



**53,377** acute/chronic Primary Health Care consultations for girls, women, boys and men since the beginning of 2015

### SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Egyptian Ministry of Health (MOH) will conduct a nationwide Measles and Rubella vaccination campaign from 31 October to 21 November 2015 for all children living in Egypt in the age group from nine months to ten years old. MOH, UNICEF and the National Committee for Vaccination against Measles and Rubella printed flyers for wide dissemination in health care units, kindergartens and primary schools. UNHCR partners will also disseminate the message through various social media platforms ahead of the vaccination campaign.
- In September, the trained community women health volunteers conducted 1,920 home visits in order to maintain UNHCR's communication with the Syrian community and facilitate their access to health care.
- UNHCR's mental health partner "PSTIC" conducted 49 mental health consultations in their clinics in September.
- For 2016 planning, Arab Medical Union (AMU) is reviewing their referral hospitals network through conducting hospitals assessment and services costing. AMU has also reviewed the community health outreach program in order to strengthen the community health volunteers' network and expand the scope and the coverage of



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:



### 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

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### 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.



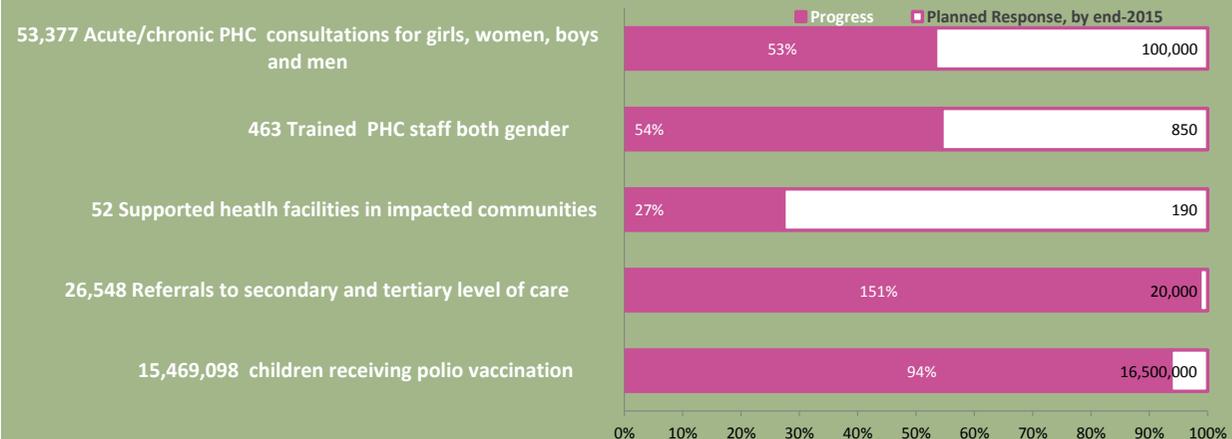
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- During 2014 implementation of the Regional Response plan (RRP6), there were at least 45,238 referrals to secondary and tertiary health care service representing on average 3 out of 10 Syrian refugees were referred to secondary and tertiary health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



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### REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: SEPTEMBER 2015



Foot : No Polio Campaigns have taken place in June