



Provincial planning meetings held to increase access to education for refugees.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Increasing access to education is a priority for both UN agencies and the Ministry of National Education (MoNE). In order to plan effectively for this, the UNICEF Turkey Country Office has been working closely with MoNE and has hosted several meetings with provincial directorates of education to examine ways in which more Syrian refugee children can be enrolled in schools and temporary education centres. These provincial workshops have also been attended by UN agencies and local and international NGOs working in each province. In addition to discussing the implementation of the recent circular on foreigners' access to education, barriers to accessing education were also raised and ways of addressing them considered. The intention is that these workshops will support the development of provincial action plans to increase access to education by Syrian refugees. During November, workshops were held in Gaziantep and Sanliurfa, and additional workshops are planned for other provinces hosting large numbers of refugees.

One of the strategies for increasing access to education is to increase the number of temporary education centres for Syrian refugee children. UNICEF, in co-operation with AFAD, is supporting the construction of 13 prefabricated schools. A total of six schools have been completed. A further three schools will become operational once landscaping work has been completed.

UNICEF continues to support temporary education centres (schools) in host communities through providing them with furniture and core supplies. During November, 1200 stationery sets were provided to an urban education centre in Adana and furniture was provided for a building provided by the Kilis Governorate for educational activities. Early Childhood Development kits were provided to pre-schools and Child Friendly Spaces in camps. UNHCR finalized an agreement for the provision of supplementary teaching and learning support materials for temporary education centres in both camps and urban areas. This programme will provide each school with charts, maps, models and mathematics manipulatives. The materials will assist with the teaching of Arabic and Turkish literacy and mathematics in primary schools, and science, biology and geography in secondary schools.

IOM continues to provide daily transport for 3,849 children in Sanliurfa and Mersin. With UNHCR, they also provided school transportation for 421 children living in urban areas in and around Malatya.



Syrian students in Osmaniye host community school / 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 4 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

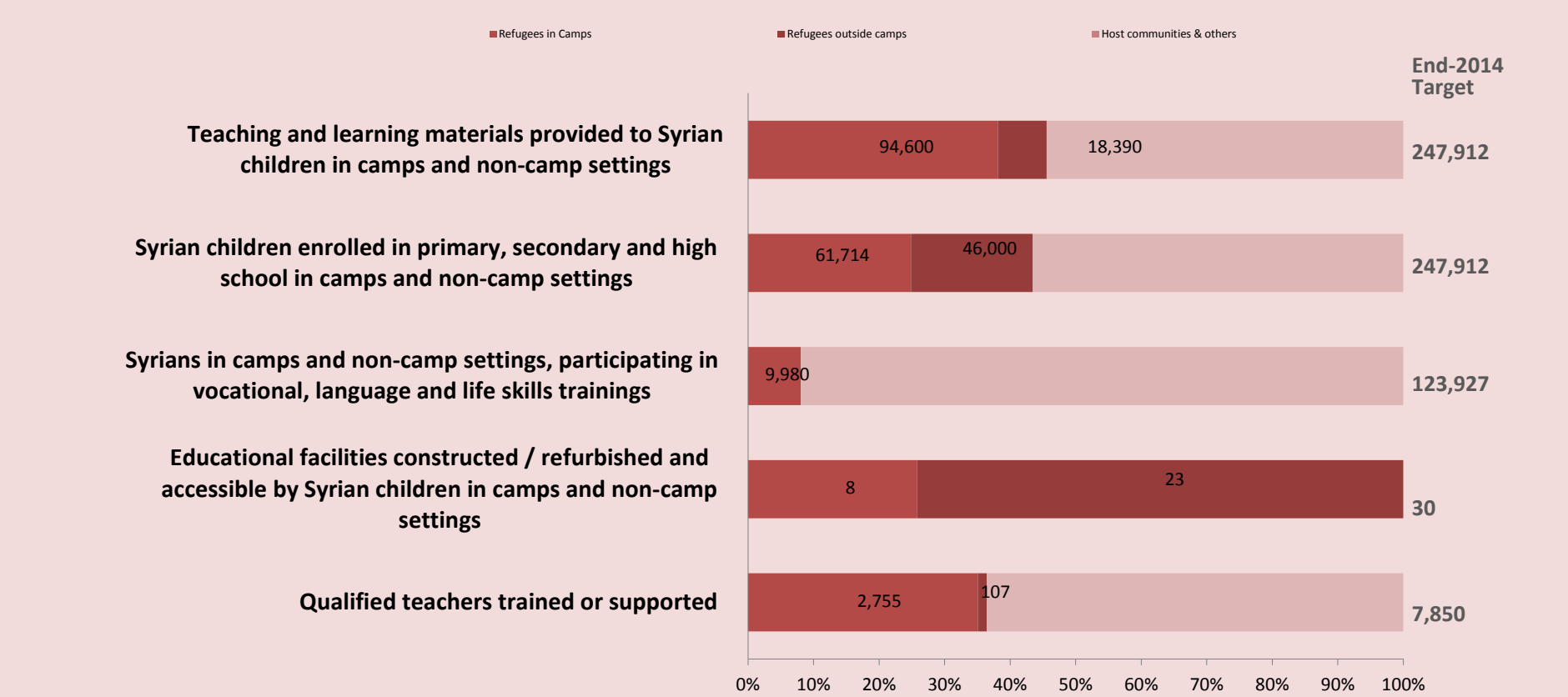
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

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 November), there are 1,060,279 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey and the government estimates a total of over 1.6 million Syrian refugees.



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