



REFUGEE POPULATION IN JORDAN



FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Legal assistance: A working session was held with legal service providers working with Syrian refugees to address legal challenges and propose legal remedies. Topics discussed included registering children born out of wedlock, documentation of marriages and divorces, juvenile justice cases and early marriages. A follow-up meeting with Government officials will be scheduled based upon the recommendations of the meeting.

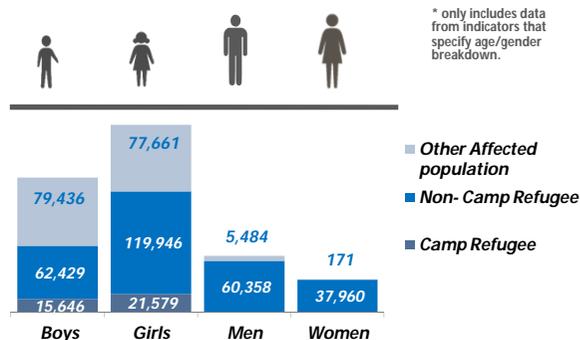
Birth registration: As part of the ongoing birth registration campaign, 400 birth certificates were issued to Syrian children in February 2014 based upon UNHCR's advocacy with the Civil Status Department regarding the waiver of certain requirements for birth registration, including documentary requirements and fines for late registration of births.

Zaatari Safety Audit report: The SGBV Sub-Working Group in Zaatari shared the results of the second safety audit conducted in the camp. The safety audit assessed and identified risks geographically within the camp and per service/sector (the reception area, distribution areas and WASH facilities primarily), and provided information about the particular vulnerability of women, girls, men and boys in relation to identified risks. Analysis of the findings were shared with the Camp

PROTECTION SECTOR OBJECTIVES

1. Refugees fleeing Syria are able to access the territory, to seek asylum and their rights are respected.
2. Community empowerment, engagement, outreach and self-reliance is strengthened and expanded, and women, girls, boys and men are engaged in the planning, implementation and evaluation of services.
3. The risks and consequences of SGBV experienced by women, girls, boys and men are reduced and/or mitigated, and the quality of response is improved.
4. Emergency CP interventions for boys and girls are strengthened and harmonized.
5. Durable and protection solutions are made available to refugees from Syria.

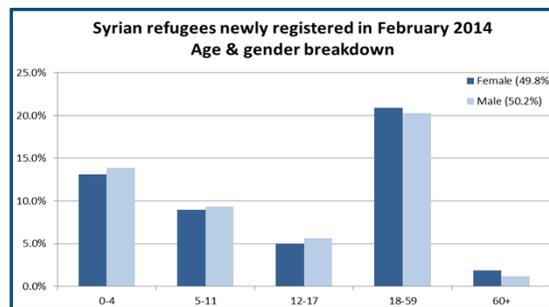
POPULATION ASSISTED BY PROTECTION SECTOR IN FEBRUARY



* only includes data from indicators that specify age/gender breakdown.



Inter-agency CP/SGBV awareness-raising campaign poster



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

MHPSS

In February, an MHPSS assessment was conducted in Amman, Ramtha, Irbid, Mafraq and Zaatari camp by IMC,WHO, MOH and EMPHNET.

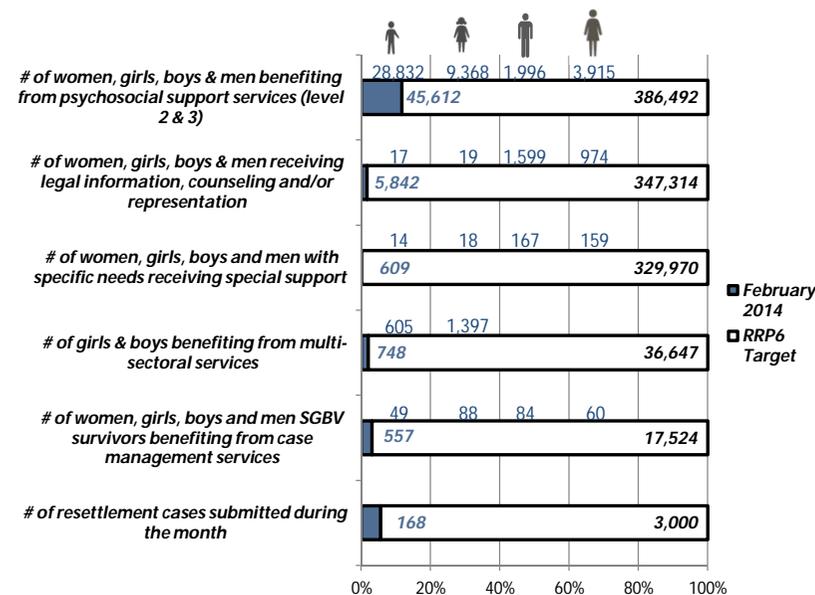
Main findings:

- Reported mental health problems included distress, fear, anger, disinterest, hopelessness, sadness, excessive nervousness and social isolation.
- 18.8% felt a difficulty or inability to carry out essential activities for daily living because of feelings of fear, anger, fatigue, disinterest, hopelessness or distress.
- Coping strategies reported to deal with the expressed MHPSS problems included: doing nothing (41%), socializing (15%), praying (13%), fighting or getting angry (11%), crying (6%), walking out (5%), sleeping (5%) and smoking (3%).
- A need for counseling or psychological support services was reported by 13% of respondents.

Main recommendations:

- Advocacy for MHPSS programming and early detection and screening of MHPSS conditions.
- Strengthen outreach, community awareness and referrals for MHPSS.
- Support community-based interventions that promote resilience, skill building, increased functioning and sense of productivity, and social support.
- Support MHPSS interventions that promote adaptive coping strategies, stress reduction and effective management of anger and frustration.
- Support interventions to address MHPSS concerns in children.
- Incorporate MHPSS considerations in multi-sectoral planning and programming, by mainstreaming these considerations in the health, protection, education and other

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS



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