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**PROGRESS VS TARGET**

5,429 * reached against 7,500 target beneficiaries

- Reached: 72%
- Remaining: 28%

Of the 9,149 individuals assessed, cumulatively 5,455 directly benefited from cash and/or in-kind assistance while 2,193 were referred for medical, livelihoods, shelter and other assistance.

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**DEMographics**

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- 12 to 59: 49%
- 60+: 5%
- 179

**BENEFICIARIES BY STATUS**

- Assisted: 3,148
- Assisted and referred: 1,897
- Referred to Network: 384

**BENEFICIARIES BY VULNERABILITY**

- Serious Medical: 2,300
- Disability: 1,180
- Single Parent: 906
- Child at Risk: 433
- Woman at Risk: 500
- Older person at Risk: 292
- Unaccompanied: 16

The ‘Other Protection Needs’ category includes assistance for transportation, civil documentation, and various other protection-related interventions.

**BENEFICIARIES ASSISTED BY MONTH**

- January: 247
- February: 653
- March: 676
- April: 1,107
- May: 1,508
- June: 869
- July: 369

* Includes individuals who received multiple assistance.

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