



KEY FACT OF THE MONTH

More than **1,711** individuals (44% female), were provided with

HIGHLIGHTS:

Registration activities followed earlier trends, with 49,450 Syrian refugees newly registered in February and an overall registered population of 899,633 individuals (208,123 HH) at the end of the month. Children (25.6% girls, 26.8% boys) and women continue to represent the highest percentage of registered refugees. In addition, 62,081 individuals asked for appointments to be newly registered with UNHCR. In parallel, the process of verification-renewal of the refugee documentation also progressed at registration centers and biometrics have now been integrated into registration activities. During the month, UNRWA recorded 493 Palestine Refugees from Syria (26.4% children, 42.2% women).

Legal aid activities increased during the month, as sector partners extended their presence. More than 1,710 individuals (44% female), largely refugees from Syria (93%), were provided with individual counseling, while UNHCR and its specialized partners continued individual counseling and legal representation for Syrian refugees in detention facilities. In addition, some 9,770 refugees (95% Syrian refugees) were sensitized through legal awareness sessions in multiple locations across the country (Collective Centres, SDCs, various settlements). Civil documentation and land/property issues remained the main topics on which legal advice was sought and provided.

Based on the reports received from sector partners, community-based empowerment activities reached-out to more than 10,900 individuals (54% female). This included awareness and information sessions for refugee communities on available services and processes (e.g. registration, health, life-skills), as well as training activities for community-outreach volunteers.

Persons with specific needs were referred to service providers for specialized support. This included targeted interventions for older persons and persons with disabilities by sector partners working with local actors having that necessary expertise.



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

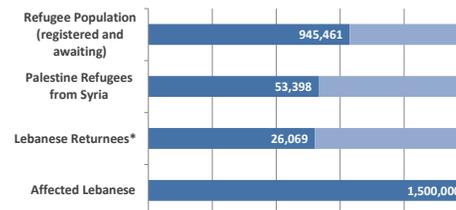
Inclusive registration remains central, with renewed efforts to reinforce public information on procedures and on the importance of the process, including through community-outreach interventions (e.g. "Refugee Outreach Volunteers"). A dialogue is being pursued with organizations working with older persons and persons with disabilities to further improve their inclusion via mechanisms already in place for the registration of persons with specific needs. Mobile registration activities were undertaken in February in Wadi-Khaled/Akkar, and confirmed the importance of proper pre-assessments/ verification to maximize the impact of these initiatives.

UNRWA and UNHCR continue to support and enhance presence at the official borders, to be able to monitor and advocate for access to territory and for consistent entry procedures, particularly on aspects of documentation.

Systematic protection monitoring is being strengthened by UNHCR and partners, along geographic areas of responsibility to optimize coverage and referrals (more than 900 individuals consulted in February according to reporting in Activity Info). Monitoring and reporting along a series of thematic indicators is being adopted to make data collection more systematic and contribute to evidence-based advocacy.

Legal counseling and broader legal awareness activities should continue to focus on civil documentation, specifically on disseminating information on obtaining birth certificates, and on land and property issues, notably on threats of eviction. Concerted advocacy from protection actors remains critical regarding legal stay documentation for refugees, the renewal of which remains unaffordable for many refugee families. Although not excluding refugees from registration and access to humanitarian services, analysis shows that the lack of legal documentation continues to limit freedom of movement, especially in areas with a high security presence.

ESTIMATED POPULATION IN LEBANON



* Lebanese Returnees population figures are updated as of 31 October 2013

ESTIMATED POPULATION IN LEBANON

Governorate	Registered		Awaiting	Average waiting period	Total
	Persons	Households			
Beirut & Mt Lebanon	227,228	56,086	19,958	25 days	247,186
	253,080	62,367	7,847		
North	305,329	64,530	16,245	20 days	321,574
	113,996	25,140	1,778		
South	899,633	208,123	45,828	22 days	945,461
	208,123	11,236	11,236		
Total Lebanon					

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS*



* Changes in cumulative numbers from January figures due to some mistakes or delay in reporting from agency/ organizations new to Activity Info.

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