

The number of Syrian refugees in the region rose to over 5.5 million at the end of December 2017. There are now over 3.4 million Syrian refugees registered in Turkey, almost 1 million in Lebanon, over 657,000 in Jordan, over 246,700 in Iraq and above 127,000 in Egypt, indicating the generosity of host countries across the region. Highlights of the Protection Sector across the region in December include:

In **Turkey**, to facilitate meaningful access to justice, sector efforts focused on capacity and coordination support with the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and Court personnel. Over 250 judges of administrative, civil and criminal courts benefited from international refugee law trainings and more than 125 staff of the MoJ participated in workshops on international refugee law. In **Egypt**, partners continue to provide legal assistance for birth registration, marriage authentication, divorce and acquisition of Egyptian nationality. However, an increase in assistance demands has been noted in respect of authentication of marriage or divorce certificates issued in Syria, legalizing customary marriages or divorce instances occurred in Egypt and representation before judicial authorities. In **Iraq**, almost 11,500 individuals were reached with SGBV awareness raising activities in December 2017. In **Jordan**, the Durable Solutions Technical Group, recently established under the Protection Working Group to address working-level issues related to returns, resettlement, integration and complementary pathways, provided a durable solutions training to partners. In **Lebanon**, the final report of the [Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon](#) (VASyR) was published in December 2017. The 2017 VASyR is the fifth annual survey assessing the situation of a representative sample of registered Syrian refugee households in Lebanon to identify situational changes and trends. The figures quoted throughout these dashboards for concerning the vulnerability of Syrian refugees in Lebanon are taken from this assessment.

