



KEY FACT OF THE MONTH

Enrollment in public schools (First shift) has closed for refugees.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Registration in the First shift ended early November. Information from the field suggests a sharp decrease in the number of children enrolled compared to last year.

A number of selected public schools, especially in Beirut and Mount Lebanon were exempted by MEHE from the one-to-one ratio of Lebanese to non-Lebanese children in class, which represented an obstacle for the enrolment of additional refugee children; these schools have the go-ahead to enroll more Syrian than Lebanese students. The MEHE issued some waivers to a selected number of schools in Beirut and Mount Lebanon to exceptionally go beyond the quota of 50% of non-Lebanese per classrooms.

At the end of November, the Ministry of Education issued a circular authorizing the start of the Second Shift. Based on field assessments and discussions with regional MEHE Offices, UNHCR and UNICEF proposed a list of second shift schools to be opened in areas of highest needs. .

Consultations with MEHE are on-going regarding guidelines to implement Non-formal Education and Accelerated Learning Programs in particular. The CERD, Centre for Educational Research and Development, has finalized a new curriculum for ALP, covering grades 1 to 12.

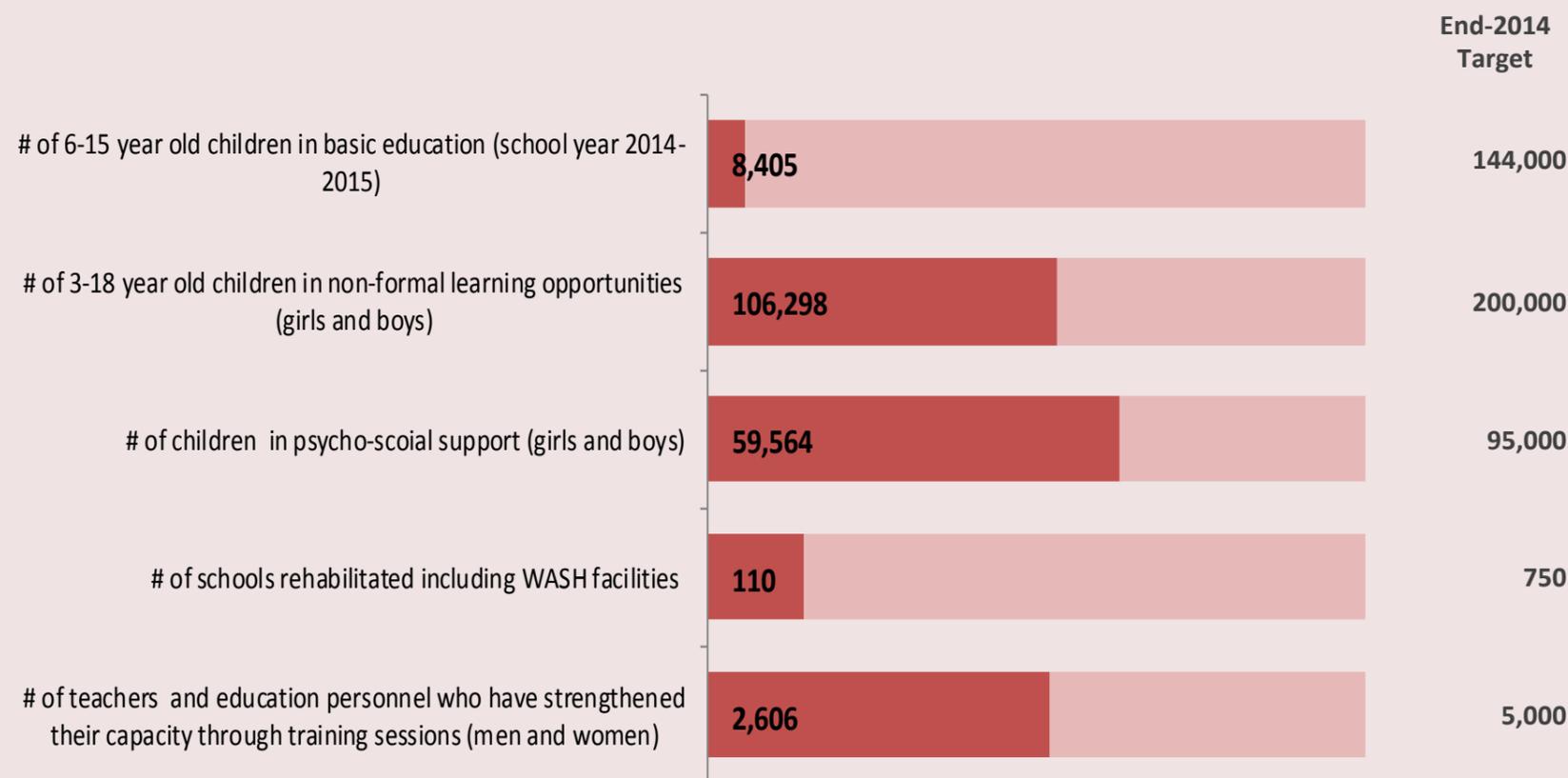


NEEDS ANALYSIS:

As payments for first shift are now directly channeled to the MEHE, data collection undertaken by MEHE for public schools is ongoing.

Access to first shift was uneven and confusing for the parents, with school directors understanding circulars differently. These issues were reported to the Ministry of Education

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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