

#### WINTER NEEDS OVERVIEW

OCHA estimates at present there are more than 2 million IDPs in Iraq, of which at least 770,000 are in Northern Iraq and 1,030,000 in Central/Southern The Iraq Strategic Response Plan (SRP) Iraq. estimates that 800,000 Iraqi IDPs are in need of shelter assistance, of whom 600,000 IDPs are in Northern Iraq. Dohuk is of specific concern, as it currently hosts 500,000 IDPs, representing the largest concentration of IDPs in Iraq. The SRP moreover estimates that of the total IDPs, 600,000 IDPs are in need of specific winter items such as stoves, additional blankets and other domestic items to ensure adequate warmth during the winter months.

Within the parameters and scope of the Iraq SRP

Response Plan as well as UNHCR's Supplementary Appeal released in September 2014, UNHCR is committed to provide integrated winter support to up to 600,000 IDPs, including 360,000 IDPs with additional basic domestic items specific to winter. Moreover, up to 240,000 will be provided with shelter interventions, including tents and weather proofing. UNHCR will advocate for authorities and other operational counterparts provide access and sufficient quantities of fuel to meet IDP heating needs. IDPs living in the eight camps constructed will be ensured sufficient water and health services in with UNICEF, WHO and authorities. The most vulnerable identified IDPs will be provided with one-off cash assistance.

In total, UNHCR's winter plan budget requirements

are USD **124.5** million, of which USD **71.9** million has been received.

UNHCR's outstanding financial requirements for its winter plan are USD **52.6** million. Delays in timely contributions towards its winter plan have caused delays in procurement, delivery and distribution. Some delays, and with the recent drop of temperatures, are prompting UNHCR to request support for airlift of urgently needed humanitarian items.

UNHCR is hopeful that by providing this summary of its winter plans, progress made towards its implementation and clarification of outstanding requirements will provide a helpful overview will prompt counterparts to support through advocacy and respond with additional financial contributions.

# PROVIDE AND IMPROVE SHELTERS FOR 240,000 IDPS

The first priority to ensure winter survival is to ensure adequate, habitable shelter for IDPs. As winter temperatures are hovering near zero, and with first snows expected to fall in the coming weeks, the gravest concerns are for those IDPs who are residing in sub-standard accommodation or in tented accommodation.

At present, some 40 per cent of the 2 million IDPs (738,000 people) are living in sub-standard housing, including unfinished and abandoned buildings, makeshift collective centres (including schools, mosques) or spontaneous settlements. Efforts are being made to speed up camp construction to provide further camp opportunities as well as to identify, and offer re-location of IDPs who are most in need of shelter to either host families or IDP camps. As camp spaces will be insufficient for all those in sub-standard shelters, some collective centres and houses need to be immediately

weather-proofed with insulation, plastic sheeting or small repairs.

#### **Tents**

At least 26 IDP camps are planned in the Kurdistan Region (KR-I), wherein the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) authorities would construct five camps and the humanitarian community would construct 21, which would have the capacity to accommodate 281,000 IDPs. KRG authorities unfortunately have not yet identified the necessary resources to construct the four planned government camps. Of the 21 camps under construction by humanitarian organizations, 15 camps are operational and are now accommodating 103,000 people. There are 49 camps planned across Iraq, of which 20 are now open, housing 128,000 IDPs.

UNHCR has committed within the SRP to provide 40,000 tents, of which 20,000 have been procured and distributed to the respective camps. UNHCR faces a funding gap to procure and erect 20,000 tents, of which 12,000 are intended for Northern Iraq and 8,000 for South/Central Iraq.

### Weatherproofing houses, unfinished buildings and collective centres

It is estimated that 738,000 people are now residing in unused/unfinished building construction sites, public buildings and collective centres. While it is expected that many will eventually move to official camps, the pace of camp construction exceeds demand and some people indicate their preference to remain in their current locations.

UNHCR is pursuing a rapid approach with partners to weatherproof collective centres, providing light insulation or repairs that will make shelters habitable for the winter months. The plan includes weatherproofing for up to 10,000 families living in sub-standard or other accommodation as well as 150

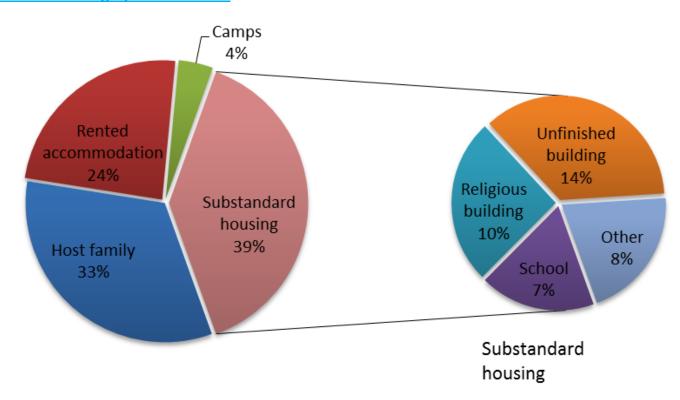
collective centres.

At present, UNHCR is working with five partners to weatherproof 5,700 houses and 115 collective centres.

Once basic shelter needs have been met, additional elements needed to ensure survival during the winter months. IDPs, many of whom have been

### Winter kits for 360,000 IDPs

### **Current housing options of IDPs**



### **Budget summary: provide and improve shelters for 240,000 IDPs**

Quantity / Item	IDP target	Require- ments	Funded	Funding and Quantity gaps			
		(in USD)		North	Centre/ South	Total	Funding required
40,000 tents	240,000	30,000,000	15,000,000	12,000	8,000	20,000	15,000,000
Weatherproofing 150 collective centres/ unfinished build- ings	15,000	7,125,000	6,000,000		35	35	1,125,000
Weatherproofing individual homes	60,000	10,000,000	6,500,000	1,500	2,000	3,500	3,500,000
Total USD	315,000	47,125,000	27,500,000				19,625,000

### PROVIDE DOMESTIC ITEMS AND INSULATION FOR UP TO 360,000 IDPS

displaced repeatedly, often have few domestic items with which to keep their family members warm, requiring blankets and stoves to ensure warmth.

Up to 360,000 IDPs will be provided with winterized kits which provide basic items to support warmth for families. Kit contents include jerry cans to transport fuel and water, plastic sheeting to improve weatherproofing, kerosene heating stove and six blankets per family. These items are distributed to vulnerable families, including those living in camps, public or unfinished buildings, collective centres, rented accommodation or living with host families.

Thanks to generous contributions of donor countries, UNHCR has secured sufficient funds to provide 60,000 IDP families (360,000 people) with additional winter-specific domestic items. While awaiting the arrival of all the procured winter items, the initial components of the winter kits, stoves, blankets, plastic sheeting and jerry cans have already been distributed to 180,000 people in Northern Iraq and some 15,000 people mostly in Kirkuk, Baghdad, Najaf and Karbala.

#### Tent insulation kits for 240,000 IDPs

IDPs in tented accommodation find it difficult to maintain sufficiently warm conditions during subzero winter temperatures. Efforts are made to provide concrete slabs and cement blocks bases for the tents. Nonetheless, poorly insulated shelters require more heating fuel for families to maintain adequate temperatures, particularly for infants, small children and the elderly. Tent insulation kits contain polystyrene boards for floor insulation, while an insulated fabric liner is provided to reduce heat loss through the tent walls. During the 2013/2014 winter, UNHCR conducted a large-scale test of insulation kits and found that insulation kit for tents improved temperatures and found high acceptance and satisfaction among beneficiaries.

During 2014, UNHCR seeks to provide 40,000 insulation kits for up to 240,000 IDPs who will be accommodated in tents during the winter months. With funds available, 25,000 insulation kits have been ordered, with a gap of 15,000 more insulation kits needed.

### **Budget summary: Winter kits for 360,000 IDPs and insulation kits for 240,000 IDPs**

Quantity / Item	IDP target	Require- ments	Funding and Quantity gaps				
		(in USD)		North	Centre/ South	Total	Funding required (USD)
60,000 winter kits	360,000	10,350,000	10,350,000	40,000	20,000	60,000	
40,000 tent insulation kits	240,000	27,000,000	14,000,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	13,000,000
Total		37,350,000	24,350,000	50,000	25,000	65,000 IDPs	13,000,000 USD

## ADVOCATE AND SUPPORT MEASURES TO PROVIDE HEATING FUEL TO 240,000 IDPS

Historically, KRG authorities provided kerosene to its most vulnerable population on the open market with subsidized prices. During last winter, the KRG and central government authorities provided nearly 100,000 Syrian refugees accommodated in camps with free kerosene. This year, KRG authorities are facing extreme budget pressures, related budget discussions with federal authorities and have conveyed to the humanitarian community that kerosene will not be subsidized nor provided in-kind to people accommodated in IDP or refugee camps.

It is estimated that a family of six living in tented accommodation will require 100 litres of kerosene on a monthly basis for a total of four months to maintain habitable temperatures. Increased advocacy is necessary, with KRG and Federal Iraqi authorities, to find a solution to provide kerosene heating fuel to 240,000 IDPs, especially those living in tented accommodation. UNHCR estimates the total cost of kerosene required would be USD 24 million.

### **Budget summary: Heating fuel for 240,000 IDPs**

Quantity / Item	IDP	Require- Funded		Funding and Quantity gaps				
	target	ments (in USD)		North	Centre/ South	Total	Funding required	
Kerosene	240,000	24,000,000					24,000,000	
Total	240,000	24,000,000					24,000,000	

# IMPROVE WATER DRAINAGE, WATER ACCESS AND SANITATION TO UP TO 50,000 IDPS IN EIGHT CAMPS

Basic camp construction is based around preparing a single terrain, usually with some water channels linked to basic water systems. However, for the winter months, internal camp mechanisms are needed to channel water away from individual tents and gravel used to ensure adequate drainage of melting snow and rain. Improving internal camp construction water systems entails creating additional piping mechanisms to safeguard water and water points. Draining channels are created around individual tents, channeling water into main arteries for water flow from tents and away towards uninhabited locations. These channels must

be sufficient for increased water flows which generally occur in Spring. Gravelling at lower altitude points, especially if the camp is built on unlevel terrain, create spontaneous stagnant water collection pools.

At present, UNHCR plans to improve water drainage and improve water facilities for up to eight camps accommodating 50,000 IDPs, all in Northern Iraq. This activity is being done in close coordination with UNICEF, which has committed to providing the basic water and sanitation infrastructure to the camps.

### Budget summary: Improve water drainage, water access and sanitation to up to 50,000 IDPs in eight camps

Quantity / Item	IDP target	Require- ments	Funded	Funding and Quantity gaps			
	8	(in USD)		North	Centre/ South	Total	Funding required
Water drainage	50,000	16,000,000	5,000,000	8			11,000,000
Total	50,000	16,000,000	5,000,000	8 camps	0	8 camps	11,000,000

### PROVIDE THE MOST VULNERABLE 40,000 IDP FAMILIES WITH CASH ASSISTANCE

UNHCR plans to provide up to 40,000 vulnerable IDP families with unrestricted cash assistance for multipurpose/varied needs. UNHCR works with partners to assess and identify IDPs in need of assistance, mainly through NGOs supporting protection interventions. Cash is provided on a one-off basis to identified families through a cheque modality, wherein IDPs are able to redeem the cheques through readily available banking facilities or cash exchange offices throughout Iraq. The assistance amounts are based on family size, with USD 250 provided to an individual, USD 400 to families with less than six members and USD 600 to families with more than five members receiving.

Post-distribution monitoring of families who have

received cash assistance shows that in the central regions, most IDPs report spending the money on food items and health whereas in northern Iraq, the funds are spent to address shelter and health needs.

To reach its intended target, UNHCR appealed for USD 20 million, of which thus far USD 15 million has been received. With the available funds, UNHCR has distributed cash assistance to 8,500 families, of whom 4,500 are in Central/Southern Iraq and 4,000 are in Northern Iraq. An additional 21,500 families have been identified, with assistance now in process of being distributed to those families. UNHCR hopes to receive additional funds to provide winterization support to these identified families.

### **Budget summary: Cash assistance for the most vulnerable 40,000 IDP families**

Quantity / Item	IDP target	Require- ments (in USD)	Funded	Funding and Quantity gaps			
				North	Centre/ South	Total	Funding required
Cash assistance	240,000	20,000,000	15,000,000	18,500	11,500		5,000,000
Total	240,000 IDPs	20,000,000	15,000,000	18,500 families	11,500 families	30,000 families	5,000,000

### **BASIC HEALTH CARE FOR UP TO 50,000 IDPS**

UNHCR is constructing eight camps in Northern Iraq with available funds. In close coordination with WHO and specialized NGOs providing health services to IDPs in camps, UNHCR seeks to provide additional financial contributions to health service providers providing basic health care to camp-based populations. Often camps require basic health care facilities or equipment including consultation rooms

or medical supplies to monitor health.

Basic health services include the addressing immediate, primary health care needs of winter-related illnesses including respiratory diseases, providing monitoring to identify those in need of more specialized care or hospitalization and providing basic medicines.

### Budget summary: Basic health care for up to 50,000 IDPs

Quantity / Item	IDP	Require-	5	Funding and Quantity gaps			
	target	ments (in USD)		North	Centre/ South	Total	Funding required
Contribution to camp health care in eight camps	50,000	4,000,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	4,000,000
Total	50,000 IDPs	4,000,000	0	50,000 IDPs	0	50,000 IDPs	4,000,000 million USD



### **UNHCR IDP WINTER PLAN SUMMARY TABLE**

Quantity / Item	IDP target	Requirements (in USD)	Funded	Outstanding financial requirements
40,000 tents	240,000	30,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
Weatherproofing 150 collective centres/unfinished buildings	15,000	7,125,000	6,000,000	1,125,000
Weatherproofing individual homes	60,000	10,000,000	6,500,000	3,500,000
Shelter total		47,125,000	27,500,000	19,625,000
600,000 winter kits	420,000	10,350,000	10,350,000	0
40,000 tent insulation kits	240,000	27,000,000	14,000,000	13,000,000
Domestic needs total		37,350,000	24,350,000	13,000,000
Water access drainage	50,000	16,000,000	5,000,000	11,000,000
Water total		16,000,000	5,000,000	11,000,000
Cash assistance	240,000	20,000,000	15,000,000	5,000,000
Cash assistance total		20,000,000	15,000,000	5,000,000
Contribution to camp health care in eight camps	50,000	4,000,000	0	4,000,000
Health total		4,000,000	0	4,000,000
Summary total	600,000 IDPs	124,475,000	71,850,000	52,625,000