



67,163 acute/chronic Primary Health Care consultations for girls, women, boys and men since the beginning of 2015

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

- From October 31st to November 21st, Ministry of Health (MoH) mobilized national resources including vaccination teams' deployment country wide to conduct a National measles and rubella campaign for children aged from 9 months to 10 years of all nationalities including refugees.
- With the support of MOH, UNHCR and UNICEF, awareness meetings were organized for with the refugees' community leaders to mobilize their communities to avail themselves for this nationwide campaign.
- In the objective to raise the quality of Care in the referral hospitals supported by UNHCR Partners, AMU has initiated an assessment of the MOH Damietta specialized hospital equipment infrastructure, management systems and care processes in both clinical and non-clinical areas, resulting in identifying some areas for improvement. Accordingly, 30 healthcare professionals received healthcare quality training and quality committees were activated to monitor and evaluate the quality of care through progressively up scaling and improving patient's clinical and nonclinical care management systems.
- Clinical outcome and satisfaction surveys were conducted at the referral network hospitals with the highest referral rates. Hospitals with the highest satisfaction rates and best clinical outcomes will be given the priority for referrals in 2016.
- UNHCR Partners** have actively participated at the World Diabetes Day event organized by the Arab Association for the Study of Diabetes AASD at Kasr El Eini University on 19th of November. This event aimed to increase awareness and promote diabetics education. As a result, **150** Syrian diabetic patients attended the event and received awareness sessions about diabetes in addition to blood sugar screening.



Primary and specialized health care provision through a variety of primary care clinics and specialized referral hospitals. Egypt - Cairo, S.Nelson/UNHCR

Key Figures:

Planned Sector Response:



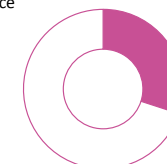
2014 Health Benchmarks:

- During 2014 implementation of the Regional Response plan (RRP6), there were at least 115,040 consultations in primary health care service representing on average 4 out of 5 Syrian refugees had received a consultation from primary health care services.



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- During 2014 implementation of the Regional Response plan (RRP6), there were at least 45,238 referrals to secondary and tertiary health care service representing on average 3 out of 10 Syrian refugees were referred to secondary and tertiary health care service

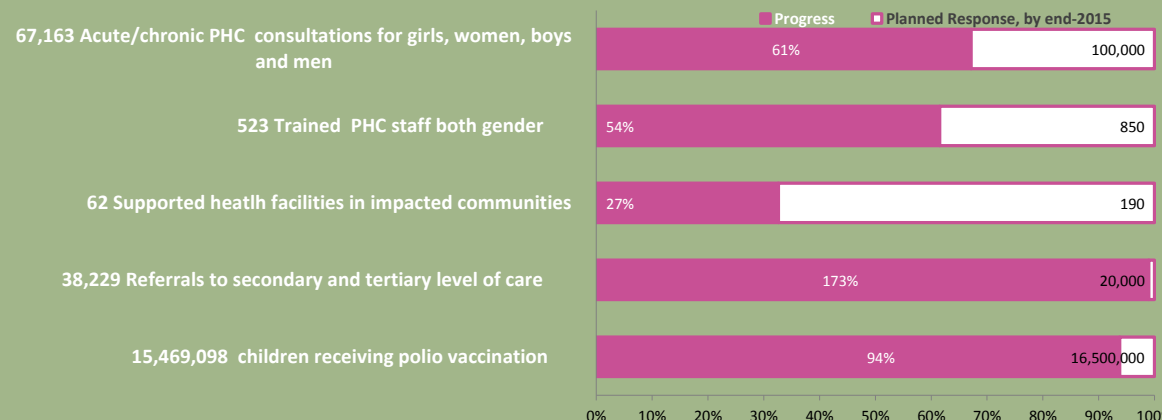


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NEEDS ANALYSIS:

- Syrian refugees are largely urbanized and predominantly integrated within the host communities of five governorates: Giza, Greater Cairo, Alexandria, Damietta and Qalyubia.
- They are scattered in some 24 governorates in some 230 districts but mostly residing in greater Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta.
- Syrian refugees living scattered in urban Egypt, imply operational challenges for the health sector, such as: inequitable distribution of health facilities; lack of standardized diagnosis and treatment protocols; lack of prioritized and needs-based referrals and varying health services costs especially within the private sector.
- Refugees living in Egypt suffer therefore a 'dual burden' to their health as a result of their concentration in urban areas. This is linked to the increased risk of diseases associated with overcrowding, poor sanitation and hygiene as well as a result of a dietary transition.
- Access to healthcare remains therefore a challenge because of distance and cost. Moreover, referral to secondary and tertiary health care suffers resources limitations to manage lifesaving ailments.
- Monitoring referrals, and ensuring a cost-effective secondary and tertiary health care in the refugees areas of residence remains a challenge and the sector objective is to keep improving access, quality and coverage to health services for Syrian refugee in Egypt by supporting the Ministry of Health facilities, strengthening UNHCR's health providers' capacity and awareness raising among Syrians through community health outreach program.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: NOVEMBER 2015



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