbala
- 1330 families in Diwaniya
- 415 families in Muthanna

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