



Almost 500,000 children enrolled in formal education

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

In Turkey, the number of Syrian boys and girls with access to formal education increased significantly this month, with almost 324,000 children enrolled in school. This represents nearly a 50 per cent increase over the end of the school year in July 2015. Nevertheless, due to the continuous increase of registered refugees in Turkey the number of out of school remains significant. 3RP partners assisted 1,419 students to obtain academic proficiency in Turkish, in order to meet university admission requirements, while monthly incentives are being provided to nearly 10,000 Syrian volunteer teachers.

3RP partners held a workshop for 62 scholarship holders to meet with different universities in order to learn more about academic, social and cultural opportunities available for them and discuss community development projects, since each one is expected to implement an activity or project that contributes to their community.

In Lebanon, the first round of the Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) started in 32 schools targeting children between 7 and 17 years old who missed out of education for two years or more. Around 30 UN agencies and NGOs attended an Inception Workshop organized by the Centre for Education Research and Development (CERD) in order to build consensus among partners around the process and focus of development of a unified non-formal ECE Package.

In Jordan, more than 145,000 Syrian students continued to access formal education in schools in camps and host communities. The Education Sector Working Group 2016 work plan was developed, and its TORs reviewed and revised according to the emerging needs of 2016.

In Iraq, Education learning and teaching materials were distributed to 24 schools in Dohuk, Erbil and Sulaymaniyah. In Dohuk, 140 teachers were trained and Education partner's social workers carried out 3 mentoring visits with school counselors to review cases, discuss referral mechanisms and to create action plans.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

There are 1.7 million school age Syrian children in the five 3RP countries. However, about half of school-age children, are accessing education opportunities. In 2016, Education interventions will prioritize school-age children who are currently out of school and children that receive low quality education services.

To absorb the number of Syrian students and increase response capacities, the public education systems in some of the countries have re-introduced or expanded double shifts in overcrowded schools, thus affecting the quality of education and slowing public education reform. The quality and relevance of education will be improved through professional development of teachers, facilitators and school staff on child-centered, protective and interactive methodologies, classroom management and psychosocial support.

In 2016, the education sector call for a significant budget increase for education program to scale up the response in all areas of education including primary, technical and vocational training and teacher incentives.

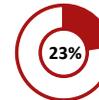


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Sector Response Summary:



2,506,900 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016
564,230 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in the Region :



4,687,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
4,745,400 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.55 billion required in 2016
USD 220 million received in 2016



NO LOST GENERATION 2015 SYRIA CRISIS UPDATE

Since its launch in 2013, the No Lost Generation (NLG) initiative has done much to mobilize the international community around the impact of the Syria crisis on children, youth and adolescents. While articulating fears about the possible 'loss' of a whole generation of children to the effects of violence and displacement, partners are moving forward on the NLG, taking into consideration the protracted nature of the Syria crisis.

During 2015 in the five countries hosting Syrian refugees, education sector partners supported 800,000 children (5-17 years old) to access education opportunities both in formal and non-formal settings.

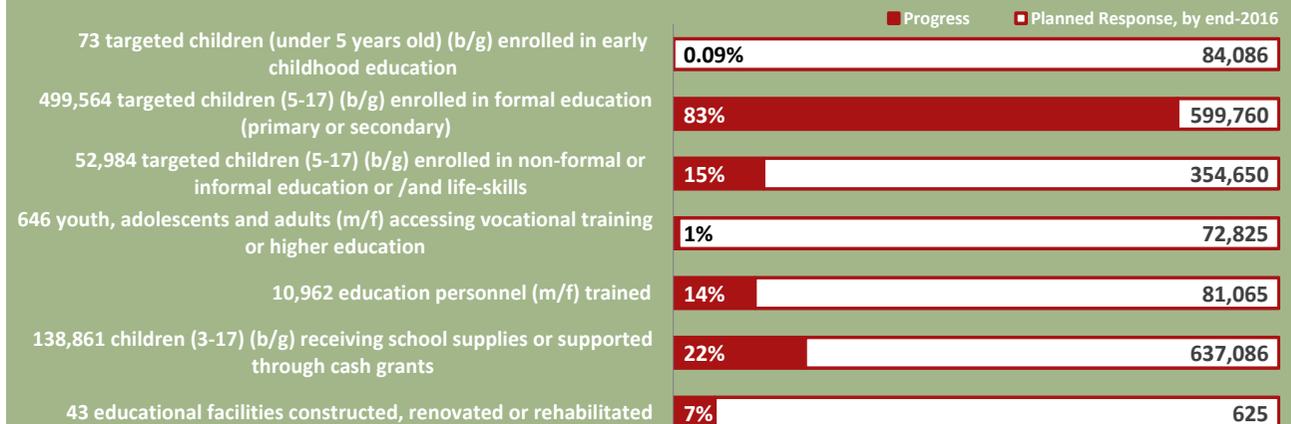
More than 650,000 Syrian children and adolescents received support to enrol in formal education. The consistent decrease in the number of Syrian Out of School Children across the sub-region has been driven by expanding opportunities to access formal education in Turkey and Lebanon where 77 per cent of all Syrian refugee school-aged children live.

155,000 children and adolescents received support to enrol in non-formal, informal or life skills education. Children enrolled in non-formal education represented 20% of the total child enrolment.

Education monitoring capacity has enhanced across the region through the development of the Foreign Student Education Management Information System (YOBIS) in Turkey and the Ministry of Education Open Education Management Information System in Jordan to track enrolment and progression of refugee children through the education system.

While the actual number of students enrolled in formal education has increased over 3 times since August 2013, the percentage of out-of-school children has remained around 50 per cent, as host countries struggle to accommodate the increasing influx of Syrian refugees. At the end of 2014, there were 1.24 million school-aged Syrian children in the five 3RP countries; as of the end of 2015 it was approximately 700,000.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2016 *



These dashboards reflect the achievements of the more than 200 partners, including governments, UN Agencies, and NGOs, involved in the 3RP response in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Progress and targets may change in line with data revisions. All data on this Dashboard is current as at 29 February 2016

* Target and progress data not yet received for Egypt and Lebanon in February 2016