

More than 700,000 targeted children have been enrolled in formal education across the region

HIGHLIGHTS:

In Lebanon, preparations continued for the Back-to-School Initiative to be launched in September. The outreach and capacity mapping initiated in June was finalized and all areas in Lebanon are now covered by at least one partner committed to outreach. In total 34 partners have made a commitment to refer children in their area to formal public education for the school year 2016/2017. For the new school year, 330 schools will open for second shift classes. This is a significant increase compared to the 238 schools last year.

In Jordan, sector Partners conducted Learning for All/back to school campaign across the country to encourage the enrolment of children in formal schools for certified education programmes. In Irbid, eleven newly constructed classrooms in two schools increased the number of school places in the double shift schools by 680 learning spaces. 1,500 students applied for the DAFI higher education scholarship.

In Iraq, refugee summer school activities are being conducted, including catch-up classes, sports competitions, art and drama. At the same time and in preparation for the upcoming school year, a Back-to-School campaign including banners, radio and social media messaging is being implemented. 6,240 children aged 3 to 17 years have been newly enrolled in non-formal education, which during the summer school break includes catch-up classes and English and Kurdish language classes, life-skills education and recreational activities.

In Egypt, 3RP Partners continued the registration interviews for education grants of students enrolling for 2016/2017 academic year. In August, a total of 9,278 students have successfully been registered, raising the number since the end of May to a total number of 25,041 students registered.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

3RP partners in 2016 have prioritized school age children who are out-of-school and those who receive poor quality education services. In July 2016, 861,000 (52%) per cent of school-age Syrian children are out of school, representing a 24 per cent increase from the November 2015 figure of 694,000 children during the London conference.

The increase in refugee children in Turkey and lower access to regulated non-formal education (NFE) in Lebanon largely explain the increase in the number and percentage of out-of-school children.

The London Conference emphasized the need for key shifts in policy environments in the five host countries. Amongst these, the need for coherent, cost effective, quality and coordinated NFE provision was highlighted.

Strengthening education systems is a core component of the refugee education response as it allows education systems to better respond to the increased needs of Syrian and host communities children.



Zaatari Syrian refugee girls gather for a meeting of TIGER (These Inspiring Girls Enjoy Reading) programme which targets refugee girls who have dropped out of school, or who are at risk of dropping out of school. UNHCR/Charlie Dunmore

Sector Response Summary:



2,506,900 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016
893,400 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,687,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
4,770,400 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.54 billion required in 2016
USD 2.16 billion received in 2016



JORDAN COMMITS TO PROVIDE EDUCATION TO EVERY CHILD

The Government of Jordan has reaffirmed its commitment made at the Supporting Syria and the Region Conference in London earlier this year, to educate every child in Jordan in the 2016-2017 school year.

"The fundamental right of every child is the right to education, after the right to life. We have opened our school doors to Syrian children as well as all other (children) living on the soil of Jordan regardless of their nationality or reasons why they are in Jordan," said the Minister of Education and Deputy Prime Minister Prof. Mohammad Theibat, during a preparatory workshop for the new school year attended by officials from education directorates from all parts of the country.

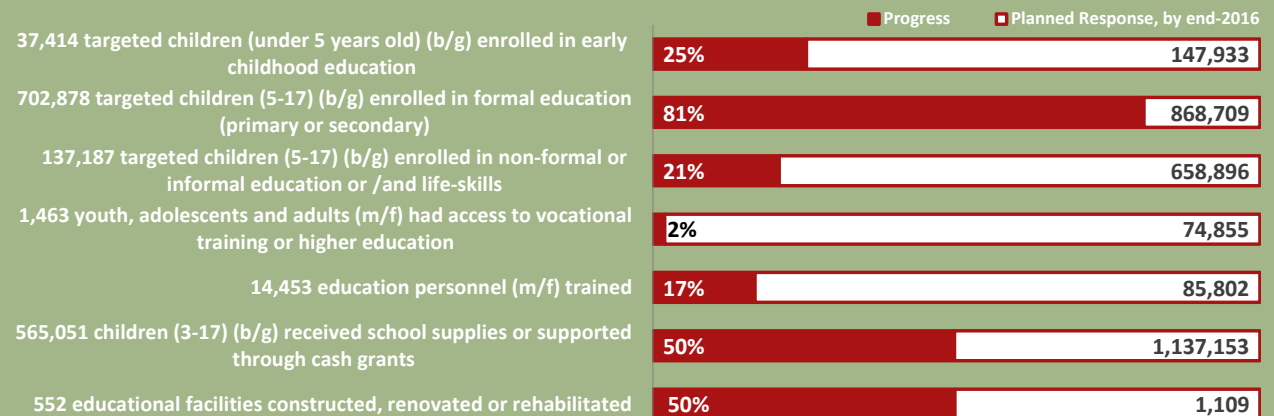
"Our aim is zero children out of school in Jordan. Jordan is completely committed to this. It is our national duty," Minister Theibat added.

To accommodate as many children as possible, the Ministry of Education is opening an additional 102 schools that will work in morning and afternoon shifts, bringing the total to 200 schools operating double shifts. In addition, children who have missed more than three years of schooling will be able to register for 'catch-up' classes, to accelerate their learning and help them enroll in class.

3RP Partners are complementing the massive effort and commitment of the Government of Jordan by backing a nationwide school enrolment campaign, called Learning for All - Back-to-School, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Education and civil society partners targeting 200,000 community members, including families, caregivers and children.

For more information, please click [here](#).

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - AUGUST 2016*



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. Progress and targets may change in line with data revisions. All data on this Dashboard is current as at 31 August 2016.

* Progress data not yet received for Turkey in August 2016