



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MONTH

- 14 community mechanisms established;
- 1026 beneficiaries of Livelihoods activities

HIGHLIGHTS:

Over 1,000 new individuals benefited from livelihoods activities in the month of September. This includes 341 beneficiaries of income-generating initiatives and 685 new participants in vocational training initiatives.

On the social cohesion side, 14 new community participatory mechanisms were established, involving 222 new change agents, mostly youth (74) and Lebanese community leaders (77) who are now engaged to play a positive role and mitigate tensions and misperception at the community level. UNDP established local groups and trained them on conflict analysis and resolution in Halba, Akroum, and Zahle, and Mercy Corps in Zgharta and Hermel. 9 additional participatory mechanisms were established by RET through its activities in Social Development Centres and resulted in the implementation of 9 quick impact projects by active youth. 79 of the most vulnerable communities now benefit from a participatory or conflict mitigation mechanism to facilitate dialogue and mitigate tensions.

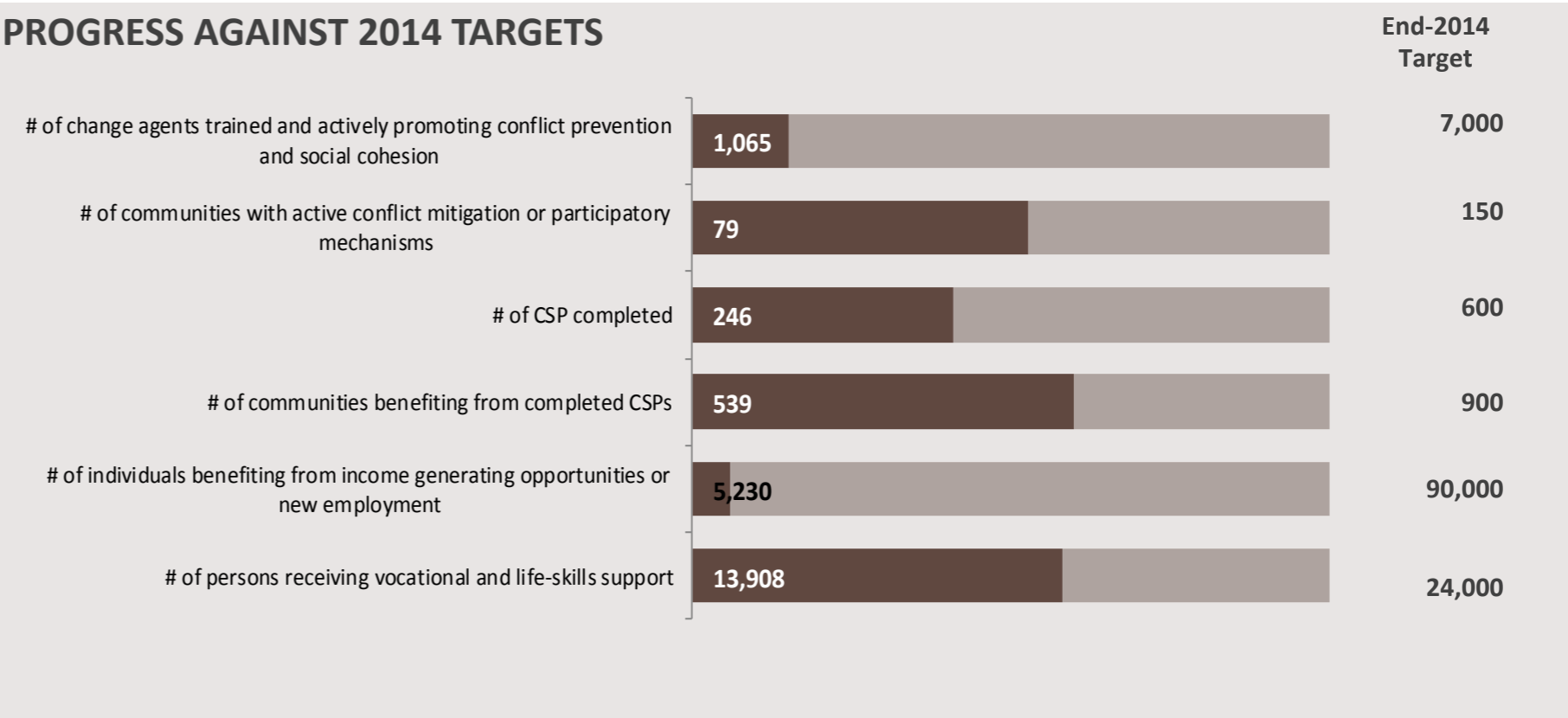


NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Sector activities for this month are already starting to reflect the foreseen shift for both the livelihoods and the social cohesion strategies under the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan for 2015. UNIDO launched this month its community empowerment and livelihoods enhancement project, aiming at supporting the manufacturing capacities for Small and Medium Enterprises and Cooperatives. Support to SMEs and cooperatives will be one of the pillars of the livelihoods strategy for 2015.

For social cohesion, a key focus for next year will be on building the capacity of municipalities to identify and address priority needs of their communities. Solid groundwork has already been established this year. In addition to the 79 participatory mechanisms already established, the Ministry of Social Affairs has endorsed UNDP's 'Maps of Risks and Resources Methodology' and will lead its implementation in 100 more municipalities by the end of the year. As a result of the process, each of these municipalities will establish a multi-sectoral action plan identifying priority needs and sources of tensions.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



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