



### 27,355 consultations are provided to the Syrian Refugees in primary health care services

#### MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The preparation of the national cholera preparedness plan continues. WHO engaged a team of experts to conduct risk assessments in selected refugee and IDP camps to support the development of specific actions per governorate.
- Action plans implemented jointly by health, WASH and camp management partners to reduce scabies have significantly reduced the number of cases in all camps, only 2 camps reported new cases in the month of May.
- PU-AMI provided furniture to 49 urban health centres in Duhok governorate.
- UNFPAs partner Al Masella conducted awareness raising sessions on reproductive health and GBV mitigation measures for 515 women in refugee camps in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah.
- UPP expanded its reproductive health programme covering urban areas in Erbil governorate and 2 refugee camps. Activities are conducted in primary health centres in cooperation with DoH or in women friendly spaces.

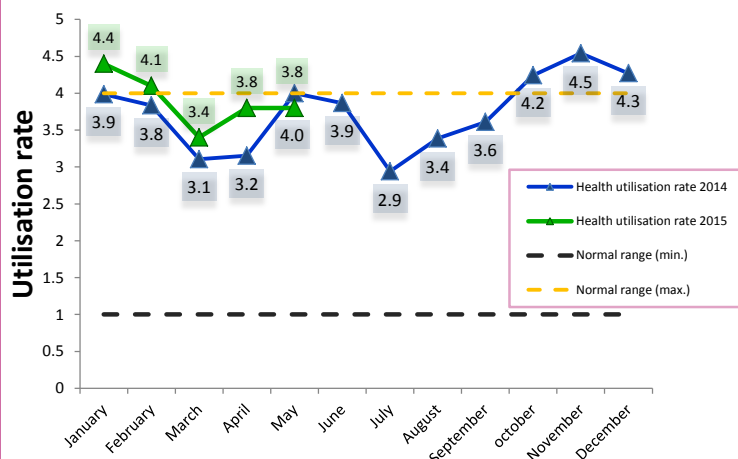


Awareness sessions for 200 Syrian refugee children, school in Waar city, Duhok. PU-AMI.

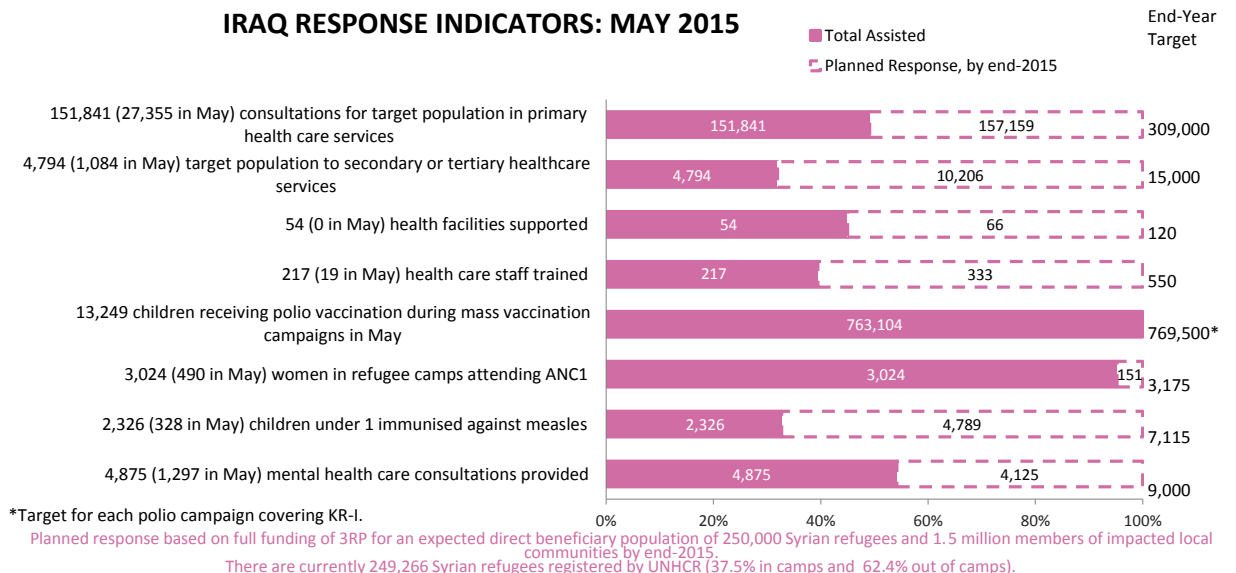
#### NEEDS ANALYSIS:

- Continued support for health care services provided by the Ministry of Health and humanitarian actors is a key priority to prevent excess morbidity and mortality among the displaced Syrian populations.
- With the onset of summer, control of communicable diseases needs to be strengthened further in close cooperation with other sectors.
- Access to health care services for non-camp populations needs to be further strengthened. Drug shortages remain a key concern in public health facilities. Lack of awareness on available health services and insufficient health knowledge impact health seeking behaviour.
- Access to mental health and psychosocial care services remains an area in need of further support for both camp and urban refugee populations.

#### Monthly health care utilisation rates 2014/ 2015



#### IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: MAY 2015



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