



Over 515,000 households received seasonal support through cash or in-kind assistance across

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The distribution of winter assistance continued across the region throughout the month of December. Partners in Turkey distributed winterization materials in addition to the regular non-winter NFIs. In total, over 295,000 individuals in Turkey were reached with winter supplies, including high-thermal blankets, anoraks, radiators and winter clothing. Cash-voucher assistance to vulnerable Syrians has also been expanded to support the winterization needs of urban refugees. A total of 12,000 families are expected to be assisted with one-off winterization cash-voucher support by January 2016, after the ongoing needs assessment is completed.

In Lebanon, 257,250 vulnerable households were prioritized to receive assistance through the Inter-agency Winter Support Plan. By the end of December 2015, over 150,000 households received different cash for winter packages depending on their area of residence. An additional 40,000 households received in kind items such as clothing kits, stoves, blankets and fuel vouchers. A total of 35,966 households received multi-purpose cash assistance by December, an increase from 23,700 in October.

In Jordan, over 57,500 male-headed households and over 40,400 female-headed households received seasonal assistance by the end of December 2015. An estimated total of USD 103,519,545 has also been distributed in cash and voucher assistance, representing 94 per cent of the target for 2015.

In Iraq, winterization distributions continued in Duhok, Erbil and Sulaymaniyah governorates. Particular attention has been paid to the non-camp population, which was provided with winter items and cash for kerosene. Cash was provided in bank checks, covering two months consumption.

A total of 31,291 vulnerable Syrian refugees were assisted in Egypt through the provision of monthly cash grants, and more than USD 9.7 million was injected into the local economy through the monetization of assistance since the beginning of 2015.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The majority of the new refugee arrivals to neighbouring countries in 2015 arrive with few personal possessions and in need of domestic items to meet their needs, including blankets, water jerry cans and kitchen sets. The 3RP partners provide a response for basic needs which is predominantly humanitarian, with packages of basic domestic items for new arrivals, and replacement items for refugees who are accommodated in camps for long periods of time.

For the most vulnerable families, agencies have adopted unconditional, multi-purpose cash assistance programmes through the region, allowing beneficiaries to spend the assistance on goods and services they feel they need most, giving them the dignity of choice while positively impacting on local economies.

Weather in the Middle East includes low winter temperatures, near or below freezing (especially at higher elevations), and heat during the summer often reaching in excess of 40 degrees Celsius. These extremes require warm clothes, energy for heating, and reinforced shelters during the winter, while in summer refugees need basic materials to create shade and protection from disease vectors, especially for children and the elderly.



A Syrian refugee living in Suruç, Şanlıurfa is receiving winterization assistance delivered by UNHCR, including thermal blankets and winter clothing. Photo: © UNHCR / E. Gürel

Sector Response Summary:



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



Basic Needs Sector Funding Status:



JOINT PROGRAMME HELPS SYRIAN CHILDREN WEATHER HARSH WINTER IN JORDAN

As the harsh cold winter approached Jordan late in 2015, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and the UN World Food Programme (WFP) launched a winter cash assistance programme that will allow vulnerable Syrian families in Za’atari and Azraq camps to buy warm winter clothing for all their children.

This is the second year that UNICEF and WFP partner to provide support to vulnerable Syrian children during the winter.

The one-time cash grant from UNICEF will provide 20 Jordanian Dinars each to a total of 51,851 children under the age of 18 in Za’atari and Azraq camps.

This assistance will be delivered through electronic food vouchers (e-cards) provided by WFP to Syrian families to buy food every month.

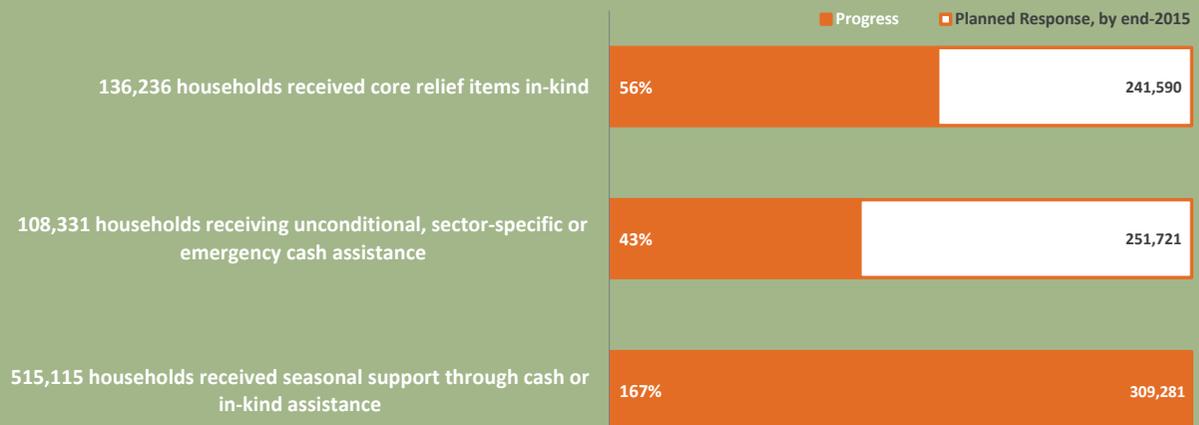
The money can be used to buy winter clothes, such as boots, gloves, trousers, coats and scarves at WFP-contracted supermarkets in the camps until mid-January 2016.

Families in the camps are being informed through SMS, posters, flyers and awareness sessions with camp community leaders that the UNICEF cash assistance is for the winter needs of their children.

UNICEF is reaching over 150,000 vulnerable children this winter in camps and host communities in Jordan with cash assistance and in-kind winter clothing in partnership with UNHCR, WFP and NGO partners.

Through its e-card programme, WFP provides monthly food assistance to 523,000 vulnerable Syrian refugees in camps and communities in Jordan.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - DECEMBER 2015



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