

Verification exercises for Syrian refugees continue in Jordan and Iraq

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The verification exercises in Jordan and Iraq are on-going. In Jordan, the urban verification exercise, which was launched in February 2015 by the Government of Jordan to re-register and verify all Syrians living outside of camps, continues. 183,520 Syrians have so far been registered by the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and provided with MoI service cards. As part of the urban verification exercise, Syrian refugees can request the return of their original identity documents, which had been kept by the authorities upon arrival in Jordan. 3RP partners, in close cooperation with the authorities, are helping facilitate the tracing of documents to be sent to police stations, from where refugees will be able to retrieve them. The handing of documents back to refugees started on 25 August in Mafrqa and will be rolled out soon to Amman and Irbid. In Iraq, the implementation of the verification and biometric registration work plan has been completed in camps while it continues in urban areas with the support of 3RP partners, including through mobile verification units. 25 per cent of the Syrian refugees still need to be verified. The exercise is expected to be finalized by end of October. Biometrics are used as a routine part of registration.

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) remains a protection concern that 3RP partners look to prevent and respond to in the region. In Egypt, three health awareness sessions were conducted with a total number of 168 participants. The sessions looked into the different types of SGBV and underlined the medical consequences of early marriage. The issue of early marriage was also the focus of an awareness campaign in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I).

The child protection sector continues to provide children with quality psychosocial support services (PSS). In Egypt, 64 children were provided with counselling sessions and 761 parents accessed community based child protection and psycho-social support through awareness raising sessions and psycho-drama programmes. In Jordan, 52 social workers, animators and volunteers from Zarqa and Karak-based non-governmental organizations (NGOs) participated in a five-day PSS-child protection in emergency workshops.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

While the conflict in Syria continues to cause loss of life, injury, destruction and displacement on a large scale, it is increasingly difficult for Syrians to find safety, including by seeking asylum. Many of those arriving in host countries in the region are increasingly vulnerable and many have been displaced multiple times prior to arriving.

International solidarity and burden-sharing with host countries are therefore ever more important to preserve protection space for refugees and ensure protection from refoulement. Access to registration, verification, including through the use of biometrics, and the renewal of documentation remain critical. These tools facilitate outreach to communities and, along with community-based protection processes, ensure that refugees' need for information and engagement - especially for those living outside of camps - is met.

Refugee children, including the more than 142,000 Syrian children who have been born in exile since the conflict began, require specific assistance, as do survivors of violence, including SGBV, which has been a persistent feature of the conflict which affects women, girls, boys and men in different ways.



Children in Basirra camp, Erbil Governorate, Iraq. ACF/Florian Serix

Sector Response Summary:



4,687,450 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end-2015
4,506,658 assisted in 2015



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,270,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2015
4,089,023 currently registered or awaiting registration



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.5 billion required in 2015 (Agencies)
USD 1.678 billion received in 2015



RESPONDING TO YOUTHS' NEEDS:

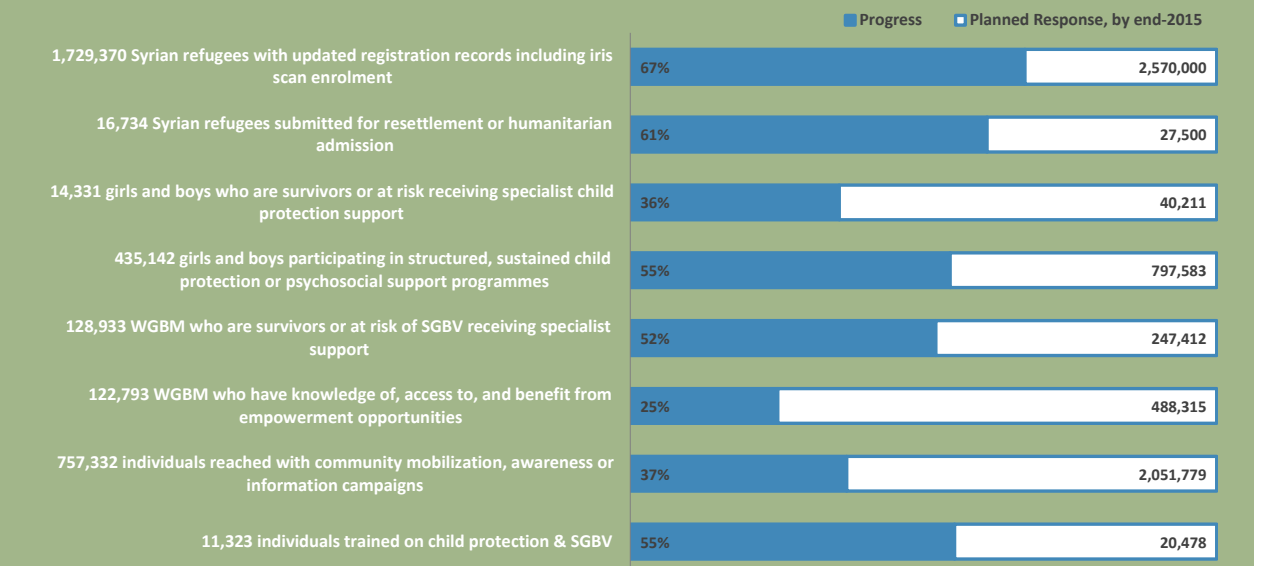
Displacement of Syrian refugee adolescents and young people has resulted in disruption of their personal networks, reduced education and employment opportunities, loss of livelihood, security and protection provided by the family and community as well as uncertainty and hopelessness. Young people are at risk of exploitation, sexual or physical violence and discrimination, child labour, child marriage and recruitment by armed groups or forces. Syrian young people have demonstrated extraordinary resourcefulness, determination and creativity in addressing the challenges that they and their families face. However, the capacities and positive contributions of Syrian refugee adolescents and youth are often unseen or overlooked. Most young refugees want to be given the opportunity to develop and contribute to their societies.

3RP partners support adolescents and youths by scaling up access to secondary and tertiary education (including formal and non-formal education such as accelerated learning programmes), advocating for civil engagement through the development of youth-led initiatives, mainstreaming adolescent and youth participation in the 3RP planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation, and building their resilience (including through vocational training and graduation models adapted to their specific needs).

Increased emphasis is given to creating synergies and linkages between child protection, education, SGBV and livelihoods interventions to ensure that an integrated approach to protecting adolescents and youths is implemented.

3RP partners' advocacy efforts aim at highlighting and building upon the capacities and contributions of adolescents and youths and bringing about more opportunities for them to fulfil their potential.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - AUGUST* 2015



*Note updated data not yet available for Turkey response for August 2015

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