



## KEY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH

**36 CSPs** were completed.  
**1,578** individuals received vocational training.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

Activities in the sector have accelerated, particularly regarding the CSPs. 36 such projects were completed in one month, benefitting 92,030 Lebanese and 67,686 Syrian refugees. The funds invested in communities through these projects amount to just over US\$1 million.

Some 290 youth and 40 local leaders were also trained on addressing misperception and mitigating conflicts.

With regard to livelihood activities, 909 Syrian refugees, 651 Lebanese and 18 Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS) benefitted from vocational and life skills trainings. A further 447 Syrians, 36 Lebanese returnees, 19 PRS and 448 affected Lebanese benefitted from income generation opportunities.



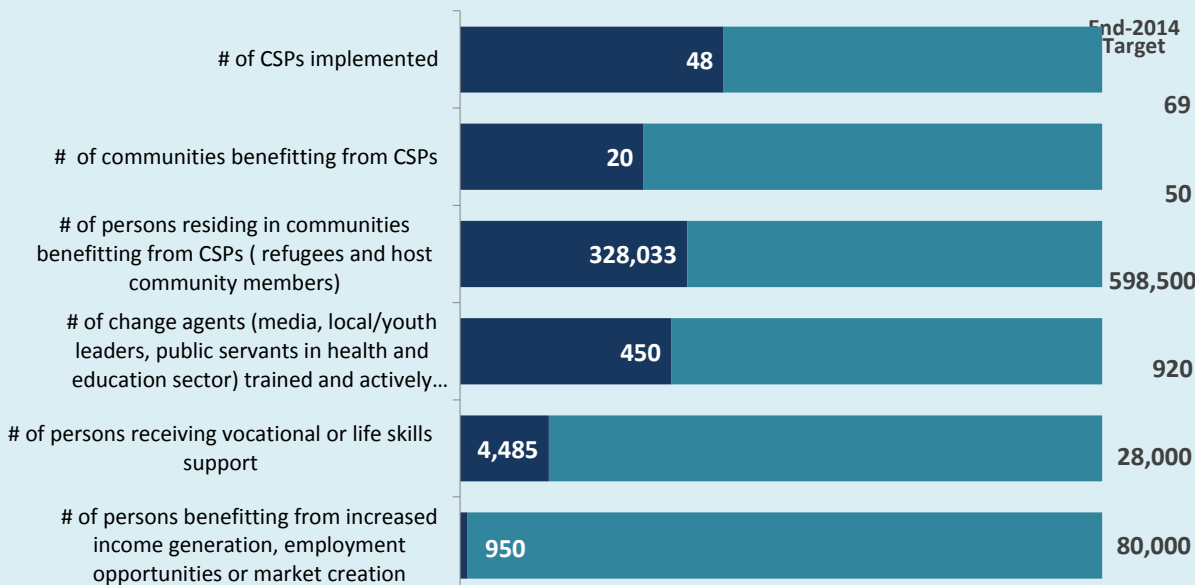
Community Support Initiative for girls

## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Consultations with refugees showed that women, children and youth continued to report instances of physical violence, aggression and harassment by local community members, especially in Mount Lebanon and the North. Refugees attributed this to the competition over jobs and a lack of understanding of refugee issues. A recent study by Search for Common Ground confirmed that the main cause of tension is the growing lack of employment opportunities for both communities as well as housing shortages and increase in rent. These economic pressures, coupled with polarised political views are key triggers of friction. Yet, both communities are conflict averse and recognise the potential role of mediation as a conflict resolution mechanism. This underlines the urgency of addressing threatened livelihoods while establishing dialogue to debunk rumours and break down stereotypes - and scaling up support for host communities.

Livelihood activities were scaled up in February. In March and April, increased efforts will be made to map the various livelihood activities per Governorate and under other sectors. This is necessary to set standards for the different types of interventions such as vocational training and CFW; to harmonize reporting and to identify the needs in the sector.

## PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



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