

Half a million children have now accessed structured, sustained child protection or psychosocial support programmes in 2015

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Child protection activities remained a key component of the protection response this month. In Lebanon, the child protection sector began a contextualization process to adapt 11 standards of the Child Protection Minimum Standards to the Lebanese context. A validation workshop is planned in January 2016 to endorse the standards, which will then be used, under the Government's leadership, for planning, advocacy, capacity building and fundraising purposes. In Jordan, Information Sharing and Data Sharing Protocols were finalized by the Child Protection Information Management System Task Force in order to support safe and confidential sharing of child protection case management data for protection and programme purposes. In Iraq, an awareness campaign - "18. Not before. Not forced." - to prevent and fight child marriage in the Kurdistan region of Iraq (KR-I) was launched in cooperation with 14 international and national non-governmental organizations, the United Nations, the Governorates, and the affected communities, targeting and involving teachers, sector leaders, mukhtars, authorities, religious leaders, volunteers, parents, youth and children. In Egypt, 3RP partners, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, began rolling out a national programme on positive parenting, which first entailed the training on positive parenting skills of 358 front-line workers, including primarily health case workers, paediatricians and staff of the MoH.

The sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) sub-working groups in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt continued to develop or revise standard operating procedures and referral pathways, train key partners and services providers as well as provide survivors with access to safe, confidential and quality multi-sector services. In Lebanon, specialized service providers benefited from two sets of training to enhance their skills in understanding and recognizing the factors that may make persons with disabilities more vulnerable to SGBV. In Iraq, protection actors are finalizing the SGBV referral pathways in urban areas hosting refugees in the KR-I. In addition, a training of trainers for 30 staff of the Directorate General for Combatting Violence Against Women took place. In Egypt, two art therapy days benefitting 109 survivors of SGBV with a platform to openly speak about their experiences were organized.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

While the conflict in Syria continues to cause loss of life, injury, destruction and displacement on a large scale, it is increasingly difficult for Syrians to find safety, including by seeking asylum. Many of those arriving in host countries in the region are increasingly vulnerable and many have been displaced multiple times prior to arriving.

International solidarity and responsibility-sharing with host countries are therefore ever more important to preserve protection space for refugees and ensure protection from refoulement. Access to registration, verification, including through the use of biometrics, and the renewal of documentation remain critical. These tools facilitate outreach to communities and, along with community-based protection processes, ensure that refugees' need for information and engagement - especially for those living outside of camps - is met.

Refugee children, including the more than 142,000 Syrian children who have been born in exile since the conflict began, require specific assistance, as do survivors of violence, including SGBV, which has been a persistent feature of the conflict which affects women, girls, boys and men in different ways.



Hened married at 14. She is now a widow, her husband having died six months after they wed in Syria. UNICEF Lebanon/2015/Caldon

Sector Response Summary:



4,687,450 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end-2015
4,697,202 assisted in 2015



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,270,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2015
4,279,567 currently registered or awaiting registration



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.3 billion required in 2015 (Agencies)
USD 2.019 billion received in 2015



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO BE FURTHER IMPROVED

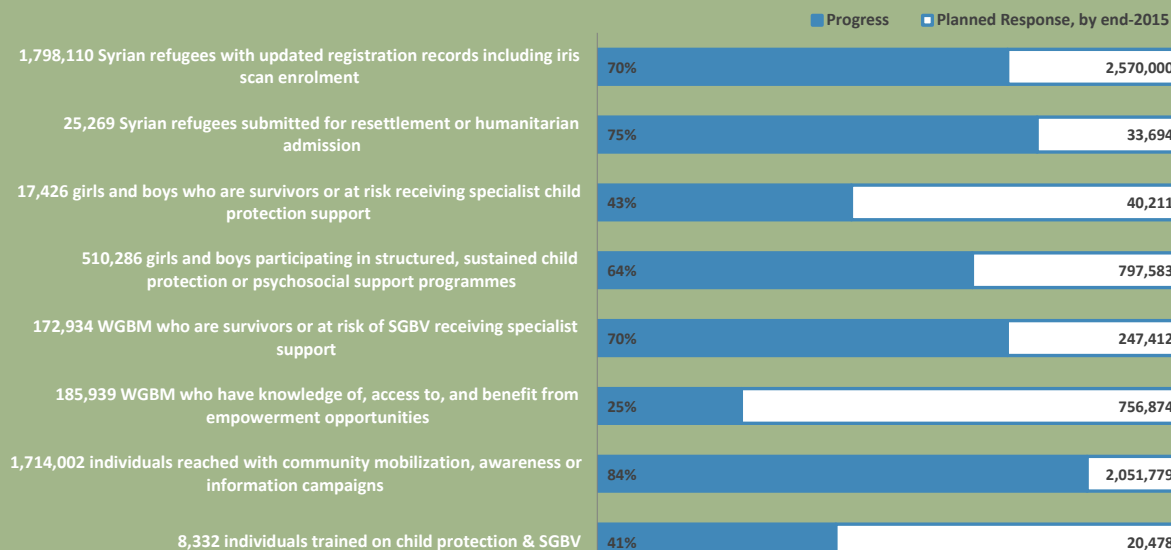
UNHCR and UNFPA, in cooperation with the International Rescue Committee, UNICEF and the International Medical Corps conducted an evaluation to examine the extent to which the minimum standards for gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, outlined in the 2005 Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Guidelines on GBV Interventions in Humanitarian Setting, were implemented by Health, Shelter, and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sectors covering the KR-I, Jordan, Lebanon and northern Syria.

One of the key findings was that partners were not aware of the minimum standards for GBV prevention and response as outlined in the IASC guidelines and did not systematically implement the key actions suggested for different sectors. The evaluation, however, identified a number of good practices across the shelter, health and WASH sectors contributing to GBV prevention and response that could be further built on.

The main concern expressed by refugees was related to the limited two-way communications as consultations carried out were rarely followed up by feedback on how their inputs were translated into practice, particularly while designing or revising the programmes. Another finding highlighted weak accountability mechanisms that did not provide a clear and comprehensive framework for holding sector coordinators and member organisations accountable to ensuring minimum standards of GBV prevention and response were integrated throughout programming. A clearer and more comprehensive framework is needed to hold all partners accountable for ensuring GBV mainstreaming in sectors other than protection.

Partners are working together to address the findings and recommendations so as to improve GBV programming.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - OCTOBER 2015



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 31 October 2015.