

New survey shows Syrian refugees in Lebanon are most worried about security, the economy and legal papers

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

In Lebanon, progress in the livelihood sector has been concentrated on targeting 252 new vulnerable persons by enrolling them in rapid income generation activities. Two new villages have benefited from improved infrastructure activities. Significant improvement has been resulted in the number of individuals benefiting from market-based skills training (at least 30 per cent of them are women).

In Egypt, two exhibitions were carried out in Alexandria during the month of July. The first bazaar at the Engineers' Club from 27-28 July, where 12 grant recipients participated and displayed their products comprising Syrian food, accessories, clothes and foot wear. The second exhibition, Arkan Bazaar "Art without walls" for artistic works, took place at the Evangelical Church at El Manshia where seven refugees who are part of the graduation approach participated and displayed their products.

A new project started in Turkey in July, with a focus on three interlinked components: capacity building, improving the knowledge base, and local economic development. Together, these will provide the necessary groundwork and an enabling environment for extended technical support to medium- and long-term programmes, using the same components and drawing on wider communication and development partnership opportunities. A regional dialogue on labour impact of the Syrian crisis was also held in Istanbul at the end of July.

In Iraq this month, 56 Syrian refugees (34 male, 22 female) received in-kind grant packages to set up their small businesses, such as computer repair, photography, grocery, mobile phone repair, electrical installation, tailoring and clothes making, plumbing, children clothes retailing, and sweet making.

PERCEPTIONS OF SYRIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON:

The Institute of Political Sciences at the University of St Joseph, with the support of 3RP partners, has completed a survey on Perceptions of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon which found that Syrian refugees are most worried about security, the economy, and legal papers. Some 70 per cent said they don't have legal papers and the main reason for that is the difficulty to find a sponsor and pay the renewal fees.

On safety, 34 per cent of Syrians in Beirut do not feel safe, while 30 per cent in the North do not feel safe, 27 per cent in Bekka, 18 per cent in Mount Lebanon, and 13 per cent in the South. In addition, up to 91 per cent believe that legal papers impacts their safety.

When asked about services, 28 per cent said they don't have access to services and 27 per cent said that they have access "sometimes". Furthermore, 37 per cent said they are treated worse than others when accessing services.

See: <http://www.sciences-po.usj.edu.lb/pdf/Executive%20Summary.pdf>



Syrian women displaying their food under livelihood projects, Cairo, Egypt. UNHCR

Sector Response Summary:



369,452 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end-2015
29,315 assisted in 2015



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,270,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2015
4,006,382 currently registered or awaiting registration



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.5 billion required in 2015 (Agencies)
USD 1.384 billion received in 2015



ASSISTING VULNERABLE JORDANIAN YOUTH WITH EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT & BUSINESS SKILLS

An emergency employment project is being implemented in the six municipalities of Mafraq Governorate, where nearly 155,000 registered Syrian refugees (or 25 per cent of all registered Syrian refugees in Jordan) reside. The project is designed to bridge emergency employment and sustainable livelihoods creation, targeting vulnerable Jordanians in host communities.

A total of 250 vulnerable men and women in the municipality of Sama Sarhan in Mafraq started the four-month community voluntary initiatives with an incentive of 208 JD per month and a savings ratio of 50 percent with support from 3RP partners.

This process resulted in an increase in the beneficiary's household income by almost 54 percent which ensures their food security and prevents negative coping mechanisms. Under the community voluntary initiatives, beneficiaries identify, design and implement activities that directly benefit their communities. For example, the beneficiaries rehabilitated archeological sites and schools, as well as hosted child-friendly events to promote key messages of health, hygiene, and safety for children during summer break.

The participants will complete the community voluntary activities in October and will undergo training to build their life skills and basic business skills to expertise in establishing and running micro-businesses. Once they complete the training, the participants are encouraged to submit a business plan individually or collectively, to be financed by 3RP partners through multiplying the savings accumulated during the voluntary service activities.

The project provides advisory and mentoring services (accounting, legal, marketing, etc.), as well as market development (value chain development, cooperative development and cooperative support etc.) in order to ensure the sustainability of established micro-businesses and to promote its socio-economic impacts on improving the standards of living of people in the host communities.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - JULY 2015

■ Progress ■ Planned Response, by end-2015

10,933 individuals assisted to access wage employment opportunities



158 community support projects implemented



18,382 people trained or provided with marketable skills and services



These dashboards reflect the achievements of the more than 200 partners, including governments, UN Agencies, and NGOs, involved in the 3RP response in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Targets are based on full funding of the 3RP and an expected 4.27 million refugees by end-2015. All data on this Dashboard is current as of 31 July 2015.