

REGIONAL MONTHLY UPDATE NOVEMBER 2016



PROTECTION



1,776,023 individuals reached with community mobilization, awareness or information campaigns across the region

HIGHLIGHTS:

In Lebanon, the number of individuals who received individual legal counselling on obtaining legal stay Documentation is 15,063 out of a target of 30,000. Documents required to obtain legal residency (for UNHCR-registered refugees) include: certified copies of a lease agreement or real-estate deed; certified attestation from a mukhtar (village leader) that the landlord owns the property; notarized pledge not to work; and proof of financial means or support received.

In Jordan, the mental health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Sub-Working Group developed an advocacy paper presenting the global standards upon which its work is based, and providing guiding criteria for designing and implementing MHPSS projects and activities. It also explains the importance of psychosocial support (PSS), levels of interventions, and how to specifically describe PSS projects when applying for any intervention. The paper is expected to be finalised and shared by the end of December.

In Iraq, 3,804 Syrians arrived in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) through Peshkhabour border crossing in November. Out of these 1,130 individuals were admitted on 15 days entry visa mainly for medical and visitation reasons while 2,674 individuals were readmitted after they were previously allowed to temporarily return to Syria by the KR-I authorities. No one was admitted as an asylum seeker on arrival.

In Egypt, In November 2016, UNHCR continued to provide counselling on legal and administrative issues for Syrian refugees. As a result, 26 cases were referred to UNHCR's legal partner for legal assistance. Throughout the reporting period the legal assistance continued to be extended for a variety of reasons. Nevertheless civil registration was the main reason for referrals, including marriage and birth registration to acquisition of Egyptian nationality.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

With the crisis in the region showing no signs of abatement, the depletion of family savings and the difficulty to find gainful employment is increasing the socio-economic vulnerability among refugees in the region.

With over 4.8 million Syrian refugees already hosted in the region, ensuring continued access to safety and non-refoulement continues to be a regional challenge. Borders remain managed, limiting the ability of many to seek the international protection they need. In 2016, continued armed conflict in Syria contributed to further displacement within the country, leaving some civilian populations trapped and unable to move freely or to access safety outside the country.

As community—based activities aimed at mitigating rights violations and empowering refugees is paramount for short term solutions, information sessions and legal aid becomes critical. Underfunding reduces humanitarian actors' ability to provide counselling and support community-owned initiatives.

Additional opportunities for resettlement and other forms of admission, including humanitarian visas, academic scholarships, and labour mobility schemes, are also needed.



Young refugees are supporting their family bussiness, Kawergosk camp. O

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Sector Response Summary:



6,435,500 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016 4,872,700 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,740,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016 4,807,700 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.54 billion required in 2016 USD 2.54 billion received in 2016



REFUGEE LAW TRAINING FOR 3RP PARTNERS IN JORDAN

3RP partners continued to provide regular learning opportunities on core protection and legal principles as part of ongoing efforts to help sensitize key counterparts, support capacity building for national institutions, and strengthen the ability of key protection actors to respond to complex and emerging issues.

As part of this effort, 3RP partners collaborated with the Sanremo International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) to provide an advanced course on International Refugee Law in Jordan in November.

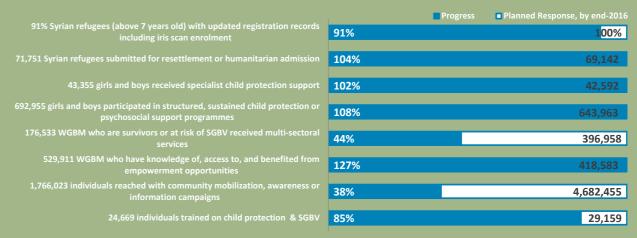
Convened at the Dead Sea, the course featured active participation from a spectrum of 3RP partners, including key government counterparts such as Jordan's Ministries of Interior and Labour, Residence and Borders Department, Civil Status Department, military and military intelligence, among others. The courses were taught in Arabic.

Participants examined advanced topics through case studies, presentations and discussion, including the tenets of international refugee law, the right to asylum in Islam, the causes and dynamics of forced migration, the protection concerns associated with detention, and the specific protection needs of refugee children.

The IIHL is an independent, non-profit organisation founded in 1970 dedicated to promote the understanding and application of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), International Human Rights Law (IHRL), International Criminal Justice, Refugee Law and related issues. Courses in Refugee Law are interactive and designed specifically for practitioners with a particular focus on the applicable law in the context of current operations and international challenges. These courses are delivered in close collaboration with UNHCR and other internaional organisations.

In Jordan, as of November 2016, 3RP partners have organized and conducted 62 training sessions for 1,365 staff members from governmental institutions, NGOs and UNHCR in aspects relating to refugee protection and support.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2016



These dashboards reflect the achievements of the more than 200 partners, including governments, UN Agencies, and NGOs, involved in the 3RP response in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Progress and targets may change in line with data revisions. All data on this Dashboard is current as at 30 November 2016.