



Back to school kits provided for 21 camp and 5 host community schools.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

Ahead of the start of the 2014/2015 school year, the Ministry of National Education is engaged in a process of reviewing existing policies regarding access to education by foreign students and is drafting a circular will provide greater clarity on the status of refugee students, and those under temporary protection. UNCHR and UNICEF have participated in consultative meetings held by the Ministry of National Education (MoNE) on the draft circular. It is anticipated that the new circular will adress a number of issues that have arisen during the Syria refugee response, including the status of informal schools providing instruction in Arabic, management of volunteer teachers in camp and urban schools and administrative provisions governing access to the national education system.

UNICEF is working closely with the Ministry of National Education to develop an education management information system for foreign students that will allow registration by students who have not been issued with foreigner ID numbers. This will remove one of the administrative barriers which existed to enrolment in the national system. The new management information system will support more effective information management on students in temporary education centres (urban schools established for Syrian refugees).

UNICEF, MONE, AFAD and PTT are finalizing a protocol on the provision of teacher incentives for volunteer teachers in camps and some host community schools. The protocol is expected to be signed in the first half of September.

As part of the Back to School campaign, UNICEF has provided 97,950 school bags and stationery kits to 21 camp and 5 host community schools, to be distributed at the beginning of the school year.

UNICEF is currently establishing library facilities (books, computers, furniture and containers, if required) to ensure that all schools in camps have a space for children to read and learn.

UNICEF in partnership with AFAD has begun the second phase of the school building project, with UNICEF to provide funding for the construction of 13 schools located in 9 provinces. Schools will be constructed in urban areas in the following provinces: Adana, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaras, Kilis, Mardin, Mersin, Osmaniye and Sanliurfa. Prefabricated schools will also be built in camps in Islahiye and Sanliurfa.



Syrian student in UNICEF school in Islahiye camp, Gaziantep- UNICEF 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 3,5 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

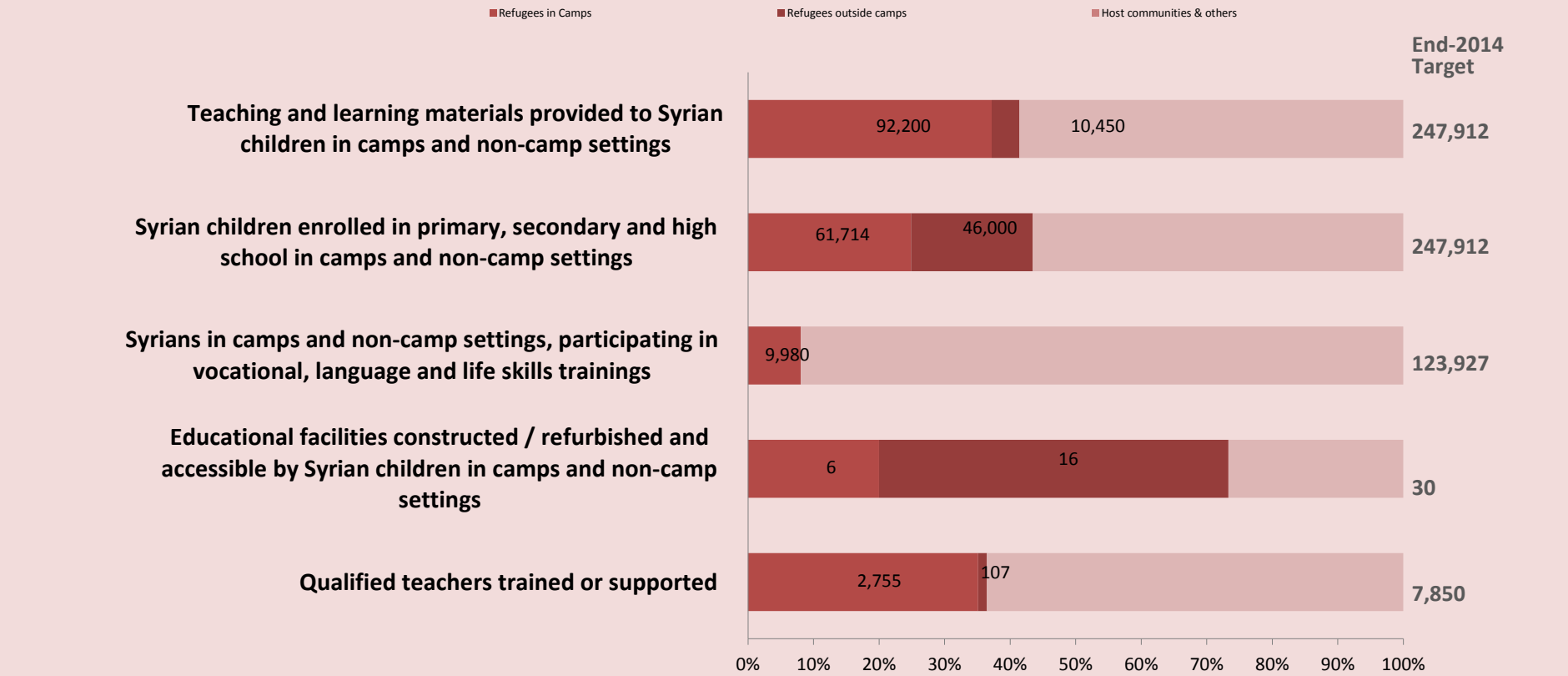
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

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.

* Needs analysis are based on the RRP6 analysis made at the end of 2013.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 1,000,000 Syrian refugees in Turkey by end-2014. Currently (as end of August), there are 839,905 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey and the government estimates a total of over 1.5 million Syrian refugees.



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