



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



272,780

Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)



14,826

Persons unwilling to register



110,724

Affected Lebanese



8,895

Lebanese returnees



22,500

Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)



188 million

USD required

NEEDS

Some 80% of children aged 6 to 17 are estimated to be not enrolled in school. Education assessments have highlighted a number of barriers to learning including differences in the Lebanese curriculum, unfamiliar teaching methods, transportation costs, bullying and limited psycho-social interventions to help traumatized children.

Public schools are under-resourced to respond to the accelerating influx of refugees. Projections indicate that the number of refugees at school age will reach some 330,000 by the end of 2013, while the public school system can accommodate just 300,000 students.

For the next school year, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) has agreed to allow schools to remain open for a second shift of schooling in the afternoon. This will increase the capacity of the school to enroll more children. However, this also leads to a doubling of costs for the schools in both teacher salaries, administrative and running costs that the government cannot afford to carry alone.

Without further support to schools the MEHE decree may be revoked or limited to those already enrolled. If efforts to reverse low enrolment and retention rates are not scaled up, some 420,000 children might miss out on basic education by end-2013, limiting future perspectives and increasing their exposure to protection risks.

Additional classrooms, the rehabilitation of school premises, support to teacher training and incentives are needed to expand educational capacity. Schools in areas with high numbers of refugees also need support with running costs related to extra students and assistance to institute second school shifts.

OBJECTIVE

Children have access to quality education.

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS

- Children have access to inclusive education
- Schools are safe and protective environments
- Youth have access to appropriate learning

KEY AUGUST DEVELOPMENTS

- Sector strategy outlines complete after three regional consultations and one national consultation. Outline will be approved by Ministry of Education and Higher Education on Friday 13 September 2013.
- 18,977 Syrian and vulnerable Lebanese children continued to participate in summer activities launched in June.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



88,000 basic education supplies distributed to facilitate learning for the 2013/2014 school year



34,255 children received psycho-social support



29,788 children supported with non-formal education



28,747 children enrolled in public schools



318 schools received fuel for heating



728 teachers trained



5 schools received rehabilitation including WASH facilities



6,202 children received health check-ups to identify and treat lice and scabies



65,000 treatment of lice and scabies procured

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