

Iraq

3 December 2019

Since the start of military action in North East Syria (NES) on 9 October, **17,425 individuals** have crossed into the KR-I seeking refuge.

5,755 Syrian refugees have obtained clearance to reunite with family members in KR-I, or to otherwise reside outside of camps.

A total of **419 new arrivals have voluntarily returned to Syria** in recent weeks.

KEY FIGURES

17,425

New arrivals
since 14 October 2019

244,539

Syrian refugees in Iraq
as of 30 November 2019

KEY STATISTICS

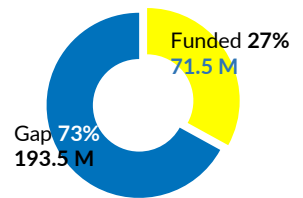
	Individuals
Average daily arrivals since 25 November	85
Bardarash camp population	9,329
Gawilan camp NES population	1,767
Estimated new arrivals who have left camps	5,755

Figures as of 24 November

15,308 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR
Out of whom **47% female | 53% male | 51% children**
Main areas of origin Qamishli (34%) | Ras al Ain (34%)

FUNDING AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2019

USD 265 M
requested for 3RP in Iraq²



²3RP appeal preceding NES influx

Operational Context

As the situation remains unstable in North East Syria, Syrian refugees continue to flee their homes and seek safety across the border in neighbouring Iraq. Refugees continue to cross through two main informal points, Sehela and Al Walid. The two main camps receiving the new arrivals remain Bardarash and Gawilan camps, depending on the availability of space. The number of refugees in both locations is now fluctuating as more Assayesh clearances are coming through and refugees are able to reunite with their families in the urban areas. Coordination mechanisms remain the same with twice weekly interagency coordination meetings ongoing at Bardarash camp and a fortnightly inter-agency coordination meeting in Duhok.

Achievements



PROTECTION

Achievements and Impact

- As of 1 December 2019, 15,308 Syrian refugees have been registered with UNHCR, out of whom 47% are female, 53% are male, and 50% are children. Main areas of origin of those registered are Qamishli (34%) and Ras al Ain (34%), Ain Al Arab (10%), al-Hasakeh (8%) and al-Malika (6%). At-risk and extremely vulnerable individuals are being fast-tracked for registration.
- Reunification of newly arrived refugees with relatives outside the camps continues. 5,755 refugees have so far been cleared to leave. Under a new Assayesh regulation for Bardarash, refugees cleared and wanting to leave the camp for family reunification can do so on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, whereas those returning to Syria can leave on Mondays. On Wednesdays and Fridays, refugees will not be allowed to exit the camp.

INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE

- 65 protection assessments were conducted in both camps, mostly for pending reactivation
- Identification of unaccompanied and separated children is ongoing along with Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) and Child Protection assessments. During the reporting week, 38 BIAs (15 in Bardarash and 23 in Gawilan) were conducted by protection partners.
- Three child/ adolescent centres have been established at Bardarash camp. These centres aim to provide structured psychosocial support (PSS), recreational activities as well as case management. A structured PSS training is now ongoing benefitting 20 staff from the three child protection centers in Bardarash. The training focuses on child and youth resilience as well as a one-day training on mechanisms for monitoring and reporting.
- 45 persons with specific needs were identified, counselled and referred to relevant service providers.
- Community Outreach Volunteers (COVs) continue to conduct community mobilization activities, as well as information dissemination and sensitization activities in Bardarash and Gawilan camps. Key messages were about anti-fraud, registration process, basic hygiene, fire prevention and other available services. They also assisted families of persons with specific needs.
- A total of 85 new arrivals have voluntarily returned to Syria during the reporting week bringing the total to 419 individuals. Pre-return rapid surveys and protection counselling are conducted for families/individuals who express their wish to return to Syria. Individuals who wish to return are supported by Assayesh and return through Peshkabour crossing point. Overall, the reasons for wanting to return include: desire to reunite with their families (33%); lengthy Assayesh clearance procedures to depart camp, tied to restriction on freedom of movement (34%); Quality of services (including medical treatment) in the camps not meeting expectations of refugees (11%); while 22% related to the relatively safer conditions in Syria reported by family members; lack of livelihood opportunities and others reasons.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need for residency documents for new arrivals in camps.



BASIC NEEDS

Achievements and Impact

- All new arrivals continue to be provided with core relief items.
- 323 families benefited from the distribution of one carpet per family in Gawilan camp.
- 100 litres of kerosene per family were distributed.
- Winter clothes distribution benefitting children (0-14 YO) in both camps.
- 200 cases received baby diapers in Gawilan.
- 375 hygiene kits were distributed for all new arrivals in Gawilan.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Adult winter clothes for the new arrivals remains a gap for both camps.
- Need for additional tents for adult families with teenage children in order to maintain privacy.



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Achievements and Impact

- New arrivals to the camps receive ready-to-eat Immediate Response Rations, followed by Family Food Rations (FFRs) after 2 days.
- A total of 1,232 families have received FFRs across Bardarash and Gawilan camps, (each FFR provides for a family of five for one month). During the reporting week, 87 metric tons of food rations were distributed.

INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Consideration of implementation of possible cash modalities in lieu of rations is ongoing.



SHELTER

Achievements and Impact

- Infrastructure works are ongoing in Bardarash including improvement of roads, cleaning of shelter surroundings, fumigation, installation of solar lights, and enhancement of common facilities.
- In Gawilan, the construction of open channels, road upgrading, and the concrete bases construction were all completed.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Upon identification of a new camp location by the authorities, partners will mobilize to ensure all necessary infrastructure is in place.



WASH

Achievements and Impact

- Installation and rehabilitation of latrines and bath units is ongoing in both camps with the majority of work completed.
- Hygiene promotion and advocacy campaigns are being conducted in both camps with emphasis on water and health related messages.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need to secure one partner to take over garbage collection in Bardarash camp in 2020.



HEALTH

Achievements and Impact

- The Directorate of Health in Duhok (DoH) selected a new health actor to provide health services in Bardarash camp. The handover of health services started on 1 December.
- In order to support the existing primary health care centre (PHCC) in Gawilan camp, two health actors were selected to support the provision of health services during the morning and night shifts. Each health actor will have a team of a doctor, nurse, and pharmacist or pharmacist's assistant. In addition, they will support the PHCC with medicines.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- An increase in the number of scabies cases in Bardarash camp was noted. Following-up on scabies cases by the health and WASH sectors is ongoing, and a health promotion campaign will be conducted.

INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE



EDUCATION

Achievements and Impact

- Non-formal education activities (PSS, sport and recreational activities) are operational in Bardarash using alternative space until temporary learning spaces (TLS) are ready. Education actors plan to establish another temporary learning space in Bardarash which will be functional in 10 days.
- Education actors plan to establish a temporary learning space in Gawilan consisting of six classrooms.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Refugees lack the required documents for school enrolment.
- As learning levels vary among the students, as well as different curriculum and language, integration into existing classes may not be possible.
- Secondary education remains a gap in the response.



LIVELIHOODS

Achievements and Impact

- Establishment of a refugee run market remains under assessment.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Livelihood and self-reliance programmes are needed. According to current data, around 40% of individuals in the camp are of working age.

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