

# Iraq

27 January 2020

Since the start of military action in North East Syria (NES) on 9 October, **19,861 individuals** have crossed into the KR-I seeking refuge.

**8,519 Syrian refugees** have obtained clearance to reunite with family members in KR-I, or to otherwise reside outside of camps.

A total of **809 new arrivals have voluntarily returned to Syria** in recent weeks.

## KEY FIGURES

**19,861**

New arrivals  
since 14 October 2019

**244,810**

Syrian refugees in Iraq  
as of 31 December 2019

## KEY STATISTICS

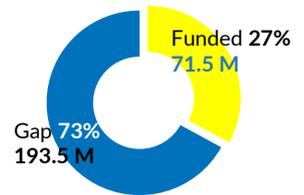
|   | Individuals |
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| Average daily arrivals since 1 December | 46          |
| Bardarash camp population               | 7,831       |
| Gawilan camp NES population             | 1,955       |

Figures as of 23 January 2020

**17,251** Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR  
Out of whom **47% female | 53% male | 49% children**  
Main areas of origin Qamishli (32%) | Ras al Ain (32%)

## FUNDING AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2019

**USD 265 M**  
requested for 3RP in Iraq<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup>3RP 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 average of new arrivals has decreased in recent weeks, to reach 46 individuals per day. Bardarash and Gawilan camps continue to receive new arrivals, depending on the availability of space, currently, most of the new arrivals are hosted in Bardarash. It is worth noting that as more Assayesh clearances are coming through, refugees can reunite with their families in the urban areas. Weekly camp coordination and fortnightly protection coordination meetings continue in Bardarash, in addition to a monthly inter-agency coordination meeting in Duhok.

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Achievements and Impact

- As of 23 January, 17,251 Syrian refugees have been registered with UNHCR, out of whom 47% are female, 53% are male, and 49% are children. The main areas of origin of those registered are Qamishli (32%) and Ras al Ain (32%), Ain Al Arab (12%), 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. 8,519 refugees have so far been cleared to leave, of whom a total of 3,349 were cleared during the reporting period.
- 33 protection assessments were conducted in both camps, the majority relate to persons who were previously in KRI, returned to Syria and were displaced again to KRI.
- Identification of unaccompanied and separated children is ongoing, along with Best Interest Assessments (BIAs) and Child Protection assessments. Since the 1 December, 89 BIAs were conducted for 99 children.

# INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE

- Three child/ adolescent centres in Bardarash camp continue to operate, providing psychosocial support (PSS) and recreational activities as well as case management.
- 144 persons with specific needs were identified, counselled and referred to relevant service providers.
- 259 residency applications were submitted to the Residency Office in Gawilan camp during the reporting period, of which 149 residency cards were issued. However, the residency office in Bardarash has not yet been operationalized.
- Community Outreach Volunteers (COVs) continue to share key messages and information about anti-fraud, protection against sexual exploitation and abuse, registration process including of new births, basic hygiene, fire prevention, and other available services. They also assist families of persons with specific needs.
- A total of 390 new arrivals have voluntarily returned to Syria during the reporting period bringing the total to 809 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 to return include: desire to reunite with their families (34%); lengthy Assayesh clearance procedures to depart camp, tied to restriction on freedom of movement (32%); while 34% related to the relatively safer conditions in Syria reported by family members; lack of livelihood opportunities, medical reasons among others.

## Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need for residency documents for new arrivals in Bardarash.
- Family reunification is limited to immediate family members, which led to the split of extended family members despite strong dependency links.
- Though more Assayesh clearances are coming through, the process is lengthy and led to the frustration of some families. There are indications that a network of smugglers is facilitating the departures from camps in exchange for money.
- Lack of livelihood opportunities.



## BASIC NEEDS

### Achievements and Impact

- All new arrivals continue to be provided with core relief items, blankets, hygiene kits, kerosene, and jerrycans.
- Winter clothes and shoe distribution benefitted children (0-14 YO) and adults in both camps.
- 1,660 gas cookers and cylinders were distributed in Bardarash camp, one of each per family.
- 2,823 female kits were distributed in Bardarash camp benefiting females aged 15-49 years.
- 1,914 cleaning kits distribution took place benefitting 1,436 households in Bardarash and 315 households in Gawilan



## FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

### Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, 10,220 people have received FFRs across Bardarash and Gawilan camps (each FFR provides for a family of five for one month). A total of 227 metric tons of food rations were distributed.



## SHELTER

### Achievements and Impact

- A total of 354 kitchens are planned to be constructed inside Bardarash, out of which 204 kitchens have been finished during the reporting period, while 150 are under construction. While in Gawilan, it is planned to construct 395 kitchens, construction will be completed by mid-March 2020.

# INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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- 150 hot water boilers on top of kitchen structures in Bardarash are planned to be installed.
- The Assayesh and Police offices in Bardarash have been upgraded.
- Continuous rehabilitation and installation of family tents for new arrivals.



## WASH

### Achievements and Impact

- Upgrading of the water supply network in Gawilan camp is currently underway.
- Installation and repair of household sanitation and shower units in Gawilan camp started.
- Main water storage tanks at household level in Bardarash are currently being raised from the ground to the roof.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Need to secure partners to take over care and maintenance, solid waste disposal, and desludging as most interventions will end in April in both camps.
- Need to secure a partner to support hygiene promotion in Bardarash and Gawilan during February 2020, a new partner will take over starting March 2020.



## HEALTH

### Achievements and Impact

- The Directorate of Health in Duhok (DoH) selected a new health actor to provide health services in Bardarash camp beginning of December 2019. Currently the primary health care clinic (PHCC) is operating 24/7. During the reporting period, the number of consultations reached 3,708. A medical lab providing laboratory services is also now available. The PHCC is also providing preventive health services, including reproductive health, immunization, nutrition, and growth monitoring.
- 195 patients were referred from the PHCC in Bardarash camp for further investigations or hospitalization. Emergency cases are transported by the available ambulances.
- Health education is available in Bardarash camp through home visits.
- 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 has a team of a doctor, nurse, and pharmacist or pharmacist's assistant. Also, they support the PHCC with medicines.
- Health services are available at the border points.



## EDUCATION

### Achievements and Impact

- The formal school in Bardarash camp has been constructed and handed over to the directorate of education in Duhok. The school is equipped with 12 classrooms, 150 desks, school administration furniture, whiteboards, and a power transformer. Education kits for learners have been procured to be distributed once formal education starts in the camp.
- One temporary learning space (TLS) in each camp is fully functional (with three classes in Bardarash Camp and five learning classrooms in Gawilan Camp).
- 1,500 Education Kits were distributed for children attending TLSs in Bardarash and Gawilan Refugee Camps (1,000 education kits in Bardarash Camp and 500 in Gawilan Camp).
- Over 1,500 refugee children have benefitted from non-formal education activities (PSS, sport and recreational activities) as well as basic literacy, numeracy, science and reading classes in both camps.

# INTER-AGENCY OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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## Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Ministry of Education in KRI has not granted access to formal education.
- 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 in Bardarash remains under assessment, and an area for the market has been identified and is being improved for eventual structures.

### 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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