



5 out of 10 planned schools completed.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Significant progress has been made in the construction of prefabricated schools, in line with the protocol signed in March 2014 between UNICEF and AFAD. By the end of April, the construction of 5 out of 10 schools had been completed. Schools located in Viransehir, Midyat, and Nusaybin camps and urban areas in Sanliurfa and Osmaniye were handed over to the authorities. Construction of the remaining schools in Adiyaman and Malatya camps and Nizip town is underway; construction of the remaining two schools has not yet started. Through the second phase of the project, UNICEF will support the construction of an additional 13 schools located in 9 provinces in Turkey. According to AFAD officials, construction of these will begin no later than late May.

Aside from schools constructed according to the March agreement, UNICEF, in collaboration with the Kilis Provincial Governorate, is close to completing the construction of a school for Syrian children living outside of camps in Kilis province. An inauguration ceremony will be held in May 2014, with representation from AFAD, the governorate and UNICEF.

In April, the second round of teacher training sessions for Syrian volunteer teachers began in Adana, Osmaniye, Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis Elbeyli, Kilis Oncupinar, Nusaybin and Midyat. A total of 1,761 teachers were trained in April. Teacher incentives are also distributed through the sessions. UNICEF is developing a mechanism for longer term support in the form of incentives to ensure that all Syrian volunteer teachers (both in camp and non-camp settings) receive some kind of incentive on a regular basis, not just during training programs.

With support from IOM, transport assistance continued to be provided to 778 children in Sanliurfa province. Children attend school 5 days per week in two shifts (from 08:00 to 12:00 and from 12:30 to 16:30). Contingent on the availability of funds, IOM is planning to expand this service to other provinces. In early April, IOM met with teachers, parents, school children and drivers and were informed that the system was running smoothly. Parents noted their appreciation and were pleased with the service, which allowed their children to attend school regularly and safely.



Refugee children assisted with transport to school in Urfa/IOM 2014

The Government of Turkey takes the lead role for determining and implementing assistance provided to Syrian refugees, through the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD). AFAD reports spending 3 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

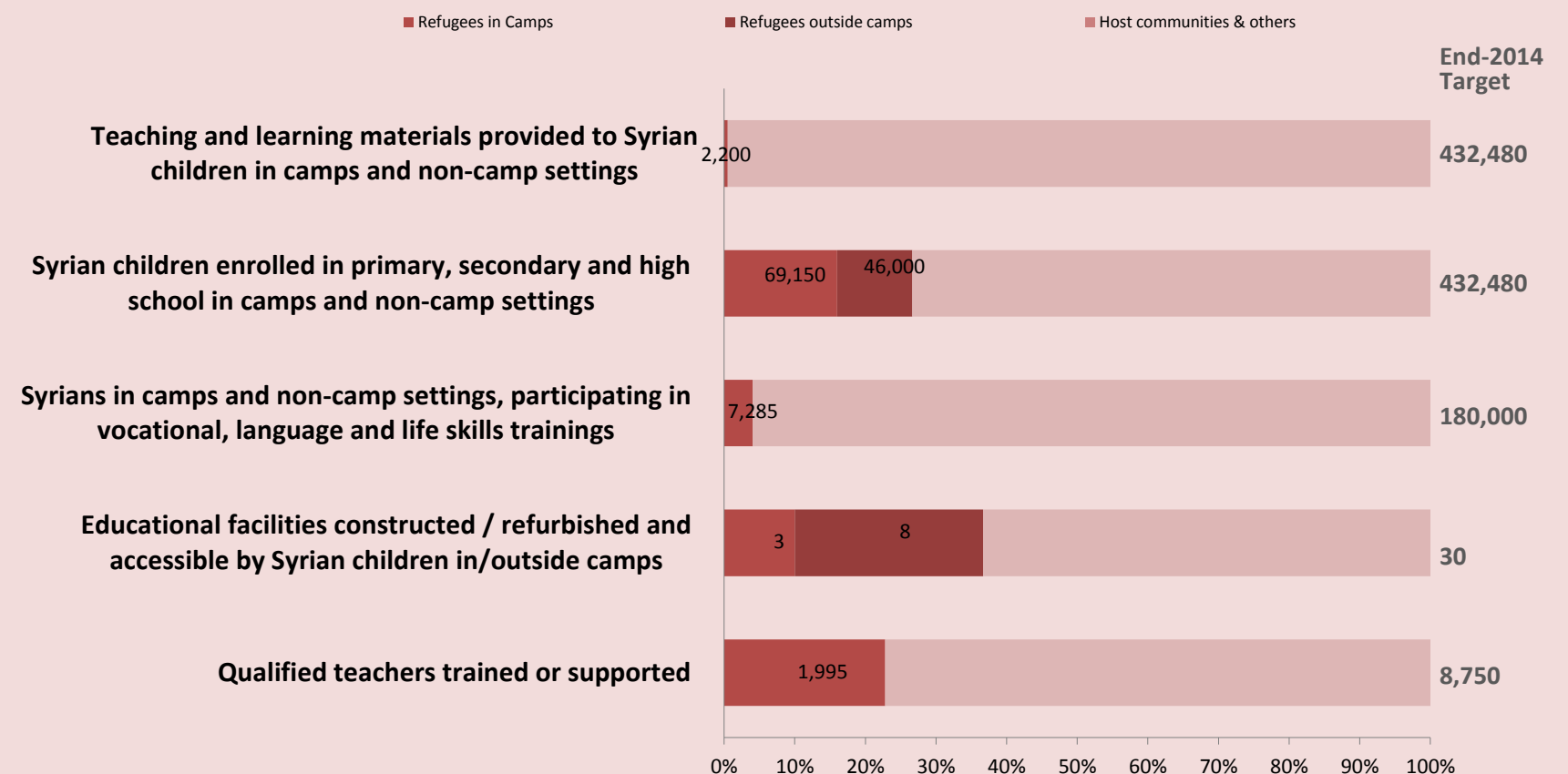
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

53% of the population are children (0-18 years) and of that 65% is expected to be of school-age (6-17 years), and 15% are pre-school age (3-5 years).

Key priorities in the education sector include:

- Cash support for the most vulnerable families in non-camp settings, to encourage school attendance and to discourage parents from sending their children to work.
- Opportunities for vocational training and extra-curricular activities to be expanded.
- Provision of learning materials to all students.
- Campaigns and targeted community-based activities to promote school enrolment, attendance, and retention, in camps and non-camp settings.
- Recreational activities to address and alleviate the impact of war, including Child Friendly Spaces.
- Work together with municipalities and governorates to provide adequate WASH facilities in all refurbished schools and pre-fabricated schools.
- Provision of school-feeding in schools in non-camp settings and setting up a system to provide cash support to the most vulnerable families.
- Provision of transportation for children from camps to schools and for children in host communities.
- Provision of periodic, relevant and structured training for teachers and teaching personnel.
- Support NGOs to expand Child Friendly Spaces in municipalities hosting Syrian refugees.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 1,000,000 Syrian refugees in Turkey by end-2014. There are currently 735,864 registered refugees in Turkey.



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