



30,470 consultations are provided to the Syrian Refugees in primary health care

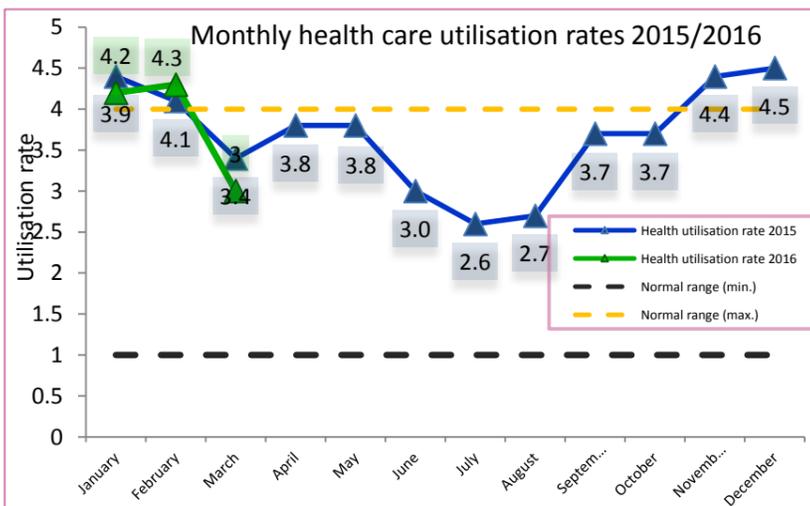
MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

- A total of 26,853 patient consultations (acute and chronic conditions) were conducted in Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities in refugee camps (source UNHCR HIS-Health Information System). Health Utilization rate (visits/person/year) is 3.0 which lies within the expected range of 1- 4. Major cause for patient consultations remained upper respiratory tract infections, skin infections and urinary tract infection. 1,196 patients were referred to secondary and tertiary hospitals for further investigations and/ or hospitalization. During the same period, 1,053 patients attended mental healthcare services.

- In Kawergosk camp, Erbil governorate, the handover of psychiatric cases from MSF-F to UPP has completed. UPP will continue to provide mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the camp.

- MHPSS working group has been established in Erbil, Sulaymaniyah in order to improve mental health services and coordination among health partners. MHPSS WG will be chaired by DoH in each governorate.

- In Obaidy camp, Anbar governorate, Primary Health Care Centre remains closed due to security concern.



PU-AMI medical assistant checking blood pressure for a patient at Gwailan camp PH. Duhok.

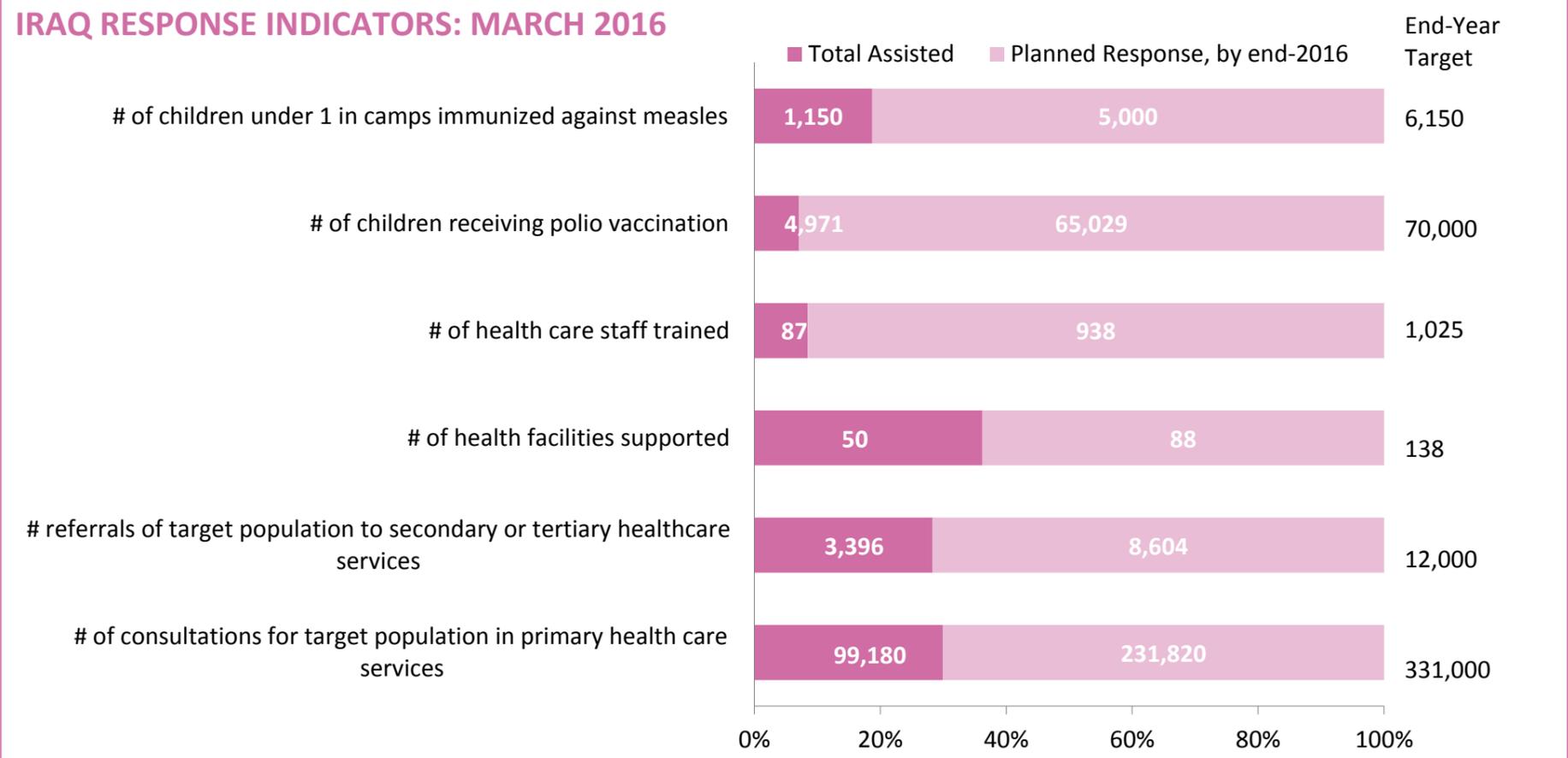


Kawergosk camp PHC's pharmacy, Erbil. UNHCR/M. Marzoog

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

- Partners face increasing constraints to raise the needed funds to maintain health services for refugees. Continued support for health care services provided by the Ministry of Health and humanitarian actors is a key priority to prevent excess morbidity and mortality among the displaced Syrian populations.
- Medicines shortage is a key concern in public health facilities due to financial crisis. Continued support to MoH/DoH is a priority to ensure the availability of essential medicines.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: MARCH 2016



Planned response is based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 250,000 Syrian refugees and 1.5 million members of impacted local communities by end-2016. By 31 March 2016, 246,051 Syrians are registered by UNHCR: 39% live in 10 camps and 61% out of camps: About 97%=237,710 live in Kurdistan Region-Iraq (KRI): in Erbil (114,423), Duhok (93146) and Sulaymaniyah (30141) and about 3%=8413 live in other places in Iraq.