

REGIONAL OVERVIEW: RRP5 Update - December 2013 EDUCATION



TARGETS



627,500

supported to access primary and secondary education



14,500

receive vocational or adult training



1,200

teachers supported to provide child centered education practices



3,000

children assisted to have access to kindergartens



420

schools supported to absorb enrolment



264 million

USD required

NEEDS

The number of school age children has exceeded 1 million as of the end of August 2013 and, though estimates vary, the number of school-age Syrian refugee children not enrolled or attending school could be over 50 per cent.

A key objective of the Education Sector is to promote and facilitate access to primary education and, where necessary, directly provide education including in camp settings. Efforts are made to support national education systems to accommodate refugee children, including through support to teachers, classrooms and school buildings. Education is also an entry point to provide child-centred support and a mechanism to address the scars of war in traumatized children and adolescents.

The special needs of children are difficult to address, either through mainstreaming or special services, especially in contexts where special needs children are often overlooked in the country context. Nonetheless, efforts are being made to identify and adequately and sustainably respond to the special needs children in inclusive educational environments.

KEY DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

In **Lebanon**, formal school enrolment by December 2013 was 121,193 for all RRP population groups, while enrolment in non-formal education was 44,739. Second shifts have started opening, and 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.

In **Turkey**, a ground-breaking ceremony took place for the first school to be built in a non-camp setting for Syrian children in Kilis. The building of the 12-classroom school will be supported by BPRM, and will enable 1,100 refugee children living in Kilis town to attend school (with support from UNICEF). UNHCR delivered 159,262 stationary kits to support vocational training centres and educational activities in the camps.

In **Iraq**, students shifted from tented basic schools to newly constructed schools in Darashakran, Kawgask and Basrma camps. UNESCO supported the International Rescue Committee to complete the construction of one secondary school in Domiz camp, while UNHCR completed Quick Impact Projects (expansion, prefab classes and school uniforms) to benefit students in 34 schools in the community.

In **Egypt**, to solve the problem of passing exams without the required documentation and a valid residency, UNHCR agreed with the Ministry of Education allowing students who do not have residency permit to still conduct their midterm exams on the condition that the result of the exams will be held until the parents finalize the process of acquiring the residency.

In **Jordan**, 208 public schools have been supported this year to increase learning space through double-shifting, refurbishment, and prefab classrooms. 108,046 Syrian children are registered in public schools in both host communities and in camps, while 133,700 vulnerable Syrian and Jordanian children in host communities and camps received education supplies during the year.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013



314,868 students were enrolled in formal education



78,000 children were accessing non-formal and informal education



73,794 children received psycho-social support and participated in structured recreation activities



390,755 children received education supplies, grants and other support to participate in school



839 educational facilities assisted and supported



8,904 teachers and other support staff trained in education

Age and gender breakdown of Syrian population

