



AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

General

3,995 Syrians arrived in KR-I through Pheshkabour border; no new arrival has been admitted into KRI on asylum grounds since June 2016.

UNHCR and Zerka Reformatory Centre of Duhok agreed to strengthen coordination of information sharing on Syrian POCs and information campaign for legal assistance among the detainees and their families.

ICRC, Duhok pledged to work closely with UNHCR to reach refugee families in need of family tracing.

Community Based Protection

UNHCR Sulaymaniyah facilitated an internal training for all protection staff on key community based protection principles and office strategy as part of the summer internal capacity building series.

UNHCR Senior Community Based Protection Officer based in MENA carried out a mission to KR-I aimed at providing feedback to finalize the Community-Based Protection strategy for KR-I and to organize and facilitate a workshop for UNHCR Community-Based Protection staff in Iraq.

UNHCR Sulaymaniyah worked with Qandil to shape its future outreach volunteer programming for this year and next, having received a positive feedback on the programme from the community.

Child Protection

In Duhok UNHCR and ICRC will work together to share information, knowledge an understanding on various areas of child protection particularly restoration of family links.

The Regional Child Labour Expert visited KRI and held awareness raising sessions on child labour and held meetings with child protection stakeholders.

A BID training was conducted in both Sulaymaniyah and Erbil for CP partners.

Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV)

IRC provided SGBV training for 15 community committees on community based protection methodology for prevention and response to SGBV.

The prevalence of child marriage and survival sex was high, largely due to the fact that the underlying reasons notably poor economic fabric of the refugees and limited potential for livelihoods.

Resettlement (RST)

60 cases of 277 persons were referred to the MENA Regional Hub for resettlement consideration. UNHCR has met its 500 Quota for Canada for 2016. The RSC pre-screening exercise took place in August for 18 cases of 68 persons referred by UNHCR Iraq and 119 of 408 in country process referrals.

An Associate Resettlement Officer has joined the unit to support and take the role of the Officer in Charge for Resettlement Unit.



Celebration of International Women day in Kawergosk refugee camp, Erbil,

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

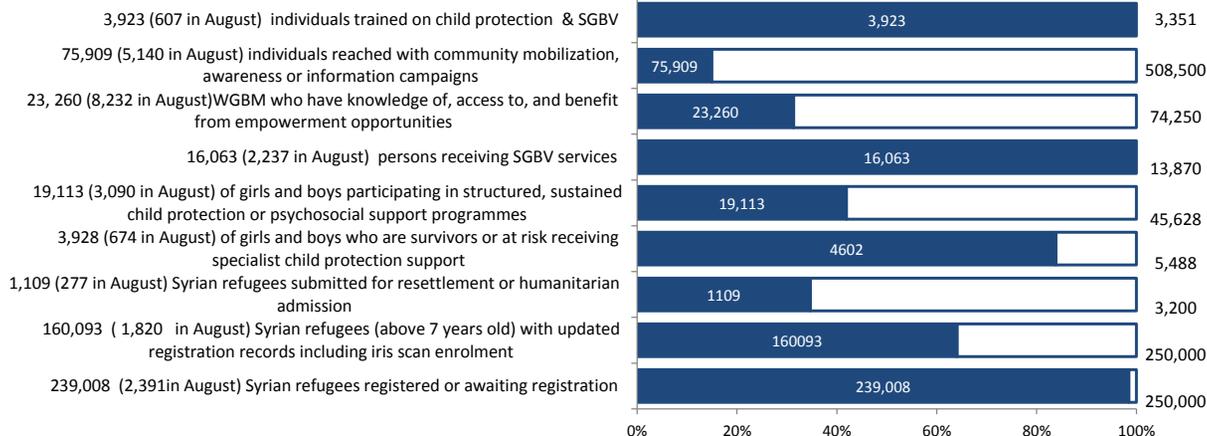
The Assayish and BRHA (Board of Relief and Humanitarian Affairs) in Duhok clearances continue to be a challenge for UNHCR registration. The limited capacity of both institutions led to a significant backlog of applications, whereby Assayish appointments are taking up to 2.5 months to be processed which affect access to food assistance.

UNHCR is collecting information to verify whether there are similar issues faced by other beneficiaries of food or non-food assistance as well as other services, for further action.

UNHCR and Qandil held community consultations with refugees and IDPs in urban areas, to learn more about their needs and challenges and risks that the community see in terms of urban outreach.

UNHCR identified 100 individuals suitable for resettlement submission to Canada but was unsuccessful in the quest to submit them since the quota of 500 had been reached. UNHCR has a target of 2000 cases to be submitted to the US by end of 2016 and so far only 278 cases (13.9%) have been submitted. There have been very few submissions from Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah due to staff capacity issues.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: August 2016*



* Planned response is based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 250,000 Syrian refugees and 1.5 million members of impacted local communities by end-2016. By 31 August 2016, 239,008 Syrian refugees (81,250 households) live in Iraq. 41 % = 98,049 live in 10 camps and 59 % = 140,959 in non-camp/urban areas. 96 % = 230,530 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KR-I): in Erbil Duhok and Sulaymaniyah and 4 % = 8,478 live in other locations in Iraq.

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