



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



272,780

Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)



14,826

Persons unwilling to register



110,724

Affected Lebanese



8,895

Lebanese returnees



22,500

Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)



188 million

USD required (GoI Included)

NEEDS

As the 2013/2014 school year begins, there are approximately 280,000 3-18 year old Syrian refugee children registered with UNHCR in Lebanon, and 20,000 Palestine refugee children from Syria.

Enrolment and school retention among Syrians is critically low, 80% of refugee children do not attend school. Common impediments 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 barrier to schooling is the lack of space in public schools.

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) has indicated that just 85,000 Syrian refugee children can be accommodated in the public school system meaning that two-thirds of registered Syrian refugee 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 numbers of out of school children, partners will not be able to ensure formal education places for everyone. Partners will deliver non-formal education interventions to ensure that out-of-school children access protective, safe environments where they are where they are given an opportunity to learn and develop.

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 DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

- School enrolment by December 2013 was 121,193 for all RRP population groups
- Enrolment in non-formal education was 44,739 for all RRP population groups
- Second shifts have started opening, currently 55 schools out of 89 are operational
- In December a regional education conference was organized attended by Ministry of Education officials, UN and NGOs from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey.

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



73,629 children participated in recreational activities



66,604 children received psycho-social support



2,714 teachers trained



360 schools received fuel for heating



74 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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