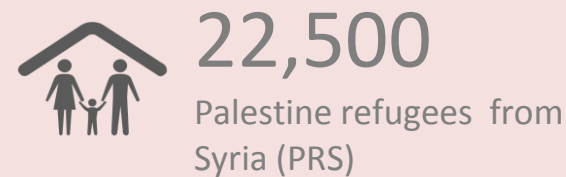
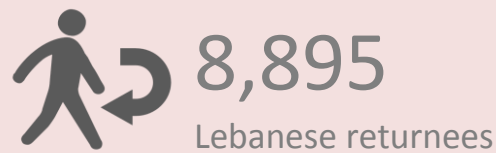


TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



NEEDS

As the 2013/2014 school year begins, there are approximately 280,000 Syrian 3-18 year old refugee children registered with UNHCR in Lebanon, and 20,000 Palestine children from Syria. Based on current projections, some 693,000 children (Syrians, Lebanese Returnees and Palestine children from Syria) are out of school and will be in need of schooling by the end of 2014.

Enrolment and school retention among Syrians is critically low, 80% of refugee children do not attend school. Common barriers include costs of transportation and tuition fees which can be excessive for refugee families with limited resources. Language barriers and safety concerns of Syrian parents contribute to a high drop-out rate among refugee children. However, the biggest challenge in providing education for refugee children is the lack of space in public schools.

The capacity of the Lebanese public education system is severely stretched by increasing demand from refugee children. The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) has indicated that only 85,000 refugee children can be accommodated in the public school system meaning that some 500,000 Syrian children will need to access education outside the formal public system, or face limited future prospects and increased exposure to protection risks.

Providing children with formal education that will pass equivalency processes in other countries is a priority but given the overwhelming numbers of out of school children, partners will not be able to ensure formal education places for all children. Partners will deliver non-formal education interventions to ensure that out-of-school children access protective, safe environments where

OBJECTIVE

Children have access to quality education

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS

- 1 Children have access to inclusive education
- 2 Schools are safe and protective environments
- 3 Youth have access to appropriate learning

KEY NOVEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

- 135,000 children and 6,700 teachers received teaching and learning materials
- MEHE, the UN and partners started opening second shifts in public schools to accommodate additional refugee children
- Non-formal education initiatives were scaled up to accommodate those children not absorbed in the public school system
- Partners made preparations for a Regional Conference on Education to be held in December hosting ministry officials from all 5 countries hosting refugees from Syria,

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

165,932 children reached with the following education services:

-  121,193 children enrolled in formal education
-  44,739 children enrolled in non-formal education
-  73,000 children participated in recreational activities
-  66,600 children received psycho-social support
-  2,714 teachers trained
-  360 (20)schools received fuel for heating
-  5 schools rehabilitated, including WASH facilities
-  11,100 children reached with health services in schools

\* Numbers refer to all population categories supported by responding agencies

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