

KEY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH

At total of **218,941** children have accessed education services this year

HIGHLIGHTS:

Even though schools were closed for the summer, learning continued through a variety of non-formal educational programs during the months of June, July and August. These programs enrolled a total of 15,090 children. Programs specifically targeted out-of-school children or those at risk of dropping out/falling behind with the aim of preparing them for the upcoming school year, beginning October 2014.

The month of August was also critical to the planning of the 2014-15 school year and the implementation of Reaching All Children with Education (RACE) throughout the country. This plan includes how to increase access of quality educational programs both through formal and non-formal education to vulnerable Lebanese and refugee children.



Syrian refugee students cannot wait to go back to school in September

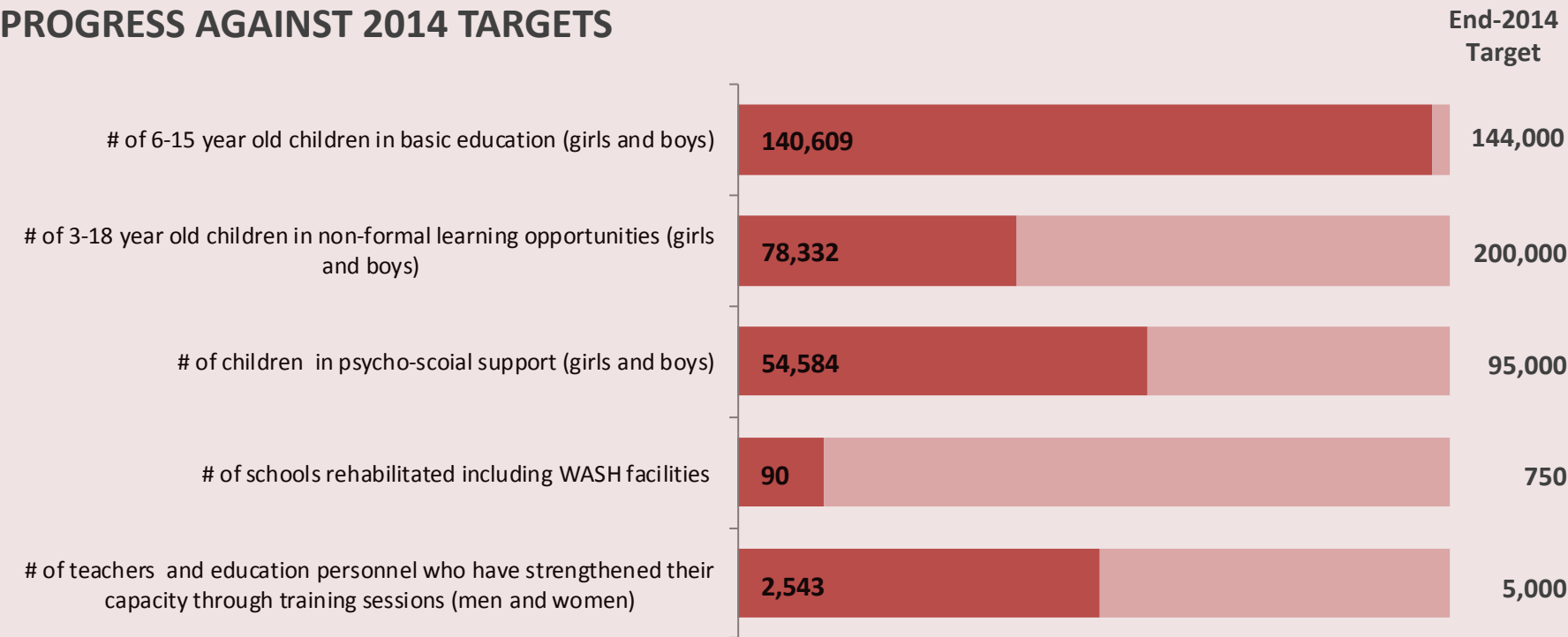
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Public schools have been closed for the summer and as result the total figure of children reached through formal education capped 140,609 for the 2013/14 school year. This includes Syrian children, Palestine children from Syria and vulnerable Lebanese children. Over the summer months, children have enrolled in summer programs to prepare them for school, bringing the total children enrolled in non-formal education to 78,332. Public schools will open in September for the 2014/15 school year.

Based on the current registration data there are 502,672 Syrian, 21,000 Palestinian, 7,000 Lebanese returnees and 40,000 vulnerable Lebanese children in need of services. This means that approximately 351,731 children between the ages of 3 and 18 have not accessed any learning opportunities.

Common barriers to education include; cost of transportation and the cost of tuition fees which are often too high for refugee families with limited resources. Language barriers and safety concerns of Syrian parents contribute to the high drop-out rate among refugee children. But the biggest barrier to schooling is the lack of space in public schools. However 90,000 Syrian refugee children have enrolled in these schools.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



Source: figures reported above reflect the information reported to Sector Coordinators by Partners participating in Working Groups

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