



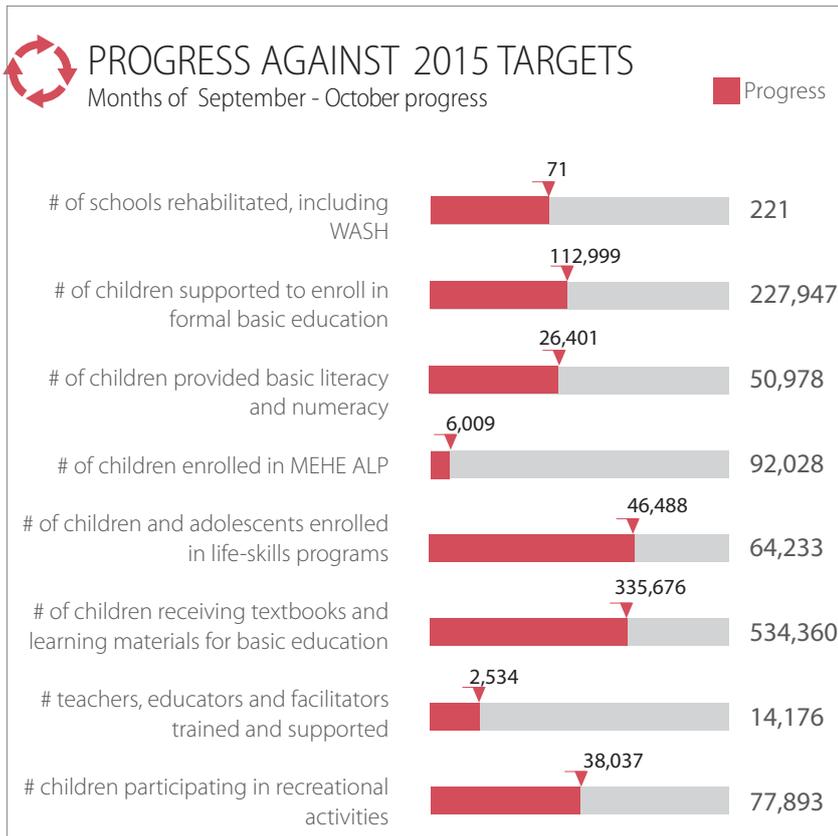
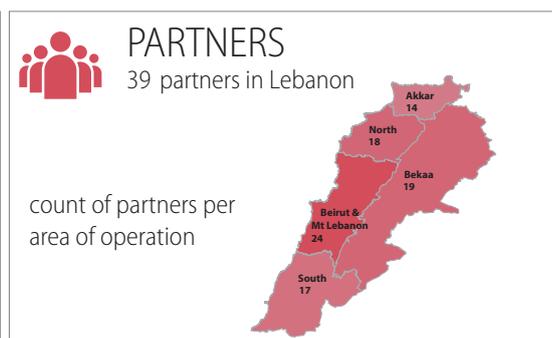
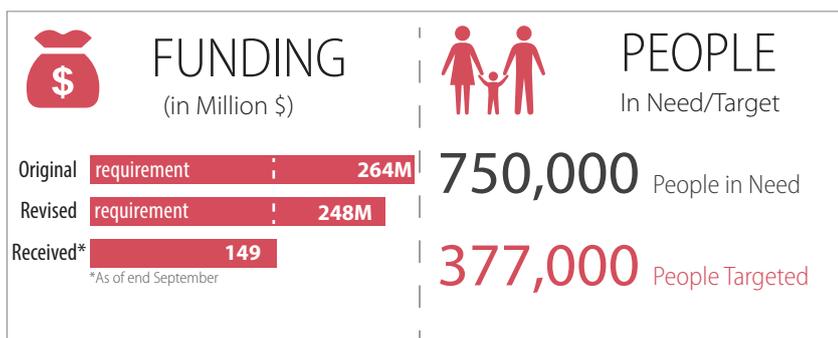
## SITUATION ANALYSIS

The focus of the education partners in September and October was on the Back-to-School campaign. This year public education is free for all children in Lebanon and the aim of the campaign was to get as many Lebanese and Syrian school age children as possible into certified formal basic education. The outreach campaign officially started on September the 21st when the Minister of Education held a press conference in presence of UNICEF, UNHCR and international donors. Outreach plans were developed at national and regional level in close coordination with MEHE and partners on the ground to reach out and disseminate information to communities and invite them to enrol their children in the Lebanese public schools and/or UNWRA schools. The Lebanese public schools started on 28 September, while the afternoon second shift classes started on 12 October. The UNWRA schools started this year on 7 September.

During the reporting period, many education NGO partners dedicated programme staff to the campaign. Regional education partner meetings were held to plan the different outreach activities, specifically regarding intervention areas, kinds of activities and distribution of materials. The field outreach plans included the education sector partners and information on the campaign was also disseminated to all partners of other sectors. In addition, municipalities, mayors, community actors and groups, youth committees and Refugee Outreach Volunteers (ROVs) played a crucial part in the roll out of the campaign. The main outreach activities including household visits, awareness sessions, distribution of leaflets, flyers and posters, Q&A, partner hotlines, and media and online publicity. Partners also worked closely with communities to mobilize and train parent groups to support formal schools and to establish homework support groups to directly support learning outcomes in formal second shift schools.

As of August 2015, there were 482,034 registered refugee children between 3 and 17 years old in Lebanon. The Minister of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) has indicated that 200,000 refugee children can enter first and second shifts in public schools in an effort to integrate more school-aged refugees into the formal system. So far, 155,095 refugee children are enrolled in basic education (62,500 in 1st shift and 92,595 in 2nd shift). Out of this number an estimated 14,000 children are reportedly not attending, mostly because of distance to the schools. In-depth analysis and follow-up is underway in the field to track the children who dropped out to find ways to re-enrol them. Furthermore, a total of 5,321 Palestinian refugee children from Syria (PRS) have registered in 63 UNRWA schools across Lebanon. Overall, enrolment in the Lebanese formal system increased by 60% compared to 2014-15.

On 11 September, MEHE organized a meeting for all local and international NGOs implementing activities that target school age children to discuss formal education enrolment, non-formal education programs, and the support of NGOs. The meeting underlined the importance of the role of NGOs in outreach and referring children to formal education opportunities.



**EDUCATION - FACTS AND FIGURES**

School aged Syrian refugee children - age between 3 and 17: (Source: UNHCR, August 2015)	<b>477,034</b>
School aged Palestinian refugees from Syria - age between 3 and 17: (Source: UNRWA, November 2015)	<b>10,950</b>
School aged Vulnerable Lebanese children - age between 3 and 17: (Population: CDR shapefile 2002)	<b>453,450</b>
Percentage of Lebanese children enrolled in the public education system 2014-15: (CERD, 2013-2014 Yealy Bulletin)	<b>30.9%</b>
# of Public Schools in Lebanon (Source: MEHE, November 2015)	<b>1,266</b>
# of Public schools operating as second shift for the school year 2015-2016 (Source: MEHE, November 2015)	<b>238</b>
Total Number of enrolled non-Lebanese in First Shift in 2015-2016 school year (Source: MEHE, November 2015)	<b>62,500</b>
Total Number of enrolled non-Lebanese in Second Shift in 2015-2016 school year (Source: MEHE, November 2015)	<b>92,595</b>
Total Number of enrolled Lebanese in 2015-2016 school year: (Source: MEHE, November 2015)	<b>196,000</b>