

KEY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH

Enrolment in public schools has closed and **89,299** Syrian children are enrolled

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

The Ministry of Education issued an official statement that up to 50% of the student population in the first shift can be Syrian, this greatly increased the absorption capacity of the public schools allowing more children to enrol in school.

In January enrolment in the first and second shift of the government schools closed and close to 90,000 Syrian children have registered in the public schools.

An important step toward defining the strategic direction of the sector in providing non-formal education options to refugee children was taken when the education sector partners came together in a workshop to define and harmonize alternative programs for children not accessing the formal school system.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

As enrolment in the 2013/2014 school year comes to an end it is reported that 121,000 children between the ages of 3-18 have been supported to enroll in formal schools. This includes Syrian children, Palestine children from Syria and vulnerable Lebanese children. An additional 45,000 have been enrolled in non-formal education programs.

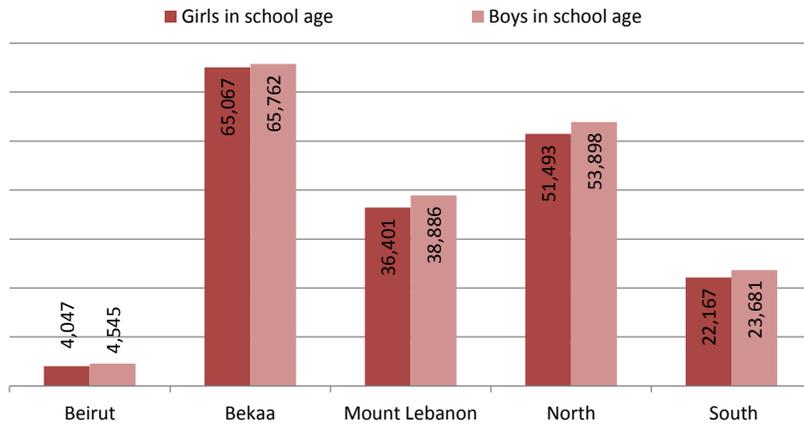
Based on current registration data there are a total of 462,000 children in need of support to enrol in learning opportunities, this includes 394,000 Syrian, 21,000 Palestinian, 7,000 Lebanese returnees and 40,000 vulnerable Lebanese children. This means that approximately 296,000 children between the ages of 3 and 18 have not accessed learning opportunities.

Common barriers to education 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. 90,000 refugee children have enrolled in the public school system.

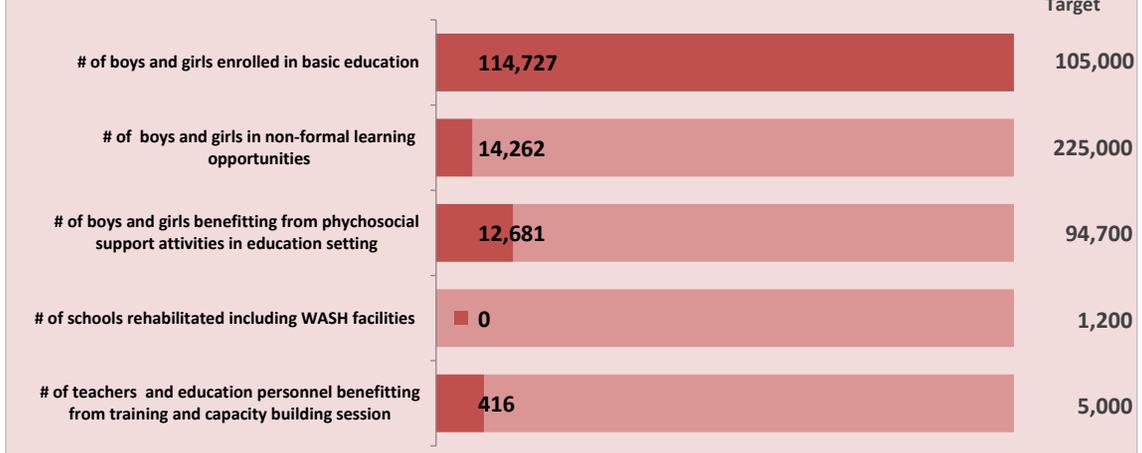
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No. of Syrian registered children in school age



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